

TROUBLE CAUSED BY A PROMOTION

Stanfield Wanted Truro Man
Given Position on I. C.
R. at Halifax.

ABILITY QUESTIONED

Niagara Falls Man Got the
Job and Resignations
Followed.

By a Staff Reporter.

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 19.—Hon. Frank Cochrane, minister of railways, is in New York and there is therefore no official statement obtainable from the department today regarding the trouble between John Stanfield, chief whip and the minister regarding the appointment of an Ontario man to be assistant superintendent of the I.C.R. at Halifax instead of a Truro, N.S. man whom the local Conservative Association had recommended.

Incidentally Mr. Stanfield's resignation has not yet reached the speaker. He handed it to the executive of the Conservative Association of Colchester, leaving it to that body to forward it. However, the executive may decide not to do so in which case Mr. Stanfield may continue as a member of parliament.

Cause of Trouble.
In the absence of Mr. Cochrane, it is stated that the railway department today that the chief cause of the trouble with the chief whip was the fact that Frank Stanfield, M.L.A., brother of the chief whip, who was looking after the patronage of the county had recommended Mr. McNutt, train dispatcher at Truro, for the vacant position of assistant superintendent of the Intercolonial Railway at Halifax, with charge over the terminals, but F. P. Guinness, superintendent of government railways, appointed W. J. Matheson, formerly yard master at Niagara Falls, Ont.

The ability of Mr. McNutt to have handled such a position is questioned, but it is stated that his promotion would come in due course. His experience, according to officials of the railway department at Ottawa, was not thought such as to him for the post of assistant superintendent at Halifax.

Yardman Needed.
It is pointed out that the yard congestion of overseas business at Halifax last winter was a most serious and difficult problem, and it was decided that the new assistant superintendent should not in this instance be an office man, but an expert yardman.

It is claimed that there was no one in sight on the I. C. R. with the special qualifications necessary, and there was no time to try out a tried man as might have been done in normal times. The railway department has undertaken to handle approximately 100,000 tons from Halifax and St. John during the present winter season. The Halifax yard, it is said, is now greatly enlarged and the water front is a difficult one. Any failure to properly handle the yard end means delay—a most serious matter at this time.

ACTION HAS STARTED TO SET ASIDE WILL

Cousin of Late Samuel May Says
Testator Was Incompetent
of Making Bequests.

Albert D. May, first cousin and with three sisters next of kin of Samuel May, has filed his statement of claim in an action to set aside the will and remove the executors of the late manufacturer. The defendants and executors are Charles F. Wharton and W. G. Thurston.

The plaintiff says that the May estate inventoried for probate at \$45,207.76, is worth much more. At the time of the making of the said will, Samuel May was wholly incapable of understanding the nature and effect of the same, and he did not in fact understand it. The late Mr. May's daughter died in July, 1916, and his cousin, Albert D. May, for the testator, visited him weekly for the death of the daughter and upon the person who should have been provided for in the will.

DEATH FROM ASPHYXIATION.

A verdict of death from asphyxiation was returned by the jury at the morgue last evening, investigating into the cause of death of Peter Zivovick, who was found in an unconscious condition in bed at 112 Agnes street last Friday evening. Gas was escaping from a jet on the wall. Zivovick was removed to the General Hospital in the police ambulance and died at 10 o'clock the same evening.

Pure English Wanted at Big Schools

The latest Oxford movement is an association of learned professors to encourage the campaign for the speaking and writing of pure English, started by the poet laureate, Robert Bridges. It is supported by Thomas Hardy, the novelist, and Sir Walter Raleigh, professor of English literature at Oxford University, and other prominent men.

MARINA NOT UNDER GOVERNMENT CHARTER

Britain Shows German Attack
Was Quite Without Justification.

EVIDENCE CONCLUSIVE

Six Americans Perished When
Torpedo Sank the
Steamer.

Washington, Dec. 19.—An announcement was made at the state department today that Great Britain had furnished complete information showing that the British battleship *Marina*, sunk without warning by a German submarine, with the loss of six Americans, was not at the time, and had not been before in British public service, either by charter or requisition.

The state department about ten days ago sent to Germany a statement of its belief that this was the case, but has been awaiting the full data, promised in a preliminary British statement before making a final statement to that effect.

