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C.P.R. MAY ABANDON QUEBEC PORTS

'Longshoremen's Demand for More Wages Sets Company Thinking

THREE RIVERS LIKELY

Every Facility There for Empress Boats, But Labor Scarce—Wharf Laborers of Ancient City Now Getting Highest Pay on North American Continent.

(Special to The Telegraph.)

Montreal, Feb. 17—An increase of five cents per hour is to be demanded by the wharf labor organization at Quebec for work during the coming navigation season. This means an increase on what is already the highest 'longshoremen's wage now paid in any port of the North American continent.

During the past year the rates at Quebec have been 37 1-2 cents per hour, day labor, and 42 1-2 cents per hour for overtime. The increase would make the rate 12 1-2 and 47 1-2 cents per hour. The rate at Montreal was 27 1-2 and 32 1-2 cents per hour with a bonus of 2 1-2 cents per hour for the regular dockhands.

The burden of the increase will fall most heavily on the Canadian Pacific Railway Steamship Company, who make Quebec the terminus of their Empress vessels and it will probably be the means of their finally deciding on a step, which has been under consideration for the past two seasons, the abandoning of Quebec entirely and the choice of Three Rivers as a terminus.

At the time of the last increase, by the Quebec 'longshoremen, the company made a full investigation of conditions at Three Rivers, finding good docking and other facilities and but an insufficient supply of labor. The only change of policy then made was to discriminate against Quebec with regard to certain kinds of freight, which they refused to consign except to Montreal and thence by rail back to their destination.

PUGSLEY READS MORRISSY OUT OF THE PARTY

(Special to The Telegraph.)

Chatham, N. B., Feb. 17—A public meeting was held this evening in the Masonic Hall, Chatham, at which Hon. Mr. Pugsley was the principal speaker. The hall was filled. W. B. Snowball took the chair and introduced Mr. Pugsley.

On the school book question Mr. Pugsley said that he thought, on the whole, the price in this province was as cheap as in Ontario.

On the highway act, he said there was not enough money to have good roads, and that it was the intention to raise more. He defended the Central railway expenditure and said that it would be the means of bringing into touch very rich coal fields. He then passed on to the International railway and claimed it would be the means of opening up a very rich country, and said that there was nothing wrong in guaranteeing bonds of the road, rather than give an out and out subsidy.

He, as leader of the Liberal party, did not propose to recognize Mr. Morrissy as of it at all, until he retracted his falsehoods. If the electors saw fit to return the government ticket, they would be strengthening his, Pugsley's, hand.

TWENTY-EIGHT MINERS ENTOMBED AND TRYING TO DIG A WAY OUT

Pottsville, Pa., Feb. 17—Twenty-eight miners were imprisoned in the Midvale colliery near Mount Carmel today by the breaking of a dam of water which had formed in a drift caused a rush of mud in a gangway where the men were at work. All day long a party of rescuers endeavored to reach the entombed men and shortly after 6 o'clock tonight they were given encouragement by sounds of digging from the inside. Later a shout also was heard, indicating that the men were at work to effect their own rescue.

Among the men entombed are a number of experienced miners and it is believed that it will be possible to effect the rescue of all the men unless some of them should have met death by being smothered in the rush of mud. Seven of the number are Americans. The others are foreigners.

BOSTON CHARITIES MAY RECEIVE LARGE BEQUESTS

Salem, Mass., Feb. 17—Boston institutions benefit considerably in the will of Caroline B. Sears, which was proved today at the session of the Essex County Probate Court. Herbert M. Sears is the executor.

The sum of $100,000 is to go to the Industrial School for Crippled Children, of Boston, provided that no issue is left at the death of her husband. Two hundred thousand dollars is to be divided by her trustees among various institutions to be selected by them, and $50,000 to the Boston Lying-In Hospital, all under the same proviso, that no issue is left for her husband.

I. C. R. OFFICIALS IN POLITICAL FIGHT

Two from Moncton Offices Organizing and Stumping in Westmorland

FOSTER WANTS TO KNOW

Read Statement in Parliament from Shediac--Sanford Ryan Awarded Intercolonial Contract for Hard Pine—P. E. I. Members Want Branch Railways.

(Special to The Telegraph.)

