Parish Priest Still of Opinion That Fire Was Not Due

all these facts eliminate a series of Quebec, Dec. 28.—The possibility usual causes of fires."

Mgr. Laflamme stated that the settlement of the insurance risks f developments of a startling nature rising within 24 hours was the feawas progressing well, and he added that the total amount to be paid would reach about \$260.000. However. ure of a declaration made this mornng to The Advertiser by Mgr. Lalamme, parish priest of the de-Basilica, who would not, "Previous to the restoration of the church last year," he said, "the debt reached \$50,000, which was being paid with sinking funds. Added to this amount, there remains about \$40,000 to be paid on the cost of the restoration. The total amount owed is convenient to the cost of the restoration. owever, indicate the clues which vere being followed. He admitted hat he was still of the opinion that he fire could not have originated

rom natural causes. The fact that the investigation has rought no solving of the mysterious ire, but instead has convinced the ire marshal himself that natural auses up to now could not be held esponsible for the fire, indicates that he theory of arson has not been bandoned altogether, though it is mly accepted as the last one. There hay have been carelessness on the art of someone connected with the aretaking of the Basilica without

finite statement, simply saying: "I lieve there will be interesting deddition to the investigation, which s being ably conducted by the fire parshal the authorities are also on trail which may lead to unexpected elopments. I may add that it ms well established that the gas ind electrical installation seemed to tion may the furnace did not explode and tery.

Balmy Weather Vanishes on Arrival of Severe Snow Storm in District

informed man.'

Prognostications of a delightful, alhost balmy winter, found themselves ried this morning, under a cold,

wet blanket of snow. With a decided change from southrly to northerly winds, the temperare took a sudden drop to ten derees below freezing, and winter e more clung with its icy grasp. That the grasp will not be retated by the reports from various weather bureaus, which tell of biting rinds and snowstorms in many dis-tricts in the vicinity of Ontario.

Strong northeast winds, with attendant cold weather, are promised for tonight and Friday, so it is fairly certain that skating and snow sports denied the city for Christmas will be here in plenty for New Year's.
Rochester, N. Y., Dec. 28.—Western New York State today is being swept by the most severe snowstorm experienced this season. With the mercury well below the freezing point, and a biting wind sweeping point, and a biting wind sweet from Lake Ontario highways in suburbs are becoming well-nigh impassable. Trains, so far as can be learned, are maintaining their schedules.

Reduction in Levy Does Not

Mean Less Revenue For

Quebec.

Special to The Advertiser

duction in the tax on race tracks, an-

nounced a few days ago, does not

mean less revenue for the province

as was first thought. Copies of the

new bill reached Montreal this morn-

ing, and they show that those who

play the ponies are going to get less

than they got last year, while the

Under the existing law, the gov

ernment collected three and a half

per cent of the amount wagered on

the mutuels and the various racing

associations got seven per cent. Under the law as it is being amended the government will get five and a

that Blue Bonnets would not likely

bigger cut made in the tax has creat-

would not send their animals here to

compete for the small purses handed out on the half-mile tracks.

shown on the part of the government, however, to lower the tax, and the

legislature is expected to prorogue

A last-minute amendment may be

rushed through, but if it does it will

mean a large slice taken away from the public, as the government is not

at all disposed to see its revenue cut.

TO LOCAL PIANO FACTORY

Keen Interest Displayed in Watching Manufacturing of Instru-

ments.

Company they were shown the in-side workings of a piano factory.

tiful product of man's ingenuity and

skill, was placed in the storeroon

stalling of the strings and the tun-

The trip through the local plane

factory took the form of an educa-tional feature in connection with the

will be the speaker at the regular Kiwanis luncheon at the Tecumseh

market branch of the Bank of Montreal. Announcement has been of the committeemen for 1923.

The booster will

House tomorrow. The boost be Gerald Pearson, manager

Twenty-five boys of the London Y. M. C. A. were given a novel treat Wednesday afternoon, when through the kindness of the Sherlock-Manning

Y. M. C. A. BOYS PAY VISIT

There has been no disposition

government will get more.

