

DONALDSON LINE AGENT HERE STRONGLY CONTRADICTS STORY

Harold C. Schofield Denies Telegraph Yarn and States that it is Entirely Misleading -- Letitia will Call for 500 Barrels of Apples and Passengers Booked There.

The agents of the Donaldson line in this city are none too well pleased with the story in the Telegraph, yesterday morning, to the effect that the Christmas sailing of the Donaldson line was to be from Halifax. It was quoted as "a surprising announcement from a Halifax paper" and in big head lines stated that the steamer Letitia, the finest of the Donaldson fleet, was to go to Halifax for her passengers and freight.

The local shipping agents were not any too well pleased with the announcement made by the Telegraph, and the local agent of the Donaldson line, Harold C. Schofield, could not have spoken more plainly yesterday afternoon, when he stated to a Standard reporter that the Telegraph's story was somewhat misleading. "If they wished to communicate with me," said Mr. Schofield, "they could have got me on the phone or at all events, they should have obtained some confirmation from the office before they jumped at the article which they published. Facts would have made a better article than that."

The steamer Letitia will call at Halifax, and it is not a wonderful thing as at this time of the year there is a quantity of apples to be taken to Glasgow for the Christmas trade. It is nothing extraordinary and it is not the first Donaldson liner that has called at Halifax. There are five thousand barrels of apples waiting to be shipped at Halifax, and it was a question whether the steamer Cassandra would not be sent into Halifax to take them on board. It was found that the apples could be handled by the Letitia and the Cassandra, which left port yesterday with a full general cargo.

and a long Christmas passenger list, is now on her way direct to Glasgow. The Letitia will sail from St. John with a large general cargo and will have about five hundred passengers. The only reason that this ship will stop at Halifax will be to receive the 5,000 barrels of apples and the probable few local passengers that may be booked by the Halifax agents.

"The stop at Halifax will only be long enough to take on board the apples and the story as published in the Telegraph is simply a mass of facts. Such stories should be verified and when the Telegraph stated that the matter could not be confirmed regarding the Letitia sailing on board freight at Halifax, the matter could have been satisfactorily answered had that paper called on me for the information, as I was at home I could have been called on at any time of the night. I would have been glad to have given any information to the Telegraph if they had asked me, but the first I learned of their story was when I read it this morning. There is nothing to it, other than the fact that all her passengers at St. John and all the freight with the exception of the apples. This is not unusual about Christmas time, and what passengers are taken on board at Halifax will be those booked by the Halifax agents.

The Cassandra, which called yesterday, is the first Christmas sailing. She left St. John direct for Glasgow with a large general cargo and a long list of passengers, who are bound to their old homes in Glasgow. The Letitia will sail from St. John on Thursday next with a full cargo and 500 passengers. Her stay in Halifax will be about nine hours.

FOUR ONES MADE THE ACTOR MEN LOOK SICK

"Set 'em up on the other alley," ... We are victorious, and the series is now a tie. What is this all about, gentle reader? Why the bowling dispute between the actors of the Thompson-Woods Co. and the Scribes, who earn their living by moulding public opinion through the columns of The Standard. Two weeks ago Friday the male members of the Thompson-Woods Company lured the members of the staff of this paper to the Victoria bowling alleys and there administered a severe trouncing to the unsuspecting Scribes. Yesterday we got our revenge. Cramba's revenge is sweet, said revenge taking the form of trimming our opponents 52 pins.

Let it be known that this revenge was committed in all fairness, although our manly faces at times wore the unctuous smiles, such as illumines the face of the box office lady when she sells two orchestra tickets to a young fellow and his best girl and knows in her heart that the suffering creatures will be plunked down behind two old and settled ladies who won't take of their hats.

Yet it must be said that the Actors bowled with spirit and at times showed signs of brilliancy but this was only spasmodic and as the Good Book said their light was hid under a bushel which refused to be taken away by force or otherwise.

The series is now a tie and the date for the deciding battle has not been settled, but the public need not worry, they will be notified in time and may, if early application is made, secure seats in the front rank at a moderate price. It will be well worth the effort as the manner in which the balls are chucked down the alley has the recent Balkan-Turkish trouble chased to the ash heap and only fit for the consideration of an earnest and energetic board of health.

The score:

Scribes.			
Slatery	59	74	58
March	74	73	85
Conlon	65	61	69
McGinley	87	90	85
MacKinnon	83	81	67
368 379 364 1111			
Actors.			
Fager	78	87	68
Fleming	62	55	54
St. John	73	73	74
Weyer	79	71	74
McCloskey	84	68	77
376 336 347 1059			

Notes.