Ottawa, Feb. 17—The following telegram, dated at Shediac (N. B.) Feb. 17, was read in the house today by Hon. Geo. E. Foster:

"Alphonse E. LeBlanc, traveling passenger agent I. C. R., is out canvassing here for the local government candidates and has announced that he intends to open a committee room at Dupuis Corner and hold it open day and night until after the election. Henry LeBlanc, an employe of the I. C. R. in the audit department of the general office, Moncton, is also out, going about through Shediac and Dorchester parishes from school house to school house decrying and denouncing the opposition candidates."

Sanford Ryan Got the Contract.

Dr. Daniel was informed by Mr. Graham that tenders were called for furnishing hard pine for the Intercolonial Railway for the season of 1908. S. S. Ryan's tender was accepted, being $25.80 per thousand feet delivered at Moncton. The time for tenders expiring was Dec. 24. Ryan's tender for delivery at St. John was $25.75. The other tenderers were: T. Nagle & Co., $28, delivery at St. John; Rhodes, Curry Company, $27.50, delivery at Moncton; Eppinger & Russell, $27, delivery at St. John; W. Hilyard Shaw, $31, delivery at St. John; Jos. A. Likely, $25.95 at St. John and $26.95 at Moncton; Mason Gordon & Co., $26.25 at St. John and $28.25 at Moncton; Sumner & Co., $26.90 at St. John and $27.75 at Moncton.

Mr. Martin (P. E. I.) moved for the correspondence respecting the construction of branch lines in Prince Edward Island. Mr. Martin disputed the figures in the government blue books as to the expenditures on the Island railways. He said all that the Island wanted was some forty or fifty miles of additional road. When Mr. Haggart was minister of railways in 1896 he gave notice of a bill for railway construction but on account of the block over the remedial bill nothing was done. He figured out that his province had to pay about $300,000 interest annully for its share of railway construction in the dominion.

Mr. Lefurgy (P. E. I.) agreed with Mr. Martin that the $3,000,000 which was charged up to the Island for railway construction at confederation was an injustice to the province. In 1896 there was a feeling on both sides of the house that something should be done in the way of railway construction. The surveys were before the house and he hoped that two or three of these lines would be proceeded with at an early day. A sum should be placed in the estimates this session.

Mr. Hughes (P. E. I.) said that the Island was entitled to reasonable railway facilities from the government. He did not want to introduce party politics but as it had been done by Mr. Martin he would say that the present administration had shown a desire to meet the wishes of the people.

Mr. Graham said that he did not desire going back to confederation to discuss that question. He did not like extreme provincialism; that was the comparing of what one province got against what another had received. The merits of the case ought to be sufficient to convince the house.

Mr. Haggart said that the resolution in 1896 was presented to parliament in good faith. The affairs of the Island was looked into and it was discovered that at confederation the Island got about $150,000 a year the worse of the bargain, as compared to Nova Scotia. That was why it was decided to introduce a resolution recouping the province by constructing branch lines. If the government had been returned in 1896 they would have carried out the terms of the resolution.

Free Mail Delivery.

Mr. Monk moved that in the case of cities where a free mail delivery is established such free mail delivery should be extended to all contiguous districts which though situate outside the municipal limits proper are immediately adjacent thereto, so as to render such delivery easy of execution and that it is particularly desirable to apply such a system in the vicinity of Montreal.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier said that the improvement of the whole mail service was under the consideration of the postmaster general. The debate was adjourned.

Mr. Monk moved that in the execution of public works, requiring some technical knowledge, the government should as far as possible utilize the services of young men engaged in the pursuit of technical studies in our Canadian institutions, so as to permit of their applying with profit, during their vacations, the knowledge acquired by them during the period of tuition. This was carried.

Mr. Wilson (Lennox) resumed the debate on the motion of Mr. Cockshutt to stop bonusing agents for immigrants.

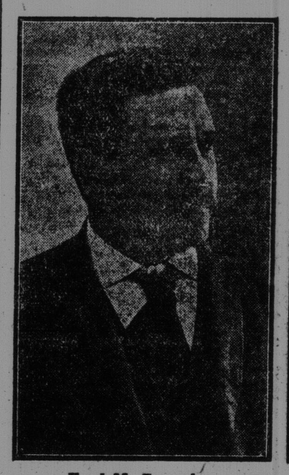
Skater Drowned.

Burlington, Vt., Feb. 17.—While skating on Lake Champlain today, George Shepard went into the water at a point where ice had been cut, and was drowned. He was 25 years of age and leaves a mother and a brother.

Ottawa Supreme Court Opens Today.