Montreal, Que., Dec. 28 .- The re

ie Basilica parish had still some

debts to be paid.
"Previous to the restoration of the

a consequently nearly \$100,000.

greatly affected financially

"The result is that even with

the insurances and the subscriptions

the parish of the Basilica will be

A strange story added to many others regarding the

others regarding the premonition of fire of the Basilica was related to The

Advertiser this morning by an offi-

cial of the fire department, Mr. Mar-tin: "About one hour before the

tin: "About one hour before the alarm was sounded," he said, "I received a telephone call from a man who said: "The Basilica is on fire. It

is one of the Basilica caretakers who

is speaking.' I was struck by the strange voice, but I looked and saw

no fire. On the other hand, I heard

that none of the caretakers of the

Basilica called up, so I am rather at a loss to know who was that well-

This information has been given

to the authorities, who in co-opera-tion with the Bell Telephone officials

may be able to solve the new mys-

DON'T MOVE LIQUOR | RACE TRACK TAXES INTO VACANT HOUSE SWELL TREASURIES

Londoners Take Beer to Apartment Before Moving In and Are Fined \$200.

If you are moving into a new home on't move your liquor there before taking up your new residence, for under the Ontario temperance act, you are guilty of having liquor in a place other than a private dwelling and liable to a minimum fine of \$200. This was brought out in police court today, a conviction being registered and a \$200 fine imposed on a citizen who did this very thing.

Three brothers are involved in the One was the lessee of a three tory building. On the ground floor nother managed a place of business or the first. This manager and the ird brother rented the flat at had a separate entrance at the The two decided to renovate ectricians and decorators. A tele-hone was installed. The workmen ompleted their business Friday

The announcement made yesterday.

The announcement made yesterday. he place and accordingly employed

norning.

One of the brothers testified he was given a sack filled with bottles it beer by his father. He moved hem to the new place he intended to eccupy. Saturday morning he was toing to move his furniture in. While he was away police found the loor open and entered. They found he bottles—ten empty, one held sile. he bottles—ten empty, one half filled and thirteen filled. They waited until one of the brothers returned. When

ne placed the "empties" against the wall they arrested him.

Then they arrested the manager of the business on the ground floor when he admitted he was a joint oc-upant of the apartment above. His page was heard first. He was fined as withdrawn. The beer was

When asked for a ruling by council, Magistrate Graydon promised the conviction against the apartment rould not rob it of its status as a ivate dwelling within the meaning the Ontario temperance act when he brothers took up their abode

LIONS CLUB MEMBERS HOLD REGULAR MEETING

The "Lions" roared together today or the first time in three weeks. The lads were deeply interested right from the time when they were shown the planing of the rough lumber until the finished article, a beauheir noon meetings at the Tecumsel louse having been postpened by eason of the rush of the Christmas

Financial reports were read, and ords show 25 members in regular Particularly interesting was the inndance. No addresses were given nd very little business cond meeting being more in the nature a good fellowship reunion after

he postponement.

Arrangements were made to hold he next meeting, Thursday, January when Cub Tom Dredge will speak

POLICE OFFICIALS
FIFCT COM "Banking."

SCHOONER WITH CARGO

Member of the Police Officers' Ben-efit Fund, of the London police de-partment, elected the following men OF LIQUOR BROKEN UP New York, Dec. 28.—The British chooner Madonna V., bound from fassau to St. Pierre with a cargo of iquor, went ashore today on the long Island coast, nine miles from fontauk Point, and is breaking up in a heavy surf. Her crew of seven McCaughey succeeds Sergt. John McCaughey Sergt. to their board to conduct business brought ashore by breeches The Madenna V., which has tonnage of 77, hails from Hali-G. R. TAGGART, American consul,

HEARING FOR DELORME TO BE HELD JANUARY 4

Quebec, Dec. 28.—The hearing of he plea on behalf of Abbe Delorme e plea on behalf of Adde Delormo
r his discharge from Beauport
sylum and the application of the
lest that he be immediately placed
t trial on the charge of murdering
s half-brother, Raoul Delorme, in
ontreal, will take place next Thursy, Chief Justice Lemieux announced
is morning.

jective, Fred L. Ross; education, B.
B. Manning; membership, W. S. Stevenson; speakers, Col. Beattie; sports,
A. T. Taylor; reception, Colin
French; sick, Arthur Wilkes; entertainment, Sam Amero; finance,
Charlie Clarke; publicity, E. W.
Grange; attendance, Dr. Fraser;
booster, J. A. Greer.

All the Theatres

Thursday, Friday and Saturday: Elaine Hammerstein in "Under Oath"; five acts of vaude-

New Year's Week: "The Man From Glengarry" and opening of winter season, with De Wolf Hopper Light Opera Company presenting Gilbert and Sullivan operas, including "The Mikado," "Pinafore" and "Iolanthe."

