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THE WEATHER

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MANY ENGINEERS AFTER A POSITION IN ST. JOHN

Twenty two of Them Have Sent Applications to City Hall

Re-organization Committee Will Ask for an Extension of Time to Examine Credentials of Applicants Before Recommending an Appointment.

With applications from twenty-two civil engineers for the position of engineer of the city of St. John, the re-organization committee recently appointed by the common council, will ask that body at this afternoon's meeting to give them an extension of time until February 1, in order that they may look into the credentials of the applicants before making a recommendation.

Pending a report from the committee they recommend that the various departments be carried on as their several boards or committees determine.. It is probable that no changes will be made in the present conduct of the departments until the committee's report is received.

It is understood that all the applicants for the position of engineer are members of the Canadian Society of Engineers. Among the local applicants are W. Z. Earle and F. W. Holt. Neither H. G. Hunter or J. S. Armstrong applied.

LIQUOR CASE IN POLICE COURT

Michael Harley Charged With Selling Liquor to an Intoxicated Man.

The principal witness in a rather unusual liquor case before Magistrate Ritchie this morning was Charles Myers, one of the men arrested for intoxication. Michael Harley, a Main street saloon proprietor, defended information preferred against him for an alleged sale of intoxicants to Myers and David Higgins on Saturday while both were under the influence of liquor.

Myers was sworn. He stated that he arrived from Hampton, where he resides, at 3 p. m. on Saturday and hastened, his footsteps to a hotel, where he imbibed a drink of Scotch whiskey, followed by a cocktail. Joseph Martin's bar-room on Mill street was next visited. He partook of two drinks of Scotch whiskey and then hied himself to O'Brien's saloon on the same street. Another drink of whiskey without an accompaniment and exit again to Harding's saloon, nearby, where he assimilated another drink of whiskey and on to Harley's, omitting unintentionally, one bar-room en route. He had two or three drinks in Harley's, one of the number being with David Higgins. Despite subsequent admissions, disclaiming all recollection of how or when or with whom he left the store, he declared he was in possession of his faculties. He regained his memory when incarcerated in the central police station, the change of scene from before a bar to behind the same, impressing him forcibly.

Sergt. Kilpatrick, who testified, said he knew Higgins and perceived him on Saturday afternoon staggering on Main street. Half an hour afterward he glanced into Harley's saloon and saw Higgins with a glass to his lips partaking of the contents which he inferred to be ale, but was not positive on that point. Policemen Hamm and Semple conveyed Myers into the north end police station at 7 p. m., from Long Wharf, where he was discovered under a quantity of lumber only a few inches from the edge of the wharf and only a few feet from the railroad tracks. The man was helplessly intoxicated and unable to stand. On request of the defendant and with the permission of the prosecution, further hearing was deferred until this afternoon, to enable Harley to procure witnesses.

CHOLERA IN RUSSIA

St. Petersburg Continues to Suffer From the Dread Disease.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 28—St. Petersburg still continues to suffer from the Asiatic cholera. There were eighteen new cases and five deaths from the disease yesterday. This has been the daily average for the past month.

George Larson and Hugh Parker, arrested Saturday night for drunkenness, had between them $240.

P. E. ISLAND NEWS

Death of the Widow of Hon Edward Whelan — Election Protests.

Charlottetown, P. E. I., Dec. 28—(Special)—The widow of the late Hon. Edward Whelan died today aged 83. She was a daughter of the late George A. Hughes, of H. M. Commissary department, Halifax, a sister of F. W. Hughes, and an aunt of Hon. George E. Hughes, of Charlottetown. She has resided here fifty years. Her husband was one of the most prominent Islanders and his memory is honored here as that of Joseph Howe in Nova Scotia. He was one of the fathers of responsible government, universal suffrage, free schools and emancipation from landlordism.

Petitions have been filed in the supreme court against the return of Murdock Kennedy, Conservative; Joseph Read, James H. Cummiskey, and Matthew Smith, Liberals, elected for the provincial legislature. The time for filing expired in Queens Co. on Saturday, in Kings today and will expire in Prince on Saturday.

WHAT LIQUOR COST ONE HAMPTON MAN

As the Result of a Drunken Fight Oscar Roberts is Fined $52.