Germany recently informed the United States that one of her submarine commanders sank the *Marina*, believing her to be transport, not entitled to the privileges of a private merchantman, and asked whether the American Government had information to the contrary.

FIGHT PROPOSED CHANGE IN SCHOOL INSPECTION

Teachers Think There Would Be
No Saving Unless Efficiency
is Sacrificed.

At yesterday's meeting of the Toronto Teachers' Association, held in the Technical School, some well known city educationists were present. Among these were W. G. McTaggart and C. B. Brown of the board of education; Dr. P. F. Minns, acting medical inspector for the board; Inspector Cowley, Miss Cherry, J. C. Rutherford and W. F. Chapman, inspectors of the board of education.

A resolution was passed unanimously asking all the members to use their influence against the proposal to transfer the medical inspection of schools from the control of the board of education to that of the health department.

The chief grounds of objection to the proposed change were that there would be no saving of money unless efficiency was sacrificed, and that 50 per cent. of the American cities favored the present system now in vogue in Toronto. It was the opinion that medical inspection work of the teacher, such co-operation would be impossible, it was stated, if the proposed change was made.

BRIAND OFFERS BRIEF DEFENCE

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posed of 44 members) and lately I was detained ten entire days in secret sessions of the chamber. I ask you under these conditions, how a president of the cabinet can be a 'war president'; a president of energetic action? When you know the facts of the terrible task to which I am bound, then you will judge me and condemn me if you think fit.

M. Briand repeated his previous statement that he was ready to retire, but he asked: "Does the senate think the cabinet can really govern with the Kie it is made to lead?"

Refers to Verdun.
M. Briand then alluded to the latest French victory at Verdun, which evoked much applause. Referring to the general military situation, the premier continued:

"If we have not broken thru, neither have the Germans broken thru after forty years of preparation, even though it might have been thought they would triumph after having violated nearly alone, at that time, blocked the way and said: 'No thoroughfare.' The government from the beginning did its duty in permitting our allies to organize."

The premier sketched what Russia and Italy had done and alluded to the efforts that had been made for unity of action. "The government of all required energy. But if the senate doubts this, let anyone take the stand with documents and we will reply."

SENATOR MACKAY DIES AGED SEVENTY-SEVEN

Was Many Times a Millionaire
and Director of Numerous
Business Enterprises.

Special to The Toronto World.
Montreal, Dec. 19.—Hon. Robert Mackay, senatorial representative of the division of Alma, director of the Bank of Montreal, of the C.P.R., and many times a millionaire, died here today at the age of 77 years.

SELLERS-GOUGH

Only Five More Days to Xmas --Buy Your Gifts Today

Christmas is fast approaching. Just five days more and that Day of Days will be with us. Have you completed your purchase of Christmas Presents? Remember there is very little time left. To get the best selection and shop with the greatest comfort do your buying today—do not leave it till the last day. You can make a suitable selection of furs for gifts at our store. Furs are useful and reflect the very spirit of Christmas. We have Fur Coats, Sets and Single Pieces at a wide range of reasonable prices. You should have no difficulty deciding on a present for your friend. Look over this list, then visit our store.



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TILL
CHRISTMAS

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WIFE OF THE PREMIER UNVEILS HONOR ROLL

Says She Can Sympathize With
Mothers—King Edward School
Has Fine Record.

Mrs. Hearst, wife of the Premier of Ontario, unveiled the "honor roll" of the annual Christmas concert, held in the auditorium of the Central Technical School, before a large audience of parents, ex-pupils and friends of the school. One hundred and thirty-seven names are inscribed on the roll, many of whom have been wounded, and four have made the supreme sacrifice. Mrs. Hearst, who has two sons at the front, said that she knew the feelings of every mother who had a son at the front.

Addresses were delivered by Col. A. A. Cockburn, Times McGillivray, Alex. McGregor, Trustee McTaggart and Trustee Dr. Caroline Brown, who presented the entrance certificates. Among those on the platform were: Controller Cameron, Jas. Simpson, Trustee W. H. Shaw, Captains Walter Frisby, Bickell and McCachren. Principal J. J. Evans presided.

During the evening a splendid program of songs, recitations, folk dances and gymnastics was rendered by the pupils and ex-pupils of the school. Handsome bouquets were presented to Mrs. Hearst, Miss Knight and Miss Silver by the little tots of the school.