ALLEN'S.

Thursday, Friday and Saturday: "To Have and To Hold." featuring Bert Lytell and Betty Compson.

LOEW'S.

Thursday, Friday and Saturday: Elaine Hammerstein and Conway Tearle in "One Week of Love"; vaudeville.

· PATRICIA. Thursday, Friday and Satur day: Herbert Rawlinson in "Another Man's Shoes"; vaudeville.

MAJESTIC

GOSSIP

He's Wonderful! Charles de Roche, the French cincountry by Famous Players to take Valentino roles, has passed the first and, perhaps the most difficult, test. Dorothy Dalton, his leading woman thinks he's all right.
"He's wonderful!" gasped Miss

Dalton after she had met him on the coast. "He'll be marvelous in the role he is to play in my new picture.

"Dr. Jack." New York critics of the silver screen have received with enthusiasm to the public early after the new Harold Lloyd's new offering, "Dr. year.

equal greatness with the world-famous Charlie.

A Thousand a Week!

Ernest Lubitsch, the German direct tor who made "Deception" and whose name has long been identified with Pola Negri and the best cinema production of Europe, has decided defi-nitely to come to America to direct Mary Pickford in "Dorothy Vernon of Haddon Hall." His salary, it is re-ported, will be \$1,000 a week and all

Alice Terry at Miami. of water before there was any indication of food coming.

"If you keep on drinking that water cers.

"On the contrary, it will only whet my appetite," countered the fair their story.

Police had been tipped off that the

Versatile Marguerite. Marguerite de la Motte, the screen eauty who plays an important part in the Fred Niblo photoplay produc-"The Famous Mrs. Fair," is rapidly winning fame as a compose of dance music. She has many successful dance numbers to her credit and her two most recent on scored tremendously in Los Angeles.

RAISES NEW POINT

IN TEMPERANCE ACT Hamilton, Dec. 28.-W. Carnew, representing the license department, raised a new point under the O. T. A. before Magistrate Jelfs this morning. which gives the right to investigate where an intoxicated man got his liquor, applied to all sections of the O. T. A. Magistrate Jelfs said was not sure of this and that it was SCARLET FEVER LEADS ed quite a sensation here, and if it closes it means many of the others will do the same, as the horsemen a recently made amendment which did not too clearly indicate sections it applied. The case under consideration was that in which two truckmen, Hughes and Galloway, were fined \$150 each and an addition al fine of \$200 was imposed on

SCHOOL REPORTS

Thorndale public school in the De-

ember examinations Class IV .- Edith McMartin, Cecil Van Horne, Nellie Bilyea, Madeline Van Horne, Florence Dunn, Violet Jones, Frieda Bilyea, Adam Brock, Thelma Hough, Jack Colbert. (Louis Patterson and Grace McGuffin absent from several examinations.) Class III. Senior—George Belton, (honors), Estella McCutcheon, Flor-

nce Cunningham, Lillian Wright, Class III. Junior:-Ethel Gleason and Mabel Jones, equal; Kathleen Belton, Helen Whitehead, Gladys Salter, Gordon McGuffin, Mervin Lindsay, Hughie Smith. Salter. The junior red cross society of the room donated \$4 to the Northern Ontario fire sufferers.

Principal, Gwendolyn Langford. DERAILED FREIGHT

BLOCKS G. T. R. TRAFFIC Brockville, Ont., Dec. 28.-Main line raffic on the Grand Trunk is at a standstill as the result of the derailnent at Yonge Mills station at noon today of one car on an eastbound freight train. The local wrecking crew has left to clear the tracks, and the meantime all passenger trains ELECT COMMITTEE are bolcked.

ANTICIPATE MERGER OUTLOOK IS GLOOMY OF PAPER CONCERNS FOR EMERALD ISLE

Would Mean Increased Profits for Numerous Shareholders.

Special to The Advertiser. Montreal. Dec. 28.-Despite denials that have recently been made. will shortly be seen some big develalong the lines of a merger.