The case against Oscar Roberts, arrested on Christmas Eve for fighting on the Sussex train, and assaulting and resisting I. C. R. Policeman Smith, was resumed in the police court this morning and the accused, who pleaded guilty, to the allegations on Saturday, was summarily dealt with.

Policeman Smith appeared exhibiting traces of the assault on his countenance, and with his right arm in a sling. His version of the affair is to the effect that he was summoned to the train to quell a drunken brawl and expelled Roberts, one of the combatants. In the depot while the officer was escorting Roberts to the police station, the prisoner, who towered above the policeman, hit Smith and felled him to the floor. While he was on the ground Roberts kicked him viciously in the ribs and on the shoulder, dislocating the latter partially. He has been confined to his home since Thursday. A man from Hampton spoke on behalf of the prisoner and pleaded with the magistrate to aid Roberts in his journey on his "upward way." This intruder claimed to have been a passenger on the train aforementioned, but he failed to see Roberts resist Smith or assault him. He said Smith drew his baton without just cause though the stick was not used. His honor remarked on the possibility of a fatal sequel if the prisoner's boot had come in contact with Smith's head. "It wasn't air or provocation that caused the trouble," continued the magistrate, "it was this," and he produced a partly filled flask of liquor, "the stuff that brings misery to homes." he concluded.

A fine of $52 or four months in jail was imposed for resistance and $20 or 2 months for fighting on the train.

Roberts' brother from Hampton, who was slightly inebriated paid the $52 and vociferously urged his brother withou mincing his words to reclaim his liquor. As the man from the rural districts neared the corridor he shouted "Take that from them de ye hear. I paid your way out and by the rip roarin' Alec. I kin do it every time."

These untactful words, however, prevented Roberts from securing the flask for the magistrate ordered the court sergeant decisively to confiscate the liquid. "Empty it out of the window," commanded his honor, "it will not cause any headaches then."

MONCTON NEWS

Robert L. McKay Married — Two Drunks Who Had Money.

Moncton, N. B., Dec. 28—(Special—An interesting wedding event took place here this morning, when Robert L. McKay of the I. C. R. baggage department, formerly of St. John, married Miss Jennie Watson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Watson. The ceremony was a quiet one, witnessed only by relatives and immediate friends of the contracting parties. It was performed by Rev. James Strothart, pastor of Central Methodist Church. The bride was attired in a brown travelling suit with hat to match. The couple left in the Maritime Express on a wedding trip to Nova Scotia. The groom is well known in athletic circles all over the provinces. He was formerly a professional sprinter, and handled Jimmy Humphrey at the time of the latter's races with Kiley and Eatman of St. John. He was also a clever ball player and a boxer of considerable ability.

FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE AMONG NEW YORK CHILDREN

Albany, N. Y., Dec. 28—An expert from the State Department of Agriculture has been sent to investigate the suspected cases of foot and mouth disease among children in the town of Clarkson, Monroe County, which have been reported to commissiner Porter of the State Department of Health. Commissioner Pearson of the Agricultural Department said today that a number of other suspected cases of the disease among humans has been investigated, but in each instance the patient was found to be suffering from some other malady. At the state health department it was said that Commissioner Porter was not in his office, and that no action has as yet been taken in the matter.

Beginning tomorrow, the Federal authorities will permit the shipment of Live Stock from any point in the State, except the counties of Erie, Niagara, Orleans, Genessee and Monroe, to any other point in the State, over railroads, traversing other States, providing there is no unloading outside of the State execpt in Pens especially designated for that purpose by the National authorities. "Since the laying of the quarantine against the foot and mouth disease," said Commissioner Pearson today, "no live stock, hay or straw could be shipped over any line which went into another state.

This practically cut off the Southern tier of counties from the New York markets. This latest order will enable shippers to ship to New York city over railroads running through New York and New Jersey.

NEWS FROM FREDERICTON

Judge Gregory's Condition Shows Signs of Improvement —Recent Deaths.

Fredericton, N. B., Dec. 28—(Special))—The funeral of the late Daniel Lucy took place this morning and was one of the largest seen here for some time. The body was taken to St. Dunstan's church, where high mass was celebrated by Rev. Father Carney. Interment was made at the Hermitage. The list of mourners included Judge Barry, John Owens, Dr. Owens, Thomas Morris and John F. McInnis.

