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LAUDER WAS NEAR TO DEATH

Comedian Tossed About in Row Boat in the Storm Swept Clyde

VISITING SICK SON

Gale Drove Him Back, But He Started Again—Liner Officers Prepared to Rescue Him, But All Ended Well

London, Dec. 26—(Canadian Press) —A telegram from Glasgow, says that Harry Lauder, the Scotch comedian, had a narrow escape from death today while attempting to cross the Clyde in a rowboat from Gourock to Dunoon.

He had started to visit a sick son and a gale was blowing at the time. As a result, his boat was driven back, but he started again and was buffeted about for three hours during which time his boat was often threatened with being sunk.

While he was being tossed about, the liner Columbia passed and the passengers cheered the plucky occupant of the boat. The officers of the liner saw the danger and made preparations to rescue the comedian, but it was found unnecessary at the last moment.

After it was all over, Lauder said that he would not attempt to cross again under the circumstances for all that he had ever earned. It was only his anxiety over his son that tempted him to make the trip.

ROBERT PHINNEY OF RICHIBUCTO IS DEAD

Many Years Active in Temperance Work — Was Three Times Married

(Special to Times)

Richibucto, N. B., Dec. 26—This community was shocked last evening on learning of the death of Robert Phinney, one of its most prominent citizens, which occurred about six p. m. He had been ill less than a week from heart trouble. He was thought to be rallying from a first attack, when a second one occurred, causing his death. He was sixty-two years of age.

Mr. Phinney belonged to the Masonic fraternity, and had been a member of Division No. 42, S. of T. since he was old enough to join. For many years he had been treasurer of the division, and was seldom absent from a meeting. He was also a member of the Canadian Order of Foresters. He was one of the trustees of Chalmers church, and took an active interest in its welfare. He had been three times married, first to Miss Katherine McMinn, of this town, by which union he leaves two children, Fred and Miss Anna of Vancouver. His second marriage was to Miss Loggie of Chatham, and by this union leaves one son, Max. He was married a few years ago to Miss Annie M. Brown of this town, who survives him. He also leaves two brothers, James D. Phinney, K. C., of Fredericton and Havelock, post office inspector of Winnipeg; also three sisters, Miss Bertha Phinney and Mrs. J. D. McMinn of this town, and Mrs. Fred Brown of Colorado. His death will occasion general regret.

WEATHER BULLETIN

Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries. R. F. Stupart, director of meteorological service.

9 A. M. WEATHER REPORT.

Forenoon Bulletin from Toronto.

	Max.	Min.	Dir.	Vel.	
Toronto	39	26	Calm		Fair
Montreal	38	32	S.W.	4	Fair
Quebec	36	30	S.W.	14	Cloudy
Chatham	34	24	W.	4	Clear
Charl'town	32	26	W.	6	Fair
Sydney	34	28	W.	4	Cloudy
Sable Island	40	32	N.W.	32	Cloudy
Halifax	36	26	W.	8	Cloudy
Yarmouth	36	26	N.W.	6	Fair
St. John	36	28	Calm		Fair
Boston	48	34	W.	8	Cloudy
New York	46	32	N.W.	4	Cloudy

Forenoon Bulletin from Toronto.

Forecasts—Moderate westerly winds, fine. Wednesday, increasing southeast winds, rain before night.

Synopsis—The weather continues mild from Ontario to the maritime provinces, but has turned much colder west of Lake Superior; to banks, fresh westerly winds to-day, southeast gales on Wednesday.

Saint John Observatory.

The time ball on customs building is hoisted half its elevation at 12.45, full elevation at 12.50 and drops at 1 p. m. Standard time of the 60th Meridian, equivalent to five hours Greenwich time.

Local Weather Report at Noon.

Highest temperature during last 24 hrs 38
Lowest temperature during last 24 hrs 28
Temperature at noon, ... 38
Humidity at noon, ... 53
Barometer readings, at noon (sea level and 32 degrees Fah.), 29.91 inches.
Wind at noon: Direction, N. W. Velocity 10 miles per hours. Clear.
Same date last year, highest temperature 18; lowest 7. Clear, becoming cloudy.

