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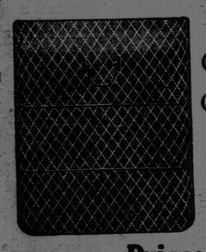

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GREAT PRICES FOR HARBOR FISHERIES

Brought a Total of $3,751.95 Over Last Year

Big Advances for Some of the Lots—Two Groups Not Sold—Best Results Since 1897.

There was a large crowd of fishermen in the court house this morning to bid on the sale of fishing lots along the harbor shores. The fishermen had plenty of money and some of the choicest lots went at a decided increase over last year. There was considerable disorder at times, as the fishermen talked back to each other as in turn their raised the bids. The council decided not to sell Courtenay Bay or the Carleton flats lots this year. These two sections brought only $98 last year. So lively was the bidding this morning that the revenue increased greatly without the two unsold groups, and is one of the highest totals in thirteen years. The increase over last year was $3,751.95. No. 9 lot on Navy Island last year brought $101, while John M. Christopher had to pay $553 for it this morning. No. 8 last year brought but $351, while this year Harry Belyea pays $1,406. Lots No. 1 to 7 last year brought $301; this year W. A. Spence paid $510. Lot No. 2 last year cost $451. This morning John M. Christopher paid $1,137 for it.

There was a large increase in the payments in each section and the sale was a grand success from the city standpoint. An upset price was put on all the lots this year, and the prices being started high they sold at large sums. A large number of the aldermen were present at the sale, and T. T. Lantalum was the auctioneer.

There was some delay in the proceedings for, shortly after Frank Belyea purchased four lots which included the "Diving Bell," and paid $752, a mistake was made in the numbers and Abraham Craft bid in lots which seemed to include the "Diver." All he paid was 50 cents. After considerable disorder and talk Mr. Craft withdrew his objection and claim to the "Diver" and the sale went on.

The following is a comparative statement of this and last year's sales and the total amounts obtained from the fisheries for the past thirteen years:

NAVY ISLAND.

	1910.	1909.
3—Alex. Lamereaux ..	$ 1.00	$ 1.00
4-5—A. Lamereaux. ..	51.00	22.00
9—J. M. Christopher..	553.00	101.00
10-11—Hugh Sloan .. .	1.10	5.00
8—Harry Belyea	1,406.00	351.00
6—Robert Hutton	1.00	1.00
1-7—W. A. Spence.. ..	510.00	301.00
2—J. M. Christopher..	1,137.00	451.00
	$3,660.10	$1,233.00

An increase of $2,427.10 over last year.

CARLETON SHORE.

	1910.	1909.
1-5—Jas. Stackhouse ..	.30	.25
25—A. Lamereaux . .	1.00	14.00
23-24—Ed. Woodworth.	1.00	4.00
19-22—F. T. Belyea.. .	752.00	10.00
17-10—Abraham Craft .	.50	2.10
8-9—An. Harnard . . .	211.00	5.10
7—Wm. Harnard . . .	350.00	10.00
6—Geo. Hampton . . .	158.00	101.00
	$1,473.80	$ 145.55

Increase over last year, $1,328.25.

STRAIT SHORE.

	1910.	1909.
5-14—H. Wilson.	$ 1.00	$ 1.00
15-16—W. A. Spence. .	.20	.20
17-21—A. E. Logan . .	40.00	35.00
22—W. B. Logan.	.10	2.50
23-31—G. A. Akerley. .	5.10	1.00
	$ 46.40	$ 39.80

Increase over last year, $6.60.

A comparative statement of total sales for the three sections gives:—

	1910.	1909.
Carleton Shore . . .	$ 155.55	$1,473.80
Strait Shore..	39.80	46.40
Navy Island	1,233.00	3,660.10
	$1,428.35	$5,180.30

The increase this year over the amount obtained for lots on these three sections last year is $3,751.95.