The election petition recently filed against the return of George W. Upham, M.P.P., for Carleton, will be tried before Judge McLeod.

Herbert Dineen, formerly of Keswick, died at Millinocket, Maine, on Saturday from consumption, aged twenty-six. His body will arrive here this evening, and will be interred at St. Mary's.

Edward F. Owens, died at the home of his uncle, Patrick Owens, at Russiagornish on Sunday from consumption, aged nineteen. Body will be taken to Bath, Carleton county on Wednesday for burial.

John Rosborough died at Bear Island on Saturday, aged seventy-three. He is survived by a widow, three sons and three daughters. Mrs. Hamilton Woods of this city is a sister.

Miss Mary Doohan of this city has accepted a position as operator with the New England Telephone Company at Portland.

Judge Gregory passed a fairly comfortable night, and his condition continued to show signs of improvement.

POLICE COURT

"Everybody is indolent but mother," is a maxim proved to the letter by the Cahill household on Sheriff street. This transpired during the hearing in the police court this morning of Martin Cahill, aged 17, arrested at 10.35 p. m. for acting in a disorderly manner at the corner of Brooks and Sheriff streets in the North End.

Policeman Silas Perry testified that Cahill was behaving boisterously at the corner with five companions and decamped on the advent of the policeman, running past his home in his flight. Perry was certain that he did not err in identity as he has had Cahill under surveillance for two years. Sergt. Kilpatrick vouchsafed that the juvenile prisoner stole barrels two weeks ago from a barn and sold them to Hamm's bakery.

Cahill denied being one of the quintette on the corner. He was returning from the depot when taken into custody. At the station he had inquired of an official for the hour of departure of the Boston train as he had a cousin dead in Lowell, Mass., and a cousin here intended to leave for the spindle city this morning. Perry said the only bread winner of the family is Mrs. Cahill and neither the father nor his boys, six in all, ranging from 7 to 19 aid in the maintenance of the household. Three of the younger boys are habitual truants. Cahill was remanded.

Robert Balfour, an Englishman, who has been in the city for a month receiving charity from the Salvation Army and others charitably inclined, pleaded guilty to assaulting Lieut. Peter Peterson of the Home on Saturday night. Balfour had entered the building intoxicated and after being remonstrated with was ejected but returned and struck the lieutenant four times on the head. Balfour, who hails from Liverpool, said he possessed $60 when he arrived here from Chipman and spent the accumulation on intoxicants. His honor exposed the ingratitude of such strangers who solicit support and then assault their benefactors. A fine of $20 or 2 months was thereupon imposed.

George Lugrin and George Secord were fined $4 or 10 days' for intoxication and Charles Myers was remanded.

C. P. R. steamship Lake Michigan, for London and Antwerp, took away 808 head of cattle.

MINISTERS WANT TO CHANGE THE DAY

They Favor the Observance of Thanksgiving Day on Thursday Instead of Monday as at Present.

The Methodist ministers held their weekly meeting in the parlors of Centenary church this morning at 10.30, Rev. Charles Comben occupied the chair. A discussion took place with reference to the prevailing custom in the city of clergymen and others remaining near the grave for a considerable time at burials after the committment service is finished. It was suggested that a way might be found for the amendment of this custom. It was moved that Rev. Dr. Flanders be requested to bring in a resolution in two weeks with reference to the matter.

Rev. James Crisp drew attention to a communication from Rev. T. Albert Moore, secretary of the Dominion Lord's Day Alliance, asking for the individual opinion of the ministers on the proposed change of the National Thanksgiving from Monday back to Thursday, and a resolution was passed favoring the change.

Queen Square Church reported the holding of the exercises on Christmas Day and Sunday in connection with the centenary of the dedication of the old Germain street Methodist church. Those present were Revs. James Crisp, Neil McLaughlin,, S. Howard, Dr. Flanders, H. D. Marr, L. N. Parker and C. W. Squires.

The Baptist ministers met this morning in the mission room, Germain street. n the absence of Rev. F. E. Bishop, Rev. David Hutchinson occupied the chair. There was a good attendance of ministers.