D. L. HUTCHINSON, Director.

YARMOUTH BANK MAN TALKS OF C. P. R. REACHING BOSTON

Sees Ultimate Entrance of That Railway to the Hub—Grand Trunk Also

(Special to Times)

Boston, Mass., Dec. 26—T. V. B. Bingay, manager of the Bank of Montreal in Yarmouth, Nova Scotia, visiting Boston, says: "The Canadian Pacific Railway is undoubtedly headed for Boston. As to the manner, means, or time of the accomplishment of this purpose I do not know nor does any one else outside of the officials of the road, but Canadian business men who from close range observation know of the aggressiveness of this road, have not the least doubt that the Canadian Pacific people have their eyes on an opening at either Portland or Boston, preferably Boston.

"This road has great easterly ambitions and through its ownership of the Dominion Atlantic Railway plans to exploit Nova Scotia, running through trains from the west to Halifax by rail or a railway ferry between St. John and Digby.

"The Grand Trunk also is undoubtedly similarly aggressive and Canadians regard the entrance of this road to Boston as ultimately inevitable."

SAY CROWN PRINCE SMOKES TOO MANY

Cigarettes Declared Cause of His Illness—Brother to Visit United States

Berlin, Dec. 26—The chamberlain of the Crown Prince Frederich Wilhelm, telegraphing from Dantzig, says "The prince has a slight catarrhal cold, which will perhaps be relieved in a few days. In that case His Highness will go to Berlin."

In commenting upon the reported ailment of the Kaiser's heir, the people doubt the statement of the chamberlain and put their own construction on the matter. At Potsdam the belief is prevalent that the prince is suffering from an affection of the throat due to excessive cigarette smoking.

London, Dec. 26—The Daily Mail says it has been decided that Prince Adelbert, third son of the German Emperor, shall go abroad on the protected cruiser Bremen, of the German Atlantic station, in July. He will probably pay a visit to New York and Boston.

BORN ON SAME DAY, MARRIED, AND DIED ALMOST TOGETHER

Wichata, Kan., Dec. 26—Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Bailey, pioneer residents of this city, who were born on the same day seventy-six years ago and who died within a period of four hours, were buried here today. Both coffins were lowered into one grave.

Bailey, a veteran of the civil war, died at his home here, and death came to his wife in an insane asylum. Neither knew the other was ill.

GRAND TRUNK IS SAID TO HAVE BOUGHT COAL LANDS

Reported First Step in Plan for Big Investment in Belmont Fields

Cleveland, O., Dec. 26—Officials of two big Columbus coal companies, who are among the largest operators in the Belmont county coal fields, today denied any connection with the reported sale of coal land in the Belmont coal field to the Grand Trunk Railway of Canada.

It was rumored that the Grand Trunk had absorbed the Railway & River Coal Company of Pittsburg, thus taking title to 31,000 acres with an annual output of about 175,000 tons.

The Rail & River Company was capitalized at $2,500,000, with $2,500,000 in bonds outstanding. The Grand Trunk was understood to have paid $3,000,000 for the stock and guaranteed the bonds.

According to Pittsburg operators, the Grand Trunk purchase is the first step toward a conclusion that will represent an investment of $30,000,0 in Belmont county coal property, and control an annual output of 13,000,000 tons.

THE SITUATION IN CHINA

Peking, China, Dec. 26—Premier Yuan Shi Kai has submitted to the more prominent Manchus here a proposal from Shanghai for the meeting of a special national assembly to decide on the future form of government which shall be adopted for China. This step, taken by the premier practically means that he asks the court to decide its own fate because the members of such a national assembly had decided in favor of a republic. If the Manchus agree to adopt the suggestion, their decision to do so, will be made public in the course of the day.

Amoy, China, Dec. 26—The commander of the expedition sent to the northern district on December 21 to restore order, reports that in the towns of Chuan-Chow and Engchoon, quiet has been re-established. In the country districts, however, conditions are rather serious and there has been considerable resistance. Some villages have been burned by the troops on account of the inhabitants having harbored robbers. A temporary cessation of clan fighting has been brought about at Hui-An during the presence of troops.

Moros Surrender

Philadelphia, Dec. 25—The Moros, who several days ago retired to the top of Bud Dajo, in the Island of Jolo, which they had fortified, capitulated today to the American troops.

EGG MEMBRANE IN SKIN GRAFTING FOUND A SUCCESS

Philadelphia Surgeon Makes Experiments Which, it is Believed, Will Save Many Lives

Philadelphia, Dec. 26—Discovery by Dr. Max Staller, surgeon at Mt. Sinai Hospital, of this city, that the white lining, or membrane of egg shells can be used with success as a substitute for human skin in grafting operations may revolutionize the methods of treating burns and scalds.