CHRISTMAS DINNER FOR CHILDREN.

Following the example of the last few years, the Toronto Advertising Club, giving a Christmas dinner and Christmas tree to one hundred deserving children in the City of Toronto. The plan adopted this year is to hold this festive dinner at the Carls-Rite. Dinner will be followed by a visit from Santa Claus.

FRANK REGAN TO RUN.

Frank Regan, barrister, announced last night that he will be a candidate for aldermanic honors in Ward Three.

Here Are Some Suitable Gifts

- PERSIAN LAMB COATS**—40 and 42 inches long, made from best quality Persian Lamb skins. The styles are loose, full from shoulders, and semi-fitted backs, with extra full flared skirts. Collar and lapels. Some shawl, with deep cuffs. Linings are of best quality broad and pussy willow silk. Special ... **\$265.00**
- HUDSON SEAL COATS (Models)**—Trimmed with Alaska Sable (Skunk). Handsome Coats, 42 and 46 and 48 inches long, made from selected Hudson Seal skins. Beautiful deep collar, cuffs, and 6, 8 and 10-inch border on bottom of skirt. Styles are full from shoulders with extra large, full-flared skirt. Lined with best quality new broad and pussy willow silk linings. Special ... **\$285.00**
- CROSS FOX SETS**—Beautifully marked full-furred skins. Stoies full animal and open cape styles; muffs new melon shape. Finished with large natural tails, head and paws; soft silk linings, at \$100.00, \$125.00, \$150.00, \$175.00 and \$200.00 per set.
- WHITE FOX SETS**—Stoies large, full and open style, finished with head, tails and paws. Muffs are new round melon shape, with large tail, head and paws. Beautifully finished with soft silk linings, at \$80.00, \$115.00 and \$125.00 per set.
- SCOTCH MOLE SETS**—Some espee, trimmed with Ermine; choker cape collars, straight scarfs. Muffs pillow, round or melon; silk finished ends. Some trimmed with Ermine, at \$60.00, \$65.00, \$75.00, \$85.00 and \$100.00 per set.
- CINNAMON AND TAUPÉ FOX SETS**—Stoies full animal and cape styles; muffs melon or open fancy styles. Made from fine quality full-furred skins. Finished with head, tails and paws, and new soft silk linings, at \$80.00, \$85.00, \$75.00, \$85.00 and \$100.00 per set.
- HUDSON SEAL AND ERMINE NECK-PIECES**—Beautiful cape and soft crush scarfs; made from finest quality Hudson Seal and Russian Ermine; trimmed with soft silk linings. Special ... **\$37.50**
- HUDSON SEAL AND ERMINE MUDDS**—New melon and bell shapes. Made from finest quality Hudson Seal skins, trimmed with Russian Ermine; soft silk linings and elderdown bed. Special ... **\$25.00**
- CANADIAN RED FOX SETS**—Made from selected full-furred skins; full animal style neckpieces, finished with head, tails and paws. Muffs are round melon shape, finished with head, tails and paws; soft silk linings. Special, per set ... **\$60.00**
- BLACK FOX SETS**—Neckpieces are full animal style, finished with head, tails and paws and large full tail. Muffs are round and pillow styles. Made from glossy, full-furred skins; best linings and trimmings. Special, per set ... **\$57.50**
- MEN'S FUR-LINED COATS**—Outside shell made from good quality broadcloth and lined throughout with best quality deep collar of good quality dark Canadian Otter; 30 inches long. Special ... **\$75.00**
- LADIES' FUR-LINED COATS**—Outside shell made from imported broadcloth, down back and front; linings 36 inches long, of best quality Canadian Muskrat. Collar and lapels of finest quality full-furred Alaska Sable; 30 inches long. Special ... **\$85.00**
- LADIES' MUSKRAT COATS**—50 inches long. Made from best quality full-furred Canadian Muskrat skins; large deep collar and cuffs; loose box style. Best quality all-silk linings. Special ... **\$57.50**
- CANADIAN MINK SETS**—Stoies are wide over shoulders, deep back, some plain, some trimmed with heads, tails and paws. Muffs new melon and pillow styles. Special price ... **\$100.00**
- ALASKA SABLE SETS**—Neat neckpieces, in cross-over, cape and stole styles. Muffs new melon and pillow shapes. These sets are made from best quality full-furred skins. Special price, per set ... **\$67.50**
- PERSIAN LAMB SETS**—Neckpieces in stole and cape styles. Muffs pillow and new melon shapes. Made from even glossy skins; best quality linings and trimmings. Special price, per set ... **\$57.50**
- NATURAL CANADIAN COON SETS**—Stole and full animal neckpieces, finished with head, tails and paws. Muffs new melon and pillow styles. Made from full-furred skins. Special ... **\$37.50**
- NATURAL OPOSSUM SETS**—Stole and full animal neckpieces, finished with head, tails and paws. Muffs pillow and new melon shapes. Special price, per set ... **\$25.00**
- NATURAL CANADIAN PLUCKED BEAVER NECKPIECES**—In many different styles; ties and cross-overs; best quality soft silk linings. Special ... **\$15.00**
- NATURAL CANADIAN BEAVER MUDDS**—New round, melon and pillow styles. Fine quality linings and trimmings. Special ... **\$35.00**
- NATURAL CANADIAN WOLF SETS**—Large animal style, finished with head, tail and paws. Muffs pillow shape. Some finished with head, tails and paws. Special ... **\$29.00**
- CANADIAN BLACK WOLF SETS**—Full animal style, finished with head, tail and paws. Some lined with soft silk linings; others double-furred. Muffs large pillow and round melon shapes. Special ... **\$37.50**