Rev. B. Beatteay, evangelist, of the Home Mission Board, brought up a proposition to open a Gospel Mission in the hall being vacated by the Every Day Club, Waterloo street. A committee was appointed to consider the proposition and report at the next meeting.

Also present were Rev. W. H. Johnston, of Tracy Mills, and Clifford Clark, of U. N. B. A paper was read by Rev. M. E. Fletcher on the new testament use of the word "Eklektos," and an animated discussion took place.

PROBATE COURT

Estate of Mary Mooney, widow, deceased. Application to prove the last Will. The testatrix died on twenty-fifth Sept., 1885, and by her Will executed in 1883 she gave all her property to her daughter, Margaret, and appointed her Executrix. One of the witnesses, Rev. Mr. Fotheringham, having removed from the province, and the other witness, Joseph Trimble being dead, on proof of these facts, and of the signature of the Testatrix and witnesses proof of the Will in Common form is allowed, and Probate granted to the Executrix. No real estate. Personal estate $700. Amon A. Wilson, K. C., Proctor.

OBITUARY

Dr. B. C. Stevens

The death occurred suddenly on the morning of December 22nd at Logansport, Indiana, of B. C. Stevens, M. D. Dr. Stevens was for some years a resident of St. John, his home being with the late W. O. Stevens.

Evelyn Kennedy

The death occurred at an early hour yesterday morning of Evelyn, eldest daughter of Arthur and Annie Kennedy, of 88 Paradise Row. She was in her eleventh year and was only sick one day. The funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon.

Court Intercolonial, I. O. F., will meet tonight in their hall on Charlotte street for election of officers.

THE HAINS' WITNESSES ARE PUTTING UP STRONG STORY

Important Allegations of Witnesses for the Prosecution Are Flatly Contradicted by Witnesses for Defence in the Hains Case.

Flushing, N. Y., Dec. 28—The building up of the defence of Thornton J. Hains to disprove the charge that he was principal with his brother, Captain Peter C. Hains, Jr., in the killing of Wm. E. Annis, last August, at Bayside, was taken up in earnest today before Justice Crane in the Supreme Court. Counsel for Hains has nearly a score of witnesses under subpoena, but whether they will be called is problematical. The defence is said to have under subpoena two eye-witnesses of the killing who were not called by the state. Their testimony will tend to show that Thornton Hains' actions, when Annis was shot, were those of defence of his brother and not offence. Thornton Hains will be the star witness in his own defence. He will probably not be called until near the last.. He will likely be on the witness stand the entire day.

Raymond C. Weaver, a builder, will testify that it was at his invitation that the Hains brothers went to Bayside on August 15th. General and Mrs. Peter Hains, parents of the defendent, will likely be summoned to give testimony concerning the mental condition of Capt. Peter C. Hains. The trial will not likely be concluded for ten days.

John F. McIntyre, counsel for Thornton Hains and Captain Peter C. Hains, said that the mental condition of Capt. Peter C. Hains, jr., was very alarming. "I can see no improvement in Captain Hains' mental processes," said Mr. McIntyre, "his condition is truly alarming, and I fear a fatal termination of his trouble. The captain puts on his army uniform three or four times a day and imagines himself at Fort Hamilton, gives orders to an imaginary company of soldiers. He recites poetry and sings airs from the opera during the day. I am extremely apprehensive over the outcome. The treatment now being given him may be effective in time, but I doubt it."

Joseph A. Shay, of counsel for Hains, testified as to the interview with Martin Skura, the cabman who drove the Hains brothers to the Yacht Club. Shay said that Skura told him that the name of Annis was never mentioned during the trip to the Yacht Club and that no one asked him to follow close behind the stage in which Mrs. Annis was driving. During the examination of the witness, Dr. Austin Flint, the alienist, came into court. Dr. Flint has been retained by the prosecution. Mr. Shay further declared that he was near Thornton Hains the night of the coroner's inquest and that the defendhad no conversation with Policeman Fallon, who testified that Hains said to him that he wished he could go down into hell and get Annis and kill him again.

John F. McIntyre, chief of Hains' counsel, next testified. He related the incident during which Officer Fallon said he heard the defendant make a statement regarding Annis. Mr. McIntyre said that he saw Officer Fallon going toward Thornton Hains.