Experiments have been made at the hospital for more than three months and in every case the victims of burns have been benefited. In one case a woman was so fearfully burned that doctors believed she would not live through the operation. The new treatment proved successful and she will soon be able to leave the hospital.

The lining of egg shells is really the skin of embryonic chickens and contains cells similar to the human skin. When placed on a burned surface the cells multiply and the membrane becomes larger and larger, until it joins with the other pieces placed on the flesh at distances of an eighth to a quarter of an inch apart.

In the course of weeks the surface is covered with new skin.

It has long been the custom in cases of serious burns to graft skin from a healthy person. In many cases it has been impossible to find persons willing to give their skin, and as a result the patients have died. If the new method is adopted in general practise it is believed many lives will be saved.

DAMAGED WHARF MATTER TAKEN UP BY BOARD TONIGHT

Proposal to Remove Lower Cove Lock-up From its Present Site is Among Business

The board of public works will meet this evening at eight o'clock for the monthly session. One of the matters to be taken up will be the repairs to the wharf at No. 1 berth, West St. John, which was damaged by the steamship Empress of Britain. It is said that the cost of repairs will be more than the estimate of $3,000 which was made last week. It has not been decided whether or not the work or repairs will be done by the city or the C. P. R.

The engineer's reports to be submitted this evening are as follows:—

Tenders were called for lumber with which to cover the gaps in No. 1 platform, Sand Point. Geo. V. F. Wilson was the lowest bidder and the order was sent to him. It is requested that this order be ratified by the board.

A petition has been received from the residents of Somerset street that it be put in better condition. It is recommended that the stone crusher be placed in Somerset street next season.

Recommended that the Hassam Paving Co. be paid the 10 per cent. withheld on work performed by them last year in Main, St. John and Smythe streets.

Recommended that the work performed by Messrs. B. Mooney & Son in Pond street be accepted.

Leases of a block of land at the eastern end of Wellington wharf requested by A. C. Smith & Co. They offer an annual rental of $10.00, term to be seven years.

Frostproofing of warehouse on C. P. R. wharf, so called. Estimated cost $1,100; statement rendered by C. P. R. amounts to $1,182.29; suggested that the board recommend that the amount be paid.

Request of James Lewis to remove lock-up which occupies a portion of land in front of his building, to a site east of his holding, and to be granted a lease of this area for seven years, the lease to also cover what he now holds under leave and license; rental offered $30 a year, removal of lockup to be at Mr. Lewis' expense.

ITALIAN SOLDIERS IN WAR ZONE HAVE CELEBRATION

Rome, Dec. 26—The commanders of the troops at Tripoli, wired the governor yesterday that with the exceptions of the outposts, the soldiers spent the day in the usual Christmas manner. There was much merry making.

It was the intention of the government to prevent homesickness, and moving picture films were sent to the front and displayed.

MUTINY IN ST. PETERSBURG

London, Dec. 26—A news agency despatch from St. Petersburg, reports that a mutiny has been broken out at the naval ordinance yesterday. Measures for quelling the disorder have been taken by the authorities, and a number of mutineers have been wounded by the troops sent to repress the insubordination.

C. P. R. Work in Ontario

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 26— It is reported that the C. P. R's Ontario programme for 1912 will mean the construction of more than 450 miles of railway. It has already been published that the company will build a section of the alternate Toronto-Montreal route from Belleville to Toronto, traversing the lake shore towns of Trenton, Brighton, Colborne, Grafton, Coburgh, Port Hope, Bowmanville, Oshawa, and Whitby.

YOUNG MEN OF BOARD OF TRADE

The second meeting of the young men who are organizing the associate membership of the Board of Trade will be held in the board rooms. Prince William street on Thursday evening. The first meeting was of a preliminary nature for the purpose of discussing the objects of the proposed association and its feasibility. The project met with such an enthusiastic reception that it was decided to go ahead Since then a large number of men have assured the promoters of their support and it is expected that Thursday's meeting will be both large and enthusiastic.