From information that Finan-cial Service Limited says it has received from a reliable source, it would appear that at least tentative negotiations are afoot to consummate two mergers in the east and one in the west. The western merger would be the Abitibi Power and Paper Company and the Spanish River Pulp and Paper Mills, whilst the eastern merging companies mentioned are Laurentide Company and Price Brothers. A moment's reflection would show what such a merger would mean to the shareholders of the companies concerned: That a more economical scale, woods operations conducted at a lower ratio, competition reduced, inventories kept lower, one executive manage-

These are a few of the factors

It is officially announced that the son & Co. The issue will be

Jack." While admitting that he lacks Chaplin's "tremendous profundity," they herald Lloyd as a comedian of

Windsor Man, Arrested Wednesday, Pleads Guilty to Breaking Law.

Canadian Press.

Windsor, Dec. 28 .- Pleading guilty to purchasing moonshine from an im-Alice Terry, playing the role of the porter and having it in his possesdaughter of a missionary in Rex In- sion, Samuel Zeron, 31 years old, 523 "The Passion Vine," from John Russell's story, recently dropped into a costs when he appeared before Magis-Miami restaurant for a hasty lunch-trate Gundy in police court today. costs when he appeared before Magiseon. As luck would have it, the place Zeron, in company with Harry Gold was crowded and the service incredibly slow. But Miss Terry was thirsty, and she drank three glasses sumption street, was arrested Wednesday night by the mounted police and customs and inland revenue offi-

you won't be able to eat any lunch,"

The other men pleaded not guilty,
warned Rex Ingram, who accomThey denied knowledge of the liquor. They told the court Zeron had given them a "lift." Zeron corroborated

liquor was to be brought from Ecorse, Mich. across the river to Petit Cote. They patrolled the shore and when the men came along in their automo bile after receiving the liquor, they arrested. One of the were arrested. One of the men leaped from the automobile as the officers came up and escaped.

COMMISSION ON SILVER

Washington, Dec. 28.-Senator Nichoson, of Colorado, introduced a resolution in the senate Wednesday calling for the appointment by the president of a silver commission to communicate with other nations and seek to bring He contended that the section about the resumption of the use of silver for monetary purposes the world over.

Scarlet fever leads among the 18 cases of communicable diseases reported to Dr. W. S. Downham, M. O. H. during the week ending December 23. Eight new cases of this disease were brought to the attention of Dr. Downham. Diphtheria comes second with four new cases and whooping cough ranks third The following is the report of three. There was one case each of chicken-pox, typhoid fever and gon

norhoea reported. The report shows that 29 cases of whooping cough and 13 cases of scarlet fever were isolated at home dur-ing the week, while 11 cases of scarlet fever were isolated in the hospitals The total number of cases is isolation at the end of the week was 61, while 35 housese were under quaran-

TRADE ORGANIZATIONS MAY ATTEND PARLEY

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London, Dec. 28 .- The government will invite great trade organizations like the Association of British Chambers of Commerce and the Federation of British Industries to send representatives to the imperial economic conference. This is considered preferable to the nomination of business representatives by the government it-

Newspaper Attributes Greater Part of Rebel Activity to Irish Women.

New York, Dec. 28 .- Reviewing the year-end conditions in Ireland, the Daily Mail's correspondent in Dubthere is every likelihood that there lin paints a discouraging picture. He expresses the fear that the present opments in the newsprint world lull in the military operations is only temporary, that republicanism is still strong enough to cause the govern-

The correspondent attributes the constantly reviving activity among the rebels to women, seventy-five per cent of whom, he asserts, probably declares that even the wives of some of the ministers are passively, if not actively, rebels. It is pointed out that although the

national services are controller by the government, they are not functioning ministers still are compelled to live in the government buildings; those who made brief visits to friends during Christmas have had to return to their office fortresses. Referring to rumors which are in-

dignantly denied by that sections of the free state army that would greatly reduce the costs are not over-loyal, having been unof manufacture, it being estimated that a \$5-a-ton saving would be made and millions added to net each made and millions added to net each loss of the left state and that sections of the late and state and sections of the late dermined by rebel propaganda, the been cases where whole garrisons of Any such saving in production costs would mean just so much more profits for distribution to the share-

of death to every member of the cab-Montreal syndicate who purchased the who had hoped the appointment the Windsor Hotel issue of \$2,500,000 of Timothy Healy as governor-gentwenty-year 6½ per cent bonds is composed of Rene T. Leclerc Inc., Hanson Brothers, and Nesbitt, Thom-done so. The walls of Dublin are offered painted with scathing references to the new Healy, who now rivals Richard Mulcahy as the object of attack." been considered anti-Irish.

