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The Want Ads that tell the facts, give the most complete description, are the ones that bring the most replies.

Good automobiles may be purchased very cheaply this year. This very day many high grade used cars are advertised in the Want Ad columns of The Times-Star.

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Watch Out For Second Story Man, Is Police Warning

PREMIER DEFENDS VALUATION LAW

WATERLOO ST. HOME INVADED DURING NIGHT
C. Bassen Loses \$155 From the Pocket of His Trousers.

THIEF USED WINDOW
Fredericton Had Similar Cases Recently and St. John Last Summer.

That an expert "second story" man is at work in St. John, and that all citizens should exercise care regarding leaving windows unfastened or money around in clothing was a warning issued by the Detective Department this morning.

Some time last night, while Carl Bassen was asleep in his home at 139 Waterloo street, a burglar gained entrance and succeeded in stealing \$155 which was in one of his trousers pockets. An entrance was gained from the roof of a porch through a washroom window. Nothing else in the house was disturbed.

About this time last year similar breaks and thefts were made and despite every effort no clue was unearthed to disclose the identity of the culprit. Speaking about the matter this morning, Sergeant-Detective Power said that cases of this kind are difficult to handle, as the thief left no clue to work upon.

In Fredericton recently a case similar to that of Mr. Bassen's was reported. Two men had their trousers taken from their rooms and sums of money stolen, after which the thief left the garments lying on stairs in the house.

SHADOW OF DEATH FALLS ON DIVORCE
Polo Player Dying, His Wife Abandons Suit and Goes to His Bedside.

Detroit, Aug. 22.—(United Press)—As James S. Southwick, noted Detroit polo player, lay unconscious and dying in Henry Ford Hospital today, an attorney, representing his wife, filed in circuit court a petition for dismissal of divorce suit against him.

Meanwhile Mrs. Southwick sat at her husband's side, her body rigid with suspense, her eyes straining for the first signs of returning consciousness. He has been in a stupor since Sunday afternoon, when his pony tripped and threw him on his head as he was battling in behalf of the Gold Hats polo team against the Grosseto Polo Country Club poloists at the Detroit Riding and Hunt Club.

Blood transfused from the veins of Gerald Monaghan, clubman, brought about a slight improvement in the injured man's condition last night and today.

CANADIAN ALE IS SEIZED AT BORDER
Customs Officials Take Liquor From Car of Hay For Yorkers.

Montreal, Aug. 22.—Customs officials at Rouens Point, one of the districts closely watched for infractions of liquor transportation, came across a fine consignment of ale this morning. Hidden among 100 bales of hay in a freight car the Canadian ale was brought to the surface after diligent digging and removal of scum and hives. The ale came from St. Edouard, Quebec, and was marked with the name of William Kay, Grain Company, Yorkers, N. Y. The seizure was made by Deputy Customs Collector W. Shaw.

Aged Resident of Sunbury Is Dead
Fredericton, Aug. 22.—(Special)—Charles Smith of Waterville, Sunbury county, died Thursday of hemorrhage of the brain at the age of 78. Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. Adolphus Mills, of Woodville, and six sons, Merrill, of Woodville; William and Ingraham, at home; Frank and Burden, of Woodville, and Chester, of Oromocto.

Killed a Cat; Dog Gets Life Sentence

Philadelphia, Aug. 22.—Governor Gifford Pinchot's dog, Pep, has begun a life-sentence in the Eastern Penitentiary for the "murder" of a family cat. The Pennsylvania chief executive himself imposed the sentence upon the canine and had a special policeman bring the convict from the governor's home at Mill-Ford, Penn., to this city.

FINNISH GIRL IS HELD AT HALIFAX
Helsinki Police Want Her on Charge of \$25,000 Embezzlement.

Halifax, Aug. 22.—A young woman being held by immigration authorities at the request of the authorities at Helsinki, Finland, who charge her with embezzlement of \$25,000 from her employers there. She was taken from the liner Oscar II, and was accompanied by her mother. The authorities refuse to divulge her name, and the girl protests innocence.

GETS REWARD FOR PARTNER'S ARREST
Bennett, Associated With Charles Mathews in California, Receives \$2,500.

Toronto, Aug. 22.—Edward Bennett, partner of Charles Mathews, Jr., former Deputy Treasurer of Ontario, in the quick lunch business in Santa Clara, Calif., has received the complete Ontario Government information which led to the arrest and deportation of Mathews on a charge of violating the Secret Commissions Act.

WORK OF BRITISH NAVY IS PRAISED
Special Squadron Commander is Guest at Dinner in Ottawa.

Ottawa, Aug. 22.—(By Canadian Press)—It takes three years to build a ship and nine years to train the crew to man her, thus Vice Admiral Sir Frederick Field, commanding the special service squadron now touring the Empire, declared at a dinner given here in his honor last night by Hon. M. MacDonald, Minister of National Defence. Sir Frederick was speaking in reply to a toast of his health, and that of the officers of the special service squadron, proposed by Premier King and seconded by Sir Robert Borden, Canada's Premier during the war.

Premier King spoke in high terms of the work of the navy in the war, of the value of the cruise of the special service squadron. On behalf of the Dominion Government he extended a warm welcome to Canada.

Wire Briefs
Sydney, N. S., Aug. 22.—Up to noon, Lausburg wireless station had picked up nothing from the American U. S. fliers or their naval escorts.