The witness said that Thornton Hains made no statement to Fallon in his presence.

Leo Bugg, a real estate dealer, was next called. Mr. Bugg said he had been associated with Mr. Jesperson in real estate and that last April he had property for sale near the Bayside Yacht Club. "Some time in April I saw the defendant in my office," said Mr. Bugg, "and we talked about Bayside property. We arranged to go down and see the land on the following Saturday."

STEAMER SUNK; CREW DROWNED

British Steamer Advance Sunk by Bark Iverna—Chief Officer Alone Saved.

Newcastle, N. S. W., Dec. 28—The British steamer Advance, and the British bark Iverna were in collision off her today. The Advance went down, and with the exception of her first officer, all the members of her crew lost their lives. The Iverna put into Newcastle leaking badly.

BOYS FOUND IN A VACANT LOT

Ernest Bushfan, William Jones and Sanford Marsh, all Colored, In Police Court Today.

Ernest Bushfan aged 17, and William Jones, aged 19, the negro youths arrested by Policeman Cavanaugh last night, for behaving suspiciously in a vacant lot in the rear of Charlotte street opposite the Dufferin Hotel were before the magistrate this morning. S. A. M. Skinner defended Jones. Both claimed to have good reasons for their presence there. Officer Cavanaugh in his testimony said he saw three negroes enter the lot from an alley on Germain street and linger in the rear of Scammell's restaurant and Emery's wholesale paper store for some minutes, eventually walking toward Charlotte St. He took the trio into custody on the street, as in the yard they were prowling around in single file. A dog frightened them away from the rear of the Charlotte street business establishments.

In a struggle Jones threw himself on the ground in an effort to escape affording an opportunity far the smaller of the three to squirm to freedom. Bushfan has been seen in neighborhoods where varoous petty thefts were committed and is under suspicion. To the magistrate, Bushfan said he absented himself from church as he considered himself insufficiently clad, but his excuse was ridiculed by his honor. At this juncture the examination was adjourned for an hour and just as the resumption commenced Cavanaugh entered the court room with Sanford Marsh, the missing youth. Marsh, who was a rotund little darkey confessed to being 18 years of age. He said he works in summer in shoe shining parlors and failed to see why business was of more volume in that line during the summer than in winter.

Jones or Bushfan denied knowing Marsh's name, or where he lived although his home is opposite those of both in Union Alley. Marsh's father declares his offspring was led astray by Bushfan who enticed him to Bangor, Me., where both were arrested and imprisoned for thirty days. Marsh claims the charge was vagrancy, but it is said that theft was the correct allegation.

Bushfan's father said it was a perplexing problem to secure employment for a colored boy as employers as a rule draw the color line.

Jones said he met Marsh and Bushfan and accompanied them from Germain to Charlotte street, using the lot as a short cut.

The trio were remanded and confined in separate cells.

EXHAUSTED MAN FOUND ON I. C. R.

He Had Evidently Fallen From a Train While Stealing a Ride---Now in Amherst Hospital

Amherst, N. S., Dec. 28—(Special)—Early this morning Clarence McCabe, of Athol, found a strange man wandering around between Athol and Little Forks, near the I. C. R. track. The man was in an almost unconscious condition, and could give no account of himself.

McCabe placed him on board No. 75 fast freight train in care of Conductor Barnhill, who brought him to Amherst, where he was placed in the hospital. So far as can be learned the injured man is Martin William Ross, belonging to the old country. He has only been in Canada about six months, working at Campbellton, N. B., and was beating his way to Halifax, travelling between two cars on freight train No. 16, conductor Gordon, from which it is supposed he fell. His feet were frozen, evidently some days ago, his shoulder is badly bruised, and his head cut, but as he is in a half conscious state most of the time, the physicians are unable to state just how serious his condition is. When found his face was covered with blood, and from the looks of the snow in the vicinity he had been wandering about for some time.

BISHOP O'CONNELL TO GO TO SAN FRANCISCO

Washington, Dec. 28 — It was learned here today that Bishop Denis J. O'Connell, rector of the Catholic University of America, has been appointed Bishop Coadjutor of San Francisco. The term of Bishop O'Connell, who at present is spending a few days at his old home in Charleston, S. C., as rector, expires Jan. 11 next.