\$500 AND COSTS DOWNTOWN WIRES WILL BE REMOVED

Residents Failed to Heed Warning, So Public Utilities Department Act.

utilities department commenced this morning to remove the overhead wires from the buildings on Dundas street, between Wellington and Talbot streets.

This is preparatory to the ultimate Lodon business area as directed by the city authorities so many months ago that the project had almost been tal commission is the best means of forgotten.

"We will now expect a veritable storm of protest," General Manager Buchanan stated, "but the power consumers in the district to be affected have no person to blame but themselves. We have certainly exercised great patience with them."

Early in 1922 the utilities commis in the downtown districts. In order to facilitate this it was necessary for the various property owners and ten-ants on Dundas street to arrange for new wiring connections.

Determined not to assume an antagonistic attitude the commissioners set July 1 as the date by which these alterations should be completed. The summer passed and a scattering few heeded the warning. Then the com-missioners reviewed the situation, discovered that little or no progress had been achieved, and set a new date, December 1.

This day has long since passed and IN DISEASES PREVALENT it was finally ruled that eight or ten months was quite sufficient for customers and the oroder went forth customers and the order went forth sion is tearing down wires but whether anyone will enter the objection that such measures will prohibit light remains to be determined during the day or early tonight. The commissioners have stopped "considering"; they have acted.

HEALTH OFFICER REPORTS TWO MILD TYPHOID CASES

Dr. W. S. Downham, civic medical officer of health, reports two mild cases of typhoid in the city. To date he has failed to determine the origin of the same.

"It is not the drinking water," he stead today "as our reports twice was the 66th blathage of the same." stated today, "as our reports twice was the 66th birthday of the former week reveal that it is absolutely president.

the two patients, both young men, have contracted the ailment from visitors in the city. They are employed in such capacity where they neet many strangers in a day. Neither case is serious, however, he says, and both men are progressing

CITY CLERK BAKER LEAVES FOR VISIT TO DETROIT

City Clerk Sam Baker left this morning to spend the remainder of the holiday season in Detroit. He was wondering if he would meet Detective McNabb of Windsor. Mr. Baker and Mr. McNabb exchanged

Obituaries

MOSA RESIDENT DIES. at her late residence in Mesa Town ship, in her 87the year, after an illness of some seven months. She leaves two daughters and four sons. Dorchester: John. Brown City, Mich.; Mrs. W. Howitt, city; Mrs. E. Hayes, George, Port Huron: Peter, London; and Edward at home.

The funeral will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. at her late home and interment will be made in Dorchester Union Cemetery.

MRS. ATTWOOD PASSES. Mrs. Mary Ann Attwood passed away at the family residence, 201 Mill street, city, yesterday, in her 80th year.

She was well-known in London and eaves a host of mourners.

Mrs. Attwood is survived by one son, Frank of this city. The funeral will be held from the above address on Saturday to Littlewood Cemetery Services will be conducted by Rev. Vance of Ilderton.

HONOR MR. AND MRS. CAREY. Hamilton, Dec. 28 .- Bruce A. and Mrs. Carey, formerly of were honored last night by members of their old church. Charlton avenue methodist, on a haday visit to the director. Gold Carey is a m watches were presented them.

Chief Justice Lemieux Will Deal With Case on January 4.

Special to The Advertiser. Quebec. Dec. 28.-The petition of St Michael Asylum as insane, will If we are fortunate enough to next, by Chief Justice Lemieux, it ordship a few days ago, has been expects.' shelved, and no decision has been taken as to whether it should be granted or not.

Very seldom are such petitions re-used. In the present instance, in fused. view of the importance of the results of such proceedure, would not only re-establish the abbe in his civil rights over his estate, but also bring him before the jury for mur-Concluding that persuasive meth-ods are of no further avail, the public Thursday next has been set for the formal presentation of the petition It is preliminary, however, the chief justice.