DEATH OF MRS. CROOKSHANK IN CAPITAL

Body Will be Brought to St. John, Her Former Home

R. H. PHILLIPS DEAD

Fredericton Health Inspector's Call Was Sudden — Property Purchase—C. P. R. Man Has Offer of a Position — Aged Woman Ill

(Special to Times)

Fredericton, N. B., Dec. 26—Mrs. Crookshank, widow of Otty Crookshank, for many years deputy auditor-general, died here this morning. She was a daughter of the late Hon. John R. Partelow, St. John, and was aged eighty-four. She leaves two sons—Conductor Andrew Crookshank of the Intercolonial, and John R. Crookshank; also two daughters, Mrs. W. R. Fowler and Mrs. Walter P. Fenety. The body will be taken to St. John on Thursday morning for interment in Fernhill.

Richard H. Phillips, health inspector for the city expired suddenly at his home here this morning. He was stricken down while donning his overcoat and was dead when found. He was a son of the late James P. Phillips, who published the newspaper "Headquarters" here years ago, and worked in the office as a printer for some time. He afterwards carried on a milk business. For ten years he had been inspector of health. He was a prominent Baptist, and was at one time clerk of the Brunswick street church. He is survived by one son, R. L. Phillips, president of the Maritime Commercial Travellers' Association, anl one daughter who lives in the west.

The engagement of Miss Ethel Boyd, daughter of John A. Boyd, mechanical foreman of the Intercolonial, to J. W. Graham of Milltown, is announced.

The funeral of Frank H. Everett was held this afternoon under auspices of Fredericton Lodge K. of P. Services were conducted in St. Ann's church by Rev. Canon Gowie.

Ross Thompson, engineer for the St. John & Quebec Railway, has purchased the John Palmer house in Regent street, and will occupy it.

Charles K. Howard, travelling freight agent of the C. P. R., has been offered a position with the Quebec & St. John Railway Company.

Miss Eleanor Rainsford, daughter of the late Capt. Charles Rainsford, of the 104th Regiment, is seriously ill in Kingsclear. She is ninety-three years of age.

TWO STEAMERS FOUNDER IN THE BAY OF BISCAY

Glasgow, Dec. 26—The British steamer Guillemot, from London for Genoa, foundered in the Bay of Biscay, on December 21. The captain and fifteen of her crew were lost. Seven survivors were picked up by the British steamer Lincairn and landed here today. After rescuing the survivors the Lincairn sighted a Spanish steamer in distress. Before the Lincairn was able to proceed to her assistance, the Spanish vessel foundered with all hands.

The Guillemot belonged to the Central Steam Navigation Company of London.

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TO LIVE IN WINNIPEG

An interesting wedding ceremony was performed yesterday by Rev. Dr. W. O. Raymond when he united in marriage Miss Annie Stephenson, daughter of James Stephenson of Haymaret Square, to Percy Stevenson of Staten Island, New York. The bride was attractively dressed in white and was attended by little Miss Clara Lipsett as flower girl. After the wedding, luncheon was served at the home of the bride and last evening Mr. and Stevenson left on a honeymoon trip to New York. They will return later, passing through on their way to their future home in Winnipeg. They were the recipients of many handsome wedding remembrances.

SPECIAL TRAIN.

A C. P. R. special train will leave the depot on Friday morning at half-past nine o'clock for west St. John with passengers for the S.S. Empress of Britain.

THE KING-EMPEROR

King George, in his uniform as Emperor of India and Honorary Colonel of his Indian Lancer regiment. This is His Majesty's most striking uniform.

CHRISTMAS IN ENGLAND

Cotton Lockout May Not go on —Treat for Birds Placed in Trees

London, Dec. 23—The Christmas festivities in England have not been marred, so far, by a single serious accident of any description. There are even signs, too, that the shadow of the threatened cotton lockout affecting 100,000 persons is lifting.

In hospital, workhouse, orphanages and homes there were sounds of revelry yesterday. A feature of the hospital entertainment was the free use of moving picture apparatus, thanks to the initiative of Miss Osgood, novelist.

Birds in the midland districts had their Christmas trees yesterday, tempting food being placed for them in the branches.

Football again attracted huge crowds. The five matches played in London drew 130,000 people.