Connaught Ranges, Ottawa, Aug. 22.—Captain Stewart Bone of the Victoria Rifles, Montreal, this morning won the Governor General's medal for the second stage with a total score of 198 points out of a possible 205.

Stamilton, N.B., Aug. 22.—Giant steamship Majestic, inbound from New York, grounded on a sandbank at the entrance to Southampton water at low tide this afternoon but was refloated with aid of two tugs a short time afterward and proceeded to Southampton.

PRINCE OF WALES READY TO SAIL FOR U. S. TOMORROW

Berengaria's Capacity Taxed by Crews Anxious to Accompany Him.

HAS SPECIAL SUITE
Whole Vessel Has Been Renovated in Honor of Royal Passenger.

London, Aug. 22.—The Prince of Wales has packed his trunks and bid good-bye to his cronies and, with the exception of a few official matters to be attended to today, is ready to hand over his tickets to the purser of the Berengaria, which will leave tomorrow from Southampton on his second visit to the United States.

These marriageable daughters will leave behind several hundred disappointed Americans who have been turned away from the shipping office in the last four or five weeks, since the liner's accommodations for 700 saloon passengers are all taken, and who constitute the "long list" of expectant ones awaiting possible last-minute cancellations.

Suite is Prepared.
Since the Berengaria arrived in port Tuesday a corps of plumbers, carpenters, painters and upholsters has been busy decorating the imperial suite which His Royal Highness will occupy.

The suite, consisting of two bedrooms, saloon and breakfast room, now is in spotless white and gay chintz-covered chairs and draperies, new furniture and fixtures and other improvements, including a tiled bathroom.

Private Dining Room.
The Prince will not dine in the general dining room, but a table will be placed in an alcove of the balcony of the saloon set for the nine members of His Royal Highness's entourage.

5 HURT BY BLAST ON RUM SCHOONER
Gasoline Explodes on Vessel Bound for Halifax—Five Burned.

Newport, R. I., Aug. 19.—Five men who said they were members of the crew of a British schooner running rum into port aboard a power boat from Block Island and three of them were taken to a hospital suffering from severe burns. They had been injured, they said, when a quantity of gasoline exploded on a fishing boat which was lying along side the schooner.

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PLACES BLAME FOR INEQUALITIES ON LOCAL ASSESSORS

Veniot Answers Critics After Paper at Municipalities Session.

DR. ROBERTS HEARD

Gives Paper on State Medicine and Its Relation to Municipality.

(Special to The Times-Star.)

Moncton, Aug. 22.—The outstanding feature of the morning session of the Convention of the Union of New Brunswick Municipalities today was the paper by C. T. Mersereau on provincial valuation, and the discussion it raised. The present provincial law was warmly defended by Premier Veniot, who placed the blame for inequalities in taxation on the way the assessors carried out the law.

A paper by Hon. W. F. Roberts on "State Medicine and Its Relation to the Municipality," was heard with deep interest by the delegates. This afternoon the delegates are the guests of the city of Moncton on a drive to the oil wells and Hopewell Cape.

Survive Many Attacks.
Mr. Mersereau said that he of the Maritime Provinces had been accused of having a single track mind, and it seemed to him there was some truth in the contention. He had gone through in turn, attacks of railwayitis, highwayitis, automobilitis, and later hydro-electricitis, but fortunately these attacks had passed the acute stage and the patient was likely to recover. The microbe of home-ruleitis had effected the body politic and, while it had some good in it, had been carried to extremes, and our municipal legislation today resembled a patch work.

Through all the changes in municipal legislation the system of valuation and assessment was practically the same as in 1854, and this seemed to him an evidence of a single track mind. He expressed the idea that taking the appointment of parish officers from the province as the returns filed with the provincial secretary had not been in the interest of the people, as these councillors naturally appear their own friends and supporters.

Parish Valuations.
Last year the County of Northumberland was valued, and the Parish of Blackville was placed at \$110,000 on personal property, and the assessment of this property for 1923 was \$7,668,614 and of this the sum of \$5,000,000 was in the four towns of St. Stephen, Milltown, St. Andrews and St. George. He did not believe there was this difference in the town and parish values.

In Kent county the per capita valuation was only \$99.28 and Kent was one of the best agricultural counties in the province. He said there was no such thing as a provincial valuation, as many of the counties and towns failed to send in returns.

Mr. Kelley said he had a great deal of sympathy with the officials of various municipalities as it required a lot of work, for which they received no pay, to fill out these returns. Mr. Mersereau said the remedy he had for this state of affairs was a provincial board of valuation.

Law Is Criticized.
In the State of Maine they had a board whose duty it was to equalize the assessment and there should be something of that nature in New Brunswick. The trouble with our present system lays largely in the fact that the assessors did not make their assessment on the valuation.

Premier Veniot pointed out that the N. B. law had the same effect, and it was not the fault of the law if it was not carried out.

Mr. Mersereau said it had been argued in opposition to a central board (Continued on page 9, fourth column)

Weather Report
Synopsis—Pressure is now highest in the Lower St. Lawrence Valley and lowest over the Upper Lakes and south of Nova Scotia.

North Winds, Fair.
Maritime—Northeast gales, fair in eastern Nova Scotia, northerly winds and fair in Western Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.