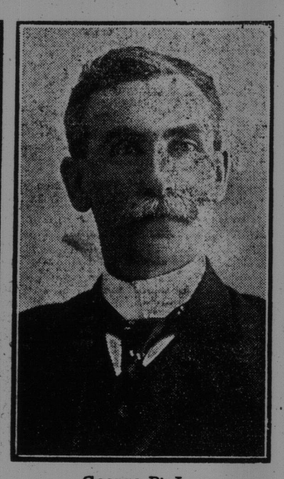
Ottawa, Feb. 17—(Special)—The winter sessions of the Supreme Court of Canada will open tomorrow, Tuesday morning, when the appeals from the maritime provinces will be taken up.

KINGS CO. IS UP IN ARMS AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT



Fred M. Sproul.

James A. Murray.



George B' Jones.

Sussex, N. B., Feb. 17.—Kings county is up in arms against the local government. In every parish Messrs. Jones, Murray and Sproul, the opposition candidates, may count upon a great vote. That they will carry the three seats is now the conviction of close observers who know every section of the county and who have accurate information from every part of the constituency. Kings has the strongest reasons for rejecting the government candidates, reasons which appeal to every voter within its borders. Below will be found some account of conditions today and of the reasons which have caused the unmistakable uprising of the people against the discredited local administration, together with sketches of the opposition standard bearers, and much other material of great interest to all voters at this time, but particularly to the voters of Kings, who, the opposition is confident, are now about to rebuke the government for its reckless neglect and mad extravagance.

Kings Hit Hard by Highway Act.

If the county of Kings has suffered in one respect more than another from defects in the administration of the province by the Robinson government and its predecessors, the palm must be given to the highway act. Ever since the government wrested the control of the highways from the municipal councils, the roads in this county have been disgracefully maintained. It need not be called to the mind of the voters of Kings that the roads, with all their defects, are still in existence and the coming of spring will once again give full rein to the plague that has afflicted all sections during the past few years. The same old holes will be in evidence, the same broken and neglected bridges will be encountered and the same risk to life and property run. The promises of the government party to reform the road act is at best a death-bed repentance. Only when the will of the people made itself felt Premier Robinson forced to admit that the highway act was one of the worst laws ever placed on a statute book, and with all his promises to do better, the

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NEW INDICTMENT AGAINST MORSE

New York Grand Jury Finds True Bill for Perjury

Ex-Magnate Will Plead to Third Charge Today -- His Lawyer Claims He Has a Perfect Defence in All Cases.

New York, Feb. 17—The legal entanglements of Chas. W. Morse, former banker and promoter, are multiplying. A third indictment, alleging perjury by Mr. Morse, during an examination before the grand jury, was found by the special grand jury today, a short time after Mr. Morse had appeared in court to answer the two indictments found against him last week, charging grand larceny. Arrangements were made tonight to have Mr. Morse appear tomorrow before Justice Dowling, of the criminal branch of the supreme court, to plead to the perjury indictment.

Another development in the case today was the serving of Philip J. Britt, counsel for Mr. Morse, with summonses in two actions brought against the former banker. The complaints in the suits have not yet been filed, but it was stated they were in connection with stock transactions that occurred some time ago.

The appearance of the former banker in the criminal courts building early in the day, was comparatively uneventful, though he found awaiting him in the court-room a crowd that compared not unfavorably in size to those that collected at some of the recent sensational criminal trials. If the financier were worried there was no indication of it in his manner. When arraigned before Justice Dowling he pleaded not guilty through his counsel, and the latter then asked for two weeks time in which to examine the indictments and the minutes of the grand jury that returned them. The representative of the district attorney thought that one week was enough and Justice Dowling agreeing with this, set next Monday as the date for further hearing.

Morse's Defence.

After his return to his office, Mr. Morse's attorney, Philip J. Britt, made a statement concerning the transaction upon which the larceny indictments rest. He denied that there was any agreement between Mr. Morse and Morgan J. O'Brien that the notes which Judge O'Brien had given in payment for stock of the Bank of North America, which Morse sold him, should not be discounted, and said that the whole transaction was entirely open and above board. Mr. Britt said:

"The statement that there was a written agreement between Mr. Morse and Mr. O'Brien that the notes should not be discounted is false. There was an agreement that the notes should be renewed for a period of three years, but there was no agreement that the notes should not be discounted. If the notes were to be continued for a period of three years and were not to be discounted during that period, it would practically make them worthless as security to be converted in case of need during that time.