FUNERALS

The funeral of James W. Leggett was held at 2.30 o'clock this afternoon from his late residence to Cedar Hill cemetery. Rev. Mr. Townsend officiated.

The funeral of Mrs. Harry a Cougle was held at 2.30 o'clock this afternoon from the home of her son-in-law, Charles F. Wade, 79 Winter street, to Cedar Hill cemetery. Rev. G. A. Kuhring officiated.

Rev. E. M. Skogan, who died on Saturday, was interred in Fernhill cemetery this afternoon. The funeral service was held in St. Mary's church at 2.30 o'clock, by Archdeacon Raymond.

Rome, Dec. 28—The resignation from the diplomatic service of Lloyd C. Griscom, the American ambassador at Rome, is announced by the Italian press today. Mr. Griscom will remain in Rome until March 4.

HON. WILLIAM PUGSLEY MET HARBOR COMMITTEE

TUNISIAN HAD A ROUGH TRIP

Allan Liner Arrived This Morning From Liverpool via Halifax.

Allan line steamship Tunisian, Captain Nunan, arrived in port at noon today from Liverpool via Halifax, and landed here 10 saloon, 14 second cabin and two steerage passengers; total 26.

The steamer arrived at Halifax Saturday night about 8 o'clock, one day late, after a very rough passage across the Atlantic, high head winds with heavy seas were met with shortly after the steamer left Liverpool. She has on board a very large cargo for the west, and some for this port. She is now berthed at No. 3 Sand Point.

IMMIGRATION FALLING OFF

Arrivals in Canada for Last Eleven Months Show Big Decrease From Previous Records.

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 28—(Special)—During November, 7,035 immigrants arrived in Canada, as compared with 14,265 for November, 1907, a decrease of 7,230, or 51 per cent. Of the arrivals for November, 3,002 were through ocean ports, and 4,033 from the United States. For the eleven months ended November, 30, there was a decrease og 124,583, or 46 per cent., in the immigration arriving via ocean ports. Arrivals from the United States show a small increase.

A STEP TOWARD REFORM

Movement Under Way in Amay to Stop Cultivation of Opium Poppies.

Amoy, Dec. 27—Orders were issued Saturday to a number of natives at Tungan, twenty miles north of Amoy, to cease planting opium poppies. They declined to acquiesce and a riot followed, in which one officer and ten civilians were killed.

The population of Tungan is up in arms and 500 troops have been sent there to restore order. The authorities announce their determination to enforce the anti-opium edict.

Amoy, Dec. 28—The riots which started on Saturday with the refusal of natives to obey an order prohibiting the planting of opium poppies, now affects twelve villages. Twenty miles west of Tungan two thousand men are reported under arms. They have withdrawn to the Belin Mountains and the authorities have asked the viceroy at Foo Chow for additional troops.

HEIR TO A FORTUNE SENT TO WORKHOUSE

Los Angeles, Cal. Dec. 27—Said by himself to be heir to half a million dollars and entitled to a position in Baltimore society, Wm. Jefferson Powell was sentenced on Saturday to serve 180 days' in the workhouse on a vagrancy charge. Powell, who is handsome, refined and well educated, says he will come into possession of a fortune at the age of 25 years. He will reach that age three months after he is released from the workhouse. His parents are dead, he says, and he ran away from his guardian in 1903, enlisting in the Eighth Battery Field Artillery. He says that he was sent to the Philippines and later to Vancouver Barracks, Washn.

When he got his discharge from the army, Powell says he immediately enlisted in the navy. He was assigned to the United States ship Philadelphia and was stationed at Bremerton navy yard.

INDUSTRIAL CONDITIONS

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 28—(Special)—During November three trades disputes were reported as in existence in Canada, five less than in November, 1907. The loss of time in working days was 5,715. The three disputes were settled during the month, the employes being successful in two, while the third was settled by compromise.

Sydney, N. S. W., Dec. 28—"Philadelphia Jack" O'Brien has cabled to Hugh McIntosh, the fight promoter, saying that he stands ready to fight Johnson, the negro victor over Tommy Burns. McIntosh is considering upon what terms, if any, the challenge will be taken up.