GEO. H. GREEN DEAD

For Years a Popular Conductor on the N. B. Southern

George H. Green, for many years conductor on the N. B. Southern Railway, died a little after noon today, leaving his wife, two brothers, and five sisters. He was a popular and well known official, and there will be many to regret his death. Mr. Green was operated upon two years ago, and had been a great sufferer. He was forty-nine years of age, and a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Green. The brothers surviving are Corey, conductor on the New Brunswick Southern, and Herbert of Port Arthur. The sisters are Mrs. Robson, Mrs. Anderson and Mrs. McLaughlin, all of Carleton, and Misses Bertha and Grace of Boston.

WOODSTOCK WEDDING

Woodstock, N. B., Dec 26—(Special)—At the residence of Mrs. Clifford Dalling this morning, George Boyer, proprietor of the Victoria Hotel, and Miss Alberto Maude Pitt were united in marriage by Rev. Frank Baird. Doctor and Mrs. Pitt of Boston, parents of the bride, and a few immediate friends were at the ceremony. The bride wore a becoming navy blue traveling suit with hat to match. They left on the morning express for a trip to Halifax. On their return they will reside at the Victoria Hotel.

CHATHAM PRESENTATIONS

Chatham, N. B., Dec. 26—(Special)—After the service on Sunday evening, the members of St. Luke's Bible class to the number of about forty, waited on their leader, Rev. R. C. Fulton, and presented to him an address and a very handsome 18 karat gold clock. The address was read by R. S. Curll. Fred Phillips, president of the class, made the presentation. Mr. Fulton expressed his deep appreciation in a very hearty manner.

A surprise awaited Mrs. Fulton, for James Dickson then presented to her a very handsome cut glass fruit dish. She gave a very neat little speech expressive of her thanks and earned a hearty round of applause. Then with Miss Nicol at the piano some hymn singing was enjoyed and the pleasant event was brought to a close by the singing of Blest Be The Tie That Binds. Each one present wished Mr. and Mrs. Fulton a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Last evening the congregation of St. Stephen's church, Black River, presented to their pastor, Rev. George Grant, a fur lined overcoat, a pair of driving mitts and two buffalo robes. To Mrs Grant they presented a handsome fur muff. The children of the Sunday School were given a Christmas treat, Santa Claus distributing gifts from a tree.

MILLION FOR MISSIONS

Presbyterian Budget for 1912 in Canada — Third for Home Work

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 26—One million dollars is the sum total of the budget of the general assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Canada to be spent on missions during 1912. This is considered no great sum when the burden laid on that denomination, comprises 14,000,000 heathen.

The assembly's committee on estimates has allotted what proportions should go to each of the enterprises. About one-third, $325,000, will go for foreign missions.

MARTIAL LAW AT TEHERAN IS REPORT

Frequent Clashes Between the Russians and the Persians

(Canadian Press)

London, Dec. 26—The proclamation of martial law at Teheran following the dismissal of W. Morgan Shuster by the Persian cabinet, and the fragmentary reports received as to a bloody massacre by Russian soldiers are causing much apprehension.

According to the latest advices the main trouble occurred on last Sunday when the killed at Besht are said to have numbered 500, including some women and children. Direct despatches from Teheran make no reference to the serious casualties and a report from the Russian consul at that point states that order is now restored, although preparation for further outbreaks is going one. The strategic point of Tabriz, 350 miles to the northwest of Teheran, is another centre of constant and serious collisions between the Russian and Persian elements. A small force of Russians has been stationed there for some time and has been recently re-inforced. The Russian troops have come into contact on several occasions with the people, and one despatch says the Russian artillery swept the streets, while another, through Russian sources, says that a condition of anarchy exists, even the banks being without adequate military guards to protect their funds. The latter is evidently a suggestion on the part of the Russians that a strong military force is essential to safeguard vested property interests in Persia and as giving an explanation for the decisive exercise of force by the Cossacks at various points.

TRIPLE ALLIANCE AND ENDING OF WAR BEING DISCUSSED

Rome, Dec. 26—An exchange of communication between the Italian foreign offices and the chancellors of other European powers is proceeding at the present moment with the greatest activity. The subject of the communications is the war in Tripoli but the question of the renewal of the triple alliance between Germany, Austria-Hungary and Italy is also being discussed.

Efforts are being made both by the German, Constantinople and Italian foreign offices to find a possible basis for the conclusion of peace between the two countries. The negotiations concerning the triple alliance are of the most important character as it is conceivable that they might even result in the withdrawal of Italy from the alliance, and the consequent strengthening of the triple entente of Great Britain, France and Russia.