"What Mr. Morse did make myself responsible for was that if the notes passed out of his hands during the period in which he said that the notes should be renewed, he would be responsible to see that they should be renewed, no matter in whose hands they happened to be at that time. With this understanding of the agreement, there can be no question as to the fairness of Mr. Morse's action in getting the notes discounted."

SHEDIAC TURNED EN MASSE TO HEAR OPPOSITION CANDIDATES

(Special to The Telegraph.)

Shediac, Feb. 17—The home town of O. M. Melanson, the Acadian representative on the opposition ticket, turned out en masse tonight to greet the opposition candidates. The hall, which seats more than 500 people, was crowded to the doors and many were obliged to stand throughout the entire meeting, which lasted over three hours. The meeting was a great demonstration in favor of the opposition ticket.

The speakers of the evening were John Morrissy, of Northumberland, and the four opposition candidates for Westmorland. Dr. L. J. Belliveau, who presided, paid a high compliment to the opposition candidates and Mr. Morrissy.

F. W. Sumner, who made his first appearance during the campaign, was heartily received. He held Premier Robinson responsible for the many unjust things which have been done by the local government. He dwelt upon the school book question briefly and said he was in favor of giving the people of the province free school books up to the fourth and fifth grades. Mr. Sumner concluded with a strong appeal for support of the opposition ticket and said if Mr. Hazen was successful then an honest administration along business lines would be given the people.

Mr. Mahoney was the next speaker and was warmly received. He made an effective address, dealing briefly with the principal questions of the campaign and showed the inconsistency of the government party in appealing for the support of Liberals. He dealt with the road act, giving the items of expenditure during the past year in the parish of Shediac. He also outlined the opposition platform for betterment of the highway services. He touched a responsive chord when he said if judging by the sentiment of the people of the province aright, they would put Mr. Robinson on March 3 in a place where he would be unable to repeal this lovely road act.

F. B. Black was well received. Referring to the game affairs of the provinces, he said he was in favor of allowing the people to shoot one moose, one deer, one caribou without license but that outsiders should pay a high license. He next spoke on the school question, comparing the prices of books at the present time and the prices of the past. He told how the people of this province were being robbed as people of Ontario were robbed under the old Ross government.

John Morrissy, Northumberland, was the next speaker and although a strong Liberal, he criticized the local government for their many unfair actions in the past. He went into the financial affairs of the province and told how money for certain purposes was wasted. He said that as a staunch Liberal he was opposing the local government because of its dishonesty and corruptions.

O. M. Melanson spoke both in English and French. He compared the debt of the present government and what it was when it first came into power. He touched upon the school book ring and closed with a strong appeal for support to the opposition.

At the close F. Robidoux moved a resolution endorsing Mr. Hazen and expressing the hope that the opposition would be triumphant on March 3. This was seconded by W. A. Russell. Mr. Morrissy was tendered a vote of thanks. Cheers for Mr. Hazen and the opposition candidates brought to a close one of the finest political meetings ever held in Shediac.

SWEEP IN KENT IS EXPECTED

Opposition Figure on Capturing All Three Seats in That County

CLASS APPEAL

Hon. Mr. LaBillois Seeking Support for Government Among Acadians on Narrow Lines—Opposition Capture Government Meetings and Will Capture the County.

(Special to The Telegraph.)

Richibucto, N. B., Feb. 18—Hon. C. H. LaBillois, who has been in the county since Thursday, left for home this morning after having conducted a series of meetings, at each one of which he has appealed for support for the government ticket almost solely, on the ground that the government has, as he alleges, done so much for the Acadian people. The Acadians, however, realize that they have secured no more than their just due, and resent Mr. LaBillois' appeal to a supposed race prejudice.

The cool reception which he received at the various meetings he addressed is ample evidence of the fact, that the Acadian people are not prejudiced in favor of the government because Mr. LaBillois, a descendant of old French and Irish parentage, happens to be a member of it. At four meetings addressed by Mr. LaBillois, namely those held at Richibucto Village, St. Louis, St. Ignace and St. Charles, there were also present Messrs. W. A. Molt, of Campbellton, H. O. McInerney, of St. John, and F. J. Robidoux and R. O'Leary of Richibucto, who made telling speeches in reply to the petty appeals of Mr. LaBillois and the government candidates.