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ONLY 4 MORE SHOPPING DAYS TO XMAS

C. N. AND GOVERNMENT ROADS TO GIVE RAILS

Sir Donald Mann Attends Conference to Decide on Britain's Appeal.

Sir Donald Mann, vice-president of the C.N.R., left for Montreal last night, where, it is reported, conferences will be held regarding the British Government's appeal for rails to be used in France. It is declared that neither the Grand Trunk nor C.P.R. can supply any rails from their Ontario systems. It is more likely that lines in the western provinces will be stripped of extra mile-ages. Hundreds of sidings and yard tracks on the Canadian Government road in the west will not be utilized for years, it is declared, and these rails may be torn up and sent overseas. The C.N.R. too, will send hundreds of tons of steel to England.

BRITISH EXPLODE MINES BY NEVILLE ST. VAAST

Artillery of Enemy Develops Particular Activity Near Eancourt L'Abbaye.

London, Dec. 19.—The report from British headquarters in France issued tonight, reads:

"We successfully blew three mines early this morning south of Neville St. Vaast. A small mine blown by the enemy yesterday south of Ypres did no damage to our trenches."

"The enemy's artillery was particularly active during the night in the neighborhood of Eancourt L'Abbaye. Today we carried out a successful bombardment of the enemy's lines east of Paquesseart. Elsewhere the usual artillery activity continued."

INCREASE WAGES TEN PER CENT.

A ten per cent. increase in wages to all employees in the service for six months or more was the Christmas present given the employees of the Dominion Express Company. The increase involves an additional half-million dollars in salaries a year to the company, which has completed the most prosperous year of its history.

ROWLAND AGAIN LEADS SOX.

Chicago, Dec. 19.—Clarence Rowland, who managed the Chicago Club in the American League last season, today was appointed to manage the club next year.

VISITOR TO TORONTO.

W. F. Grant of Halifax, newly-appointed lieutenant-governor of Nova Scotia, is a visitor in Toronto. He is staying at the King Edward Hotel.

MY PURPOSE

IF ELECTED to the Board of Control for 1917 my intention is to spare no time nor pains in studying well the Transportation problems of our city so as to intelligently aid in working out a co-ordinated system, which will be well completed when the city comes into possession of all existing lines in 1921, and which will then provide for all citizens, and under municipal control, the finest street railway accommodation on this continent.—W. H. Shaw, Candidate for Board of Control for 1917.

ROYAL D.

Among the guests of a dinner at the home of Mrs. West, was Mrs. West, who was a guest of the Sec.

AUXILIARY

The Women's Canadian Club, headed by Mrs. West, was a guest of the Sec.

SELLS RE

Mrs. Joseph, her Red Cross, was a guest of the Sec.