Minister Made Important Proposal in Connection With New Berths

Asks City to Make Over to Government Property Between Sand Point and Breakwater — C. P. R. Will Give 1600 Foot Strip and Government Will Do Dredging.

A meeting that will probably have an important bearing on the future development of the harbor was held this morning in the mayor's office. The harbor improvements committee of the board of works met with Hon. William Pugsley at 11.30 o'clock, the recorder and the mayor also being present.

Hon. Mr. Pugsley introducing the question of extension of the west side harbor facilities, suggested that the city should convey to the government the property owned by the city situated between the wharves at Sand, Point and the breakwater.

The minister said he had the assurance of the C. P. R. that they would convey to the government the 1,600 foot strip owned by them, and if this were done, the minister would then recommend that the dredging necessary to provide for new wharves south of Sand Point, would be commenced during the coming year. Should the harbor be placed in commission as is expected, the wharf properties now owned by the city as well as the new properties, would be decided to the commission. The committee will make a recommendation that the minister's proposal be carried out.

It was also arranged by Dr. Pugsley that two dredges—the Orange Peel and the Clam Shell—should be placed at work at once at No. 6 berth, to clean out the ridge of mud discovered recently. It was the opinion of the committee that the city could not accept the responsibility of authorizing the use of the berth for small steamers. It is believed the berth can be cleared by the two dredges in about ten days.

DISASTROUS FIRE IN CANADIAN SOO

Two Large Business Blocks Suffered in a Sunday Morning Blaze.

Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., Dec. 28—(Special)—A disastrous fire visited the Canadian Soo at three o'clock yesterday morning, the handsome Hussey Block, in the west end of the city, being completely destroyed and the Coronation Block adjoining, badly damaged. The loss will reach well up into the thousands.

GOMPERS SENTENCE HAS TAUGHT A LESSON

Labor Unions Are Becoming Less Radical in Their Actions.

Chicago, Dec. 28—Notwithstanding the unanimous protest of labor against the jail sentence imposed on Saml. Gompers, John Mitchell and Frank Morrison, the Central Federated Union here received yesterday from Mr. Gompers a letter in which he notified the unions that he had discontinued on the advice of counsel the "we don't patronize" list, in future issues of the Federationist, the labor organ. Upon hearing this the Central Federated Union also decided upon the advice of the chairman to suspend its unfair list for a while. This was agreed upon at the same gathering where a resolution protesting against Judge Wright's decision was adopted.

CHINESE SEIZE A BRITISH STEAMER

Hong Kong, Dec. 28—The British steamer Tai On, was captured yesterday by two Chinese cruisers near Kuz Chuk, west of the river. The reason for the capture is believed to lie in the fact that the steamer several months ago ran down a junk and drowned a theatrical company which was on board. Further developments from the capture are expected.

JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER SUGGESTS CO-OPERATION IN PHILANTHROPHY

New York, Dec. 28—"If a combination to do business is effective in saving waste and in getting better results, why is not combination far more important in philanthropic work?" In this question is set forth the text of an article by John D. Rockefeller published in the current issue of the World's Work. The general subject of Mr. Rockefeller's article: "Of the value of co-operative principle in giving," some interesting general remarks on the subject of benevolence illuminate Mr. Rockefeller's point of view. For instance he says: "To help an inefficient, ill-located, unnecessary school is a waste. I am told by those who have given the most careful study to this problem that it is highly probable that enough money has been squandered on unwise educational projects to have built up a national system of higher education adequate to our need if the money had been properly directed to that end."

Of Roman Catholic methods Mr. Rockefeller said that he has "seen the organization of the Roman church secure better results with a given sum of money than other church organizations are accustomed to secure from the same expenditure. It is unnecessary to dwell upon the centuries of experience which the church of Rome has gone through to perfect a great power of organization.

Commenting upon the great mass of appealing letters received Mr. Rockefeller says that four-fifths of them are requests for money for personal use, "with no other title to consideration than that the writer would be gratified to have it."

In the course of his article Mr. Rockefeller says of himself "Criticism that is deliberate, sober and fair is always valuable and it should be welcomed by all who desire progress. I have had at least my full share of adverse criticism, but I can truly say that it has not embittered me nor left me with any harsh feelings against a living soul."