Conlon of The Standard sustained a serious injury to his thumb in the first string which prevented him from bowling higher than 69. He also displayed a happy tendency to throw the balls through the back of the alley.

Weyer of the Actors was deeply in earnest, to judge from his gestures, when he said his anthems on balls that went in the ditch--but oh well, why blame the boy he tried hard to make good.

Hist, Slatery has discovered a new delivery, wave the ball around twice and then heave it off the alley. This delivery pleases the manager of alleys and gives the pin boys sensations and chills.

McGinley didn't do too badly, but he will recover in time.

St. John is all right but he shouldn't show such a tendency to send everything to Halifax.

March has a new sliding dip, he intends introducing it into the Tango.

The writer is afraid to make any comments on the bowling done by the managing editor of this newspaper, he wants his job.

The others were all there too, at least part of the time.

Meharry wasn't there or the Actors would have been licked to a frazzle.

The next game will be for blood. Further insults will be continued in our next.

QUEBEC BANK

The 96th annual report of the Quebec Bank, just made public, is the best in the history of this old financial institution. The net profits amounted to \$309,238.14 as compared with \$294,804.45 for the previous year. During the year, the bank made steady progress, increasing its paid up capital, which now stands at \$2,727,850, and its rest account as well as showing other evidences of progress. The comparative statement recently issued by the bank shows that in the last five years the bank's deposits have increased over \$5,300,000, its capital stock by \$27,800, its rest account by over \$57,000 and the total assets by \$7,350,000.

LOCAL HOCKEY.

Prospects are decidedly bright for a first-class senior league this year. Among those available are McAvity, R. Parker, E. Gilbert, F. McAvity, N. Lee, T. McAvity, D. Macaulay, McKee, T. Gilbert, F. McShane, E. McInerney, H. Sweeney, L. McGowan, J. McGowan, N. Macaulay, W. McDonald, C. Brown, P. Simms, E. Sterling, R. Melrose, R. Simms, H. Finley and F. Finley.

These players together with a number of new ones should make it possible to form a good senior league. From this league will be picked an

FOUR CROWN

THE CHRISTMAS BEVERAGE

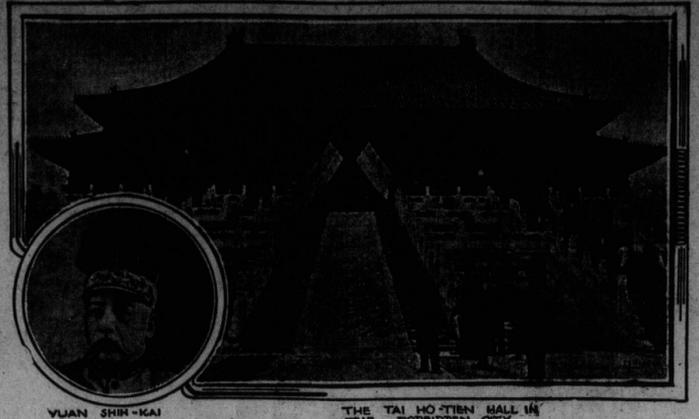
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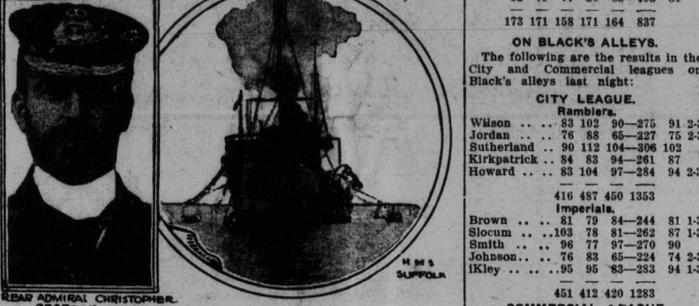
WHERE THE PRESIDENT OF CHINA WAS INAUGURATED



YUAN SHIH-KAI THE TAI HO TIEN HALL IN THE FORBIDDEN CITY

The choice of the place of the inauguration of Yuan Shih-kai, President of China, was an encroachment on the sacred precincts of the Emperor within the Forbidden City. The ceremony was enacted in the vast building called the Tai-ho-tien Hall, or Hall of Supreme Peace, which sits high up on triple terraces of marble and is decorated everywhere with dragons and imperial gold.