The Italian ambassador at Berlin is now in Rome, where he is giving a verbal report to the foreign minister, the Marquis Di San Giuliano, as to the disposition of Germany.

REYES' DREAM IS ALL OVER

Leader of Mexican Revolt Surrenders to His Personal Enemy

IS DISHEARTENED

Followers Flee at Smell of Powder and Crack of Federal Rifles and He Gives up—Pleads For His Men

(Canadian Press)

Lineraz, Neueveraod, Laredo, Mex., Dec 26—Defeated and stripped of former arrogance and pride, General Bernardo Reyes, Mexico's one time greatest military leader and more recently leader of a revolt that threatened to tear the country from border to border, is in jail here. He surrendered yesterday officially to General Trevina, a personal enemy of years.

Riding alone into Lineraz, the gray-haired rebel gave himself up to Lieutenant Placido Rodriguez, commander of twenty-five rurales, the sole military guard here. Permission was obtained to telegraph a formal capitulation to General Trevino, commander of the third military zone, at Montery. He frankly admitted his dream of another successful revolution had come to an end, and placed himself at Trevino's disposal.

"I called upon the army, I called on the people," telegraphed the broken general, "and no one responded. This attitude I regard as a protest, and I am resolved not to continue this war against the government, I place myself at your disposal."

Reyes asked no gurantees for himself, but pleaded for mercy for the little group of men who have followed him in his wanderings. They, yet, are fugitives and will be hunted down by Trevino's men, unless they, too, surrender.

To Reye's messages, General Trevino replied that General Reyes would be kept under guard in Linarez pending instructions from the central government.

The climax to Reyes unsuccessful attempts to recruit an army came yesterday and resulted in his decision to surrender. A small body of his followers engaged in a skirmish with about an equal number of federals, and at the first shots the rebels took to their heels. After hearing that they had run from the smell of powder and the crack of the enemy's rifles, the old general was disheartened, and gave up.

GIVES BRIDE TO BROTHER

Rich Georgia Planter's Sacrifice After Confession by Wife

Macon, Ga., Dec. 26—Because his young bride has fallen in love with his brother, J. L. Beck plans to give her legally to the man she loves.

J. L. Beck and his brother, J. C. are wealthy planters who own large tracts of land near here. They have lived together for years. Two months ago the elder, J. L., married a beautiful girl of twenty. The younger lived with the couple, and soon brother-in-law and sister-in-law were strongly attracted to each other. Recently Mrs. Beck left home ostensibly to visit her parents, and about the same time C. Beck left for Macon.

The couple met here. A friend here notified the husband and he came and had the couple arrested. The husband questioned the wife.

"I soon learned," she said, "that I loved your brother better than you. Loving him I did not think I ought to continue to be a wife to you, and when he asked me to meet him here I agreed. I just followed my heart."

The bride's answer unnerved the husband. He told her he did not want her to live with him if she loved his brother and that he would not stand in the way of her happiness.

It is understood J. L. Beck will allow his wife to get a divorce, but will force his brother to marry her. "I will not wreck a woman's happiness," he said.

IN THE PROBATE COURT

In the probate court today, in the matter of the estate of Chester Hayward McClaskey, clerk, there was return of citation to pass the accounts of Alfred Alexander McClaskey, the father and administrator. The deceased served in South Africa, and his estate consists only of the land warrant to which he died entitled. There being certain disputed claims the case is still before the court. George H. V. Belyea is proctor for the administrator, and J. MacMillan Trueman, proctor for the widow.

In the matter of the estate of Mary McGowan, late of Belmont, Middlesex, Mass., spinster, there was return of citation to pass the accounts of the Eastern Trust Company, the administrators within the province with will annexed. Clarence H. Ferguson, the manager of the company, proved the accounts, which were found satisfactory and passed as filed, an order was made for payment of the balance in accordance with the terms of the will. The deceased's sister, Mrs. Nellie J. Jones, of Melrose, is the sole beneficiary Messrs Barnhill, Ewing and Sanford are proctors.

IMPORTANT POST FOR NATIVE IN INDIA

London, Dec. 26—A despatch to the Daily Mail from Calcutta, gives the rumor that Sir Krishna Gobina Gupta, member of the Indian council, will be appointed governor of the new province of Bengal. A native has never before held such an important post.