All the meetings, though called by the government candidates, proved to be almost solid opposition meetings, and the sentiment evident against the government was truly amazing. Election promises were made by the score, among the chief of which was a promise by W. D. Carter that the St. Louis & Richibucto railway, which has been idle for upwards of ten years, would be running again within six months, another that a trestle work wooden bridge over the Grand Aldouane river, now badly delapidated, would be reconstructed, and that a grant of $7,000 for the purpose would be passed at the next session.

Many openly declared their utter disbelief in such ridiculous promises, and the promises were received without any applause or mark of approbation or credence whatever.

Mr. LaBillois also said at St. Charles that before long there would be another Acadian representative in the cabinet "if Kent county does its duty on the third of March," and this, notwithstanding that the vacant forecastle position had only a few days before gone to Mr. Purdy of St. John. Kent will do its duty but hardly as Mr. LaBillois conceives it.

Ex-Sheriff Legere devoted his entire time to the consideration of some smallpox bills, which had been paid to Doctors Bourque and Landry of the opposition ticket, claiming that the bills were too high and that therefore the opposition should not be returned to power. Mr. Legere is recognized as a humorist par ici.

It was pointed out to him by the opposition speakers that half the amount of these bills was paid by the provincial government after having been taxed by

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GOVERNMENT TO SELL ANNUITIES

Fielding Gives Notice of Resolution to Provide for Old Age

$600 THE LIMIT

Minimum $50 a Year--Into Effect When a Person Becomes 55 Years Old or is Disabled--In Event of Death Before That All Moneys Will Be Repaid Heirs.

(Special to The Telegraph.)

Ottawa, Feb. 17—Mr. Fielding has given notice of resolution in the commons providing for the establishing of a system of government annuities. The resolution states that it is advisable to authorize the sale of government annuities. "To the end that the habit of thrift be promoted and that thereby opportunity be given to the people of Canada to provide for old age by means of annuities of not less than $50 nor more than $600 per year; the annuities to be purchasable either by paying a single sum or by payment of a stipulated sum periodically at fixed and definite periods; the governor-in-council by regulation to fix the rate of interest to be allowed on the computation of values of tables which are the basis of such purchases; such annuities to be payable after an annuitant has reached the age of fifty-five years or has become disabled; the moneys paid in by an annuitant to be repayable, should he die before the annuity is payable, to his heirs with three per cent compound interest; the property and interest of an annuitant to be unassignable and to be exempt from legal process, except the contract be entered into and consideration therefore paid with intent to delay, hinder or defraud creditors, who, upon such intent being established, shall have the right to receive the present worth of the annuity.

HAZEN GREETED BY LARGE AUDIENCE AT ANDOVER

James E. Porter, Ex-M. P., a Stauch Liberal, Presided — Opposition Leader's Speech Created Great Enthusiasm.

Andover, Feb. 17—The large court house here was packed to the doors tonight at the meeting held in the interests of the local opposition. Electors from every polling sub-division in the county were present. James E. Porter, ex-M. P. P., a staunch Liberal, was in the chair and many other Liberals who are standing strongly in support of the opposition were in the hall.

The candidates addressed the meeting briefly and then J. D. Hazen was introduced. He held the closest attention of the audience for an hour and a half. The speech was a masterly one and was cheered to the echo. J. Carter also made a brief address.

A quartette comprised of C. H. Elliot, M. H. Craig and Mr. Craig's two sons sang several campaign songs much to the delight of the audience.

STRICTER RULES TO PREVENT MIXED MARRIAGES

Power to Be Taken From Bishops to Grant Dispensations and the Pope Will Pass on Applications in Future

(Special to The Telegraph.)

Montreal, Feb. 17—It was stated today at the palace of Archbishop Bruchesi that the Pope is contemplating much stricter regulations to prevent the marriage of Catholics with Protestants by not only declaring that such marriages will not be recognized at all by the Roman Catholic church, but that bishops will be forbidden to use their pastoral powers of granting dispensations for such unions. For years past the people of this continent have been the most importunate in this respect, and it is stated that the change has been decided upon at the request of American and Canadian bishops, who were anxious to get away from the difficulties of this curious form of patronage.

In future the Pope will reserve to himself the right to give such dispensation, and will exercise it with great parsimony.

SEMBRICH SCORED A SUCCESS AT HALIFAX

Halifax, N. S., Feb. 17.—(Special)—The Sembrich concert here tonight was a brilliant success, musically and financially. The Academy was crowded with an enthusiastic audience. The singing of Sembrich fully equalled expectations.