REAR ADMIRAL FLETCHER AND BRITISH ADMIRAL WHOM HE WARNED TO KEEP HANDS OFF MEXICO



UPON THE ARRIVAL AT VERA CRUZ OF THE BRITISH CRUISER SUFFOLK, COMMANDED BY REAR ADMIRAL SIR CHRISTOPHER CRADDOCK, REAR ADMIRAL FLETCHER, COMMANDING THE AMERICAN FLEET, INDICATED TO HIM, IN NO UNCERTAIN TERMS, THAT THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT WOULD NOT CONSENT, IN ANY CIRCUMSTANCES, TO THE LANDING OF BRITISH MARINES AT ANY MEXICAN PORT WHERE THE UNITED STATES IS REPRESENTED BY WAR SHIPS.

all St. John team to take its place in the New Brunswick league which now appears to be assured.

With so much good material in sight and more that will be developed St. John should have a strong team in this league.

A meeting will be called next week to arrange for the City Senior league.

DENIES THE REPORT.

New York, Dec. 4.—President David L. Fultz, of the Baseball Players Fraternity issued a statement tonight in which he denied a report that a number of major league ball players members of the Fraternity, had signed contracts to play with various clubs in the Federal League in 1914.

ST. IVES DEFEATED.

Halifax, Dec. 4.—Alfred Shrubbs defeated Henry St. Ives in the five mile race at the Arena tonight. Shrubbs won by a lap. The time was 26 minutes, 28 seconds. It is considered fast for an indoor race.

Then it happened. They were quarrelling. "Well, you can't say I ran after you," said the wife.

"Neither does a mousetrap run after the mice, but it catches 'em just the same," replied hubby.

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MILD WINTER, SAYS INDIAN

Redskin Visitor to City Yesterday, Points to Thin Fur on Animals as Proof of Statement.

Although there was a tingling frost in the air yesterday, and some spots on the street, which had not been cleared, were coated with ice, denoted a drop in temperature the weather is still unseasonably mild for the month of December, and St. John has yet to see its first real snow storm this season.

Indeed, if the predictions of a big Indian native of New Brunswick, who was in the city yesterday are to be taken into consideration, St. John will not experience an old fashioned winter, but will enjoy a snowless season.

"How do I know that we are going to have mild weather and little snow this winter?" said the big redskin. "There are always certain signs by which we living in the woods can tell what kind of a winter we will have. The birds and animals are our best guides."

"The hair on the feet of the birds this year is thin. That indicates the winter will not be cold. I have noticed in other years that when the hair on the feet of the birds is thick and fluffy, the winter has always been severe. If you ask fur men they will tell you that the fur taken from the animals this year is thin. That is another indication that we will have mild weather. I have noticed that when the fur is thick the winter is cold. The thin hair on the feet of the birds also shows that the snowfall will be light."

If the mild weather continues a record may be established for late sailing. In the year 1909 the river was open till Dec. 12th, establishing a record for late sailing for seventy-five years back. With a week of similar weather St. John will be able to break all records in this direction.

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BOOKED FOR LIVERPOOL.

The following are those who have booked on the Allan liner Virginian sailing from Halifax today for Liverpool.

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Mrs. L. C. Barker, Mr. A. Black, Mrs. C. B. Buddle, Mr. Hanbury Butten, Mr. R. J. Campbell, Mrs. Campbell, Mr. R. Corry Clark, Mr. D. W. Clark, Mrs. Clark, Miss Clark, Mr. A. W. Cliffe, Mr. Percival Cross, Mrs. W. M. Dobell, Miss A. Dunkin, Mr. W. F. Fooks, Mr. W. P. Frisby, Mr. H. E. Hyde Harrison, Mrs. B. Harvey, child and maid, Mr. Walter Hershewe.

CITY LEAGUE.

Ramblers.

Wilson	89	92	79	80	103	443	88	35
Jordan	82	99	110	99	88	488	97	35
Sutherland	181	191	189	179	191	931		
Kirkpatrick	91	92	85	91	79	434	86	45
Howard	82	79	77	80	85	403	81	
Imperial.	173	171	158	171	164	837		

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COMMERCIAL LEAGUE.

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Connell	89	82	78	81	223	74	13
Lewis	78	64	100	242	80	23	
Simons	70	90	80	240	80		
Deering	83	79	83	245	81	23	
Pugh	80	88	84	262	87	23	
393 393 420 1212							
Codner	91	82	74	247	82	13	
Ferris	71	79	77	227	75	23	
Daves	64	50	61	185	61	23	
Murphy	80	82	82	254	84	23	
McDermott	77	78	78	233	77	23	
393 381 372 1146							

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