The latter will likely grant the petition and decide whether he will hear witnesses or study other evi dence himself or hand the case to an other judge of the superior court. Afemoval of all telephone poles in the ter these first procedures, the presiding judge will decide as to whether family council should be appointed and sit in Quebec or whether a men giving justice to the St. Michael Asy-

The attorney for the petitioner in he present instance has requested that if possible a commission be ap-pointed and in view of attitude of the family council which recently dealt with the case this view may be adopted by the court. An interesting feature of the proceedings is that the presiding judge is not allowed to fol-Early in 1922 the utilities commis-sioners decided to eliminate all poles him and may order Delorme released, even if the commission or the family Dr. Brochu will naturally be the most important witness heard as he will repeat the statements already made regarding his opinion of the

MRS. MACSWINEY DEFIES

POLICE IN N.Y. CONSULATE New York, Dec. 28.—Mrs. Muriel MacSwiney, widow of the former lord mayor of Cork, and two other women who said they were acting for the "Irish republic," today entered the Irish consulate in Nassau street and the consulate in rish consulate in Nassau street and efied the attempt of Lieut. Gegan of the police bomb squad and Lindsay Crawford, newly appointed free state

representative, to eject them. G. O. P. EXPRESS NO JOY OVER WILSON'S HEALTH

Washington, Dec. 28 .- Without deate, and with a chorus of "aves" from Democratic senators and silence from most of the Republican side,

received by the department of trade and commerce from Calcutta. The current wholesale prices of wheat at the chief wheat port of India, Kar

WAITS FOR CONFERENCE. London, Dec. 28.—(Canadian Press cable.)—In response to representations from the Association of the British Chambers of Commerce, president of the board of trade, Sir Philip Lloyd-Greame, states that the association will be consulted when repartee through the Windsor and arrangements for the proposed im-

SAY FUEL SITUATION MRS. CONNAUGHTON MOSA RESIDENT DIES. Mrs. K. Duckworth died last night STANDS FOR TRIAL

Twenty Carloads of Hard Coal Arrive in the City.

Although coal pessimists in and around London predict that the change in weather is bound to deal the coal situation an awful blow, information obtained today shows that as far as the coal shortage in London is concerned things are looking far brighter at present than they have for the last three weeks or more. Within the last two days shipments totalling 20 cars or 1,000 tons of hard coal have reached the city. all of which is consigned to local dealers. The greater portion of this crossed the border at Buffalo and

was sent to London without delay. When questioned this morning whether or not they were accepting orders, several coal dealers declared hat they had enough orders booked ahead to last a few months, and were not attempting to supply new customers vet.

Many, however, spoke in an optinistic vein concerning the present situation and were inclined to think that no hardship will be suffered by Londoners this season. People, they say, have become a little more tolerant, and are content to let matters take their course and accept half a ton or so of coal at one time The prevailing price today is \$18, but some of the dealers claim that at

this figure they are losing money At a few coal yards, \$19 and \$19.75 is being asked for a ton of hard coal. "The average man does not realize the traouble and expense coal dealers are under to bring what is called "premium" coal to London," said on

rchant this morning. "When we find it impossible to obtain coal direct from the mines, it has to be obtained somewhere, so we Abbe Delorme, now detained in the with a coal broker for so many cars. be dealt with on the 4th of January a shipment, and 50 per cent of our attempts are failures, by the time we have it shipped to London we find was learned this morning. The peti- that we just about break even if we tion, which was forwarded to his deliver it for the price the consume

Railway officials in the city stated that the roads are handling coal ship-ments with all speed possible, and there is practically no

it arrives in the city. are handling more coal during the past three or four days than they

PAPER GROUP SHOWS **NEW HIGH RECORDS**

Trading At Montreal Stock Exchange Continues Strong and Active.

Montreal, Dec. 27. - Again led by ssues from the paper group, the local stock market continued strong and active with seven new highs recorded. National Breweries was among the most active and strong issues advancing three points to 51, ex-dividend. Steel of Canada was also stronger and more of Canada was also stronger and more active, being up 1% points to 67%. Lyall was the strong feature of the day, gaining 11 points to close at 50 on a board lot sale. The greatest loss was of a point and was suffered by three issues, Asbestos which closed at 56, Lake of the Woods at 175, and Mackay at 106, all being lightly dealt in. the woods at 175, and mackay at 106, all being lightly dealt in.

Abitibi led in activity, closing at 70% for a net gain of half a point after selling at a new high of 71. Of the other paper issues, Laurentide gained ¼ at 95½; Price Brothers sold at the new high of 47%, and closed at 47½, up half a point, Spanish River common was up 3, to 99, and the preferred gained half a point to 107½. Wayagamack advanced ¼ to 62%.

In the tractions Quebec Railway was

gain of 1½ points; the preferred sold up to a new high of 69%, but closed at 68½ for a net gain of ½ point. Other new highs included Dominion Glass, up 1 at 88½; Montreal Power up ¾ at 104½, and Royal Bank, up 4% points at 820632. In the bond market the 1937 Victorys registered at new high at 106.