In the duet with Madame Sembrich Van Hoose with the prima donna scored a genuine triumph. Madame Sembrich and party leave this morning for St. John.

EXPERT TO MAKE SHORT WORK OF IT

Toronto Accountant Likely to Make Report on Provincial Finances at Once

WANT RIVER DREDGED

Board of Trade to Ask Government to Deepen Channel to Fredericton to Fourteen Feet--Reduction in Fire Insurance Rates Requested--First Skating on River.

(Special to The Telegraph.)

Fredericton, N. B., Feb. 17—It leaked out this afternoon that a young man by the name of Geo. W. Dunbar, a representative, it is said, of a Toronto firm known as Jenkins & Hardy, has been in the city since Thursday last, and has been engaged at the departmental building auditing accounts. He expects to get through his vast undertaking by tomorrow, that is one man will complete the auditing of all the different departments in less than a week. Then no doubt the statement will go forth to be used as campaign literature. Mr. Dunbar's audit will be received with interest by the public, and Mr. Dunbar will return home. The auditor-general when asked today how the auditor seemed to be making out appeared to be somewhat taken by surprise, and gave the impression that he was not aware that any auditing was being done. The whole proceeding seems to have its funny side, and now watch for results.

At Nashwaaksis this evening Mayor McLeod and Councillor Thos. B. Robinson addressed a rousing meeting in the interests of the opposition. They met with a fine reception and the meeting gave every indication that the opposition would receive a handsome majority in that locality. Tomorrow evening the same speakers will hold a meeting at Gibson and on Wednesday Mayor McLeod and Mr. Pinder will address the Marysville electors.

The government still claim that they will get one man, but as election day approaches it becomes more difficult to understand on what foundation their calculations are based.

Off to Sportsmen's Show.

W. Harry Allen of Peniac, William T. Griffin of Cross Creek, and Charles B. Love of Keswick Ridge, well known guides, left for New York this evening to attend the sportsmen's show which opens in Madison Square Garden on 20th instant. A splendid game exhibit was forwarded by New Brunswick and Fredericton Tourist Association a fortnight ago.

The employes of the Queen hotel were defeated by the hardware clerks in a hockey match at Arctic rink this evening by a score of 4 to 2.

Senator Thompson left for Ottawa this evening.

A fancy dress carnival, given as a benefit to the Capitals, will be held at the Arctic rink tomorrow evening.

At a meeting of the council of the board of trade held in the office of Secretary Winslow this evening, it was decided to memoralize the dominion public works department pointing out the necessity of having the river dredged between St. John and Fredericton so as to provide a fourteen foot channel. There was some complaint in regard to insurance rates, and it was decided to ask the New Brunswick Board of Fire Underwriters to cancel the extra rate of fifteen cents per hundred, imposed on this city a short time ago. It was also decided to ask the board to send a representative to this city and discuss insurance rates with a view of having the reduction made.

There was some discussion over the telephone service, and complaint was made against the practice of the company in placing more than two instruments on a party line.

For the first time this winter there is excellent skating on the river, and a crowd of about 400 young people were out this evening enjoying themselves.

Col. March has four Scott Act cases, two for first and two for second offences set down for trial at the police court tomorrow morning. In three of the cases information was laid by the ladies of the W. C. T. U.

The temperance people of the city have issued an appeal for funds to enable them to carry on an aggressive campaign against the repeal of the Scott Act.

The university students belonging to the Young Men's and Young Women's Christian Associations have issued invitations for an at-home at the college building tomorrow evening. The annual conversazione will be held on the 27th.

The cold snap of last night following the recent heavy rain has put the roads in fair condition for travel. Ice boats were out on the river today for the first time this season.

TORONTO MINING COMPANY PROMOTER HAS DISAPPEARED

(Special to The Telegraph.)

Toronto, Feb. 17—A warrant was sworn out today for the arrest of L. W. Spear, who has left this city. It is claimed that Spear has an office at 23 Toronto street, where headvertised himself as P. V. Fraser & Co., financial agents. He also established an office on Victoria street and organized the Bonanza Gold Company and Bonanza Consolidated Mines of Canada, Limited. The officers of these companies are L. W. Spear, president; D. W. Warner, vice-president; Roland C. Fruen, secretary; Edward Gillis, treasurer; George W. Robb and Dr. F. D. W. Bates, directors. Warner and others claim that Spear swindled them out of $2,000.