CLIFTON MINE STOCK

Favorable Cause West Dome Lake To Make Advance.

cupine. After having yielded ground mas holidays, and it is expected that at morning session, this issue opened a considerable amount of routine at morning session, this issue opened in afternoon at 30, and on sales of 7,000 shares broke to a closing price

The possibility of the house 7.000 shares broke to a closing price of 22, thus showing net loss of 12 caled for January 25 was being freely chi, are the equivalent of about \$1.20 on the day. Softness of this issue discussed in semi-official circles to-was ascribed to formal announce-ment that pool of its shares was to ment that pool of its shares was to be dissolved on Dec. 31. Traders anticipated that this, coupled with recently announced proposal to offer further to finance development work would cause at least a setback stock market, and prepared to discount this. Porcupine Crown, Wasapika and London press a few months ago, as perial economic conference are defi-eity hall uthorities recollect. prize perial economic conference are defi-on closing sales.

Witnesses Recite Preliminary Evidence Regarding Mur-

der of Jack McKee. Sudbury, Ont., Dec. 28 .- Mrs. Sadie Connaughton of Chapleau was this morning committed by Magistrate Stoddard to stand trial at the next court of competent jurisdiction on the charge that she "did wilfully slav and kill John McKee at Chapleau on or about Dec. 16 last." Although pallid and plainly distressed. Mrs. Connaughton preserved her poise, and except when a few tense portions of the evidence were given, she held her head erect.

The courtroom and corridors were jammed with hundreds surging the hallways for admission. A large number of those present were women. The evidence of Provincial Officer

Jorgensen was given, the same as at the inquest, in which he recited placing the accused under arrest and of her words that she had killed Jack McKee because there was another woman in the house, that he had ruined her home and would not ruin another woman's home, and that she didn't care, telling the officer she was

officer Jorgensen was later recalled to give a description of how Mrs. Connaughton had shown him how she did the shooting, and it appeared from his when the fatal shot was fired. It had been thought that she had her back to McKee at the time and had shot him over her shoulder Constable Lyness also gave evidence of Mrs. Connaughton's statement. Mrs. Thomas Downey, a neighbor, said that Mrs. Connaughton, after the shooting, rushed into her house shouting, "I'm a mur-derer& I killed Jack McKee in his own home& I did it in justice&" and of later there was another woman in the house with McKee. Mrs. Connaughton will come up for trial at the assizes on

ELLIS ISLAND TALES MERE PROPAGANDA

U. S. Secretary of Labor Says Stories of Bad Conditions Emanate From Dominions.

New York, Dec. 28.—Sir Auckland Geddes, British ambassador to Washington, was conducted on a tour of ction at Ellis Island today by United States Secretary of Labor Davis. The tour followed complaints in the British House of Commons against conditions on the island. The ambassador refused to make a state ment after the trip, maintaining that his visit was not official.

Secretary Davis, however, issued statement, in which he intimated that the complaints might be taken as propaganda on the part of interests in the British dominions seeking to atcountry. In reply to a question, the secretary did not assert that the dosecretary did not assert that the di-minion governments themselves were responsible for what he termed propaganda, but asserted the colo-nies were doing everything in their power to attract British emigrants,

no formal statement. Sir Auck land told reporters that he was not making an official inspection, but from the secretary of labor to judge conditions for himself. This, he adwould have first-hand data on which rely when complaints were made

KENNEDY IS PLEASED WITH C. N. R. MANAGER

Windsor, Ont., Dec. 28 .- Hon. W. C. Kennedy, minister of railways and canals, who is convalescing at his home here following his serious illness in an interview today expresspointment of Sir Henry Thornton as manager of the Canadian National He declared that Sir Railways. Henry's experience in controlling Old Country railways, particularly during the war, made him eminently fitted to take charge of the government lines.

The minister will leave shortly for the south where he will take a com-

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Canadian Press. It is just possible, he says, that he two patients, both young men, ave contracted the ailment from isitors in the city. They are employed in such capacity where they loyed in such capacity where they love the department of trade loyed in such capacity where they love the discussed that the lowest loyed in such capacity where they love the discussed that the love that the lov Ottawa, Dec. 28.—The date of the opening of parliament will probably and Hon. Ernest Lapointe would b back from Europe toward the middle of next month.

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