The net results for the last of the sales for the past thirteen years have been:—

1910	$5,180.30
1909	1,526.35
1908	4,146.10
1907	6,187.00
1906	6,058.25
1905	5,191.05
1904	3,851.05
1903	2,411.60
1902	4,692.85
1901	5,598.20
1900	4,411.30
1899	3,478.05
1898	3,713.05

The lots on the Carleton Flats and Courtenay Bay were not sold. The Carleton flats are now valueless as a fishing ground as the land where the weir poles were once placed is now being dredged by a couple of dredges to mak brths for th ocean liners. The lots on the Carleton Flats last year brought $8.00, and those on Courtenay Bay $80.00. With these lots not sold and the $98 taken off the total fishery sales, the increase this year over the grand total of last year is $3,751.95.

MONCTON, N. B., Jan. 4.—With a cold wind blowing at a rate of twenty-five miles an hour, pedestrians here are finding trouble in getting along, and as the sidewalks are in a very icy condition the difficulty is increased greatly. The thermometer registered six below this morning.

The Maritime express was two hours late this morning, the delay being caused by a heavy snowstorm that is raging between Caupscal and Little Metis in Quebec.

DECEMBER WAS A VERY MILD MONTH

Average Temperature Was 25.6 Degrees

First Zero Weather of the Present Winter Was Felt This Morning When Mercury Dropped One Below.

This morning the weather man treated St. John to real zero weather. For the first time during the season the mercury dropped to one degree below the zero mark. A strong wind made the weather feel much colder. Several thermometers about the city registered as low as five and six degrees below.

The minimum temperature at the Observatory was 1. At 9 o'clock the thermometer registered zero. The maximum temperature during the last twenty-four hours was eighteen degrees.

Director Hutchinson has completed his report on the weather for December. He says that the month had a phenomenally mild temperature. In all the localities of the province but little zero weather was experienced. On the 27th the temperature changed and decidedly cold weather was felt. The St. John River was open until December 12, which is one of the latest dates in its history. The Miramichi River did not close until the 26th, making one of the longest periods of navigation on record.

The highest temperature during the past month was 42.5 on the 5th. The lowest during the month was 3.5 on the 20th. The average temperature was 25.6.

The total precipitation for December was 3.14 inches. There were five inches of snow, equal to .50 inches in precipitation.

Heavy storms, accompanied by southeast gales, occurred on the 14th. Moderate southeast gales prevailed on the 8th. Moderate northwest gales were experienced on the 27th and 30th. Near the coast line the ground was practically bare of snow until the 25th. On the north shore and in the middle of the province sleighing has been good since the middle of the month. Lumbering has been greatly delayed through the absence of snow and cold weather.

At Fredericton the maximum temperature was forty-three degrees and the lowest was fifteen below. The average for the month was twenty-three degrees. Fredericton had nineteen inches of snow during the month. There was about one foot covering at the close of the month.

At St. Stephen the maximum temperature was forty three and the minimum fourteen above zero. There were 7 inches of snow and sleighing was possible since the 28th. At Moncton the maximum temperature was forty and the minimum was fifteen below zero. The city had thirty inches of snow during the month. At the close there was a covering of 21 inches. Heavy northeast gales and snowstorms took place there on December 26th.

In 1908 December weather was remarkable for its rapid temperature changes, excessive cloudiness and frequent falls of rain or snow. Gales from the northwest blew on the 2nd and 3rd; southwest on the 4th, and southeast on the 7th. In Southern New Brunswick sleighing was fair during the last two weeks. The snow at the close of the month ranged from one inch near the south coast to two feet in the woods of the northern districts. The maximum temperature in the province was fifty-eight at St. Stephen on the 1st and the minimum twenty below at Fredericton on the 23rd.

COOK'S RECORDS NOW ON THE WAY TO WASHINGTON

Nobody Very Anxious Now About Getting Them—Will Arrive This Week

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4—Dr. Frederick A. Cook's Polar data is on its way to Washington to be examined by the National Geographic Society. According to information sent to Prof. B. H. Gore, the documents were started from Copenhagen on December 21, which would get them to Washington about the end of the week.

Prof. Gore, Rear-Admiral Pittsbury and Dr. W. M. Hayes, of the Geological Survey, will examine the papers and make a report early this month. Yesterday President Willis L. Moore, of the Society, let it be known that he will not be a candidate for re-election. Some see in this one of the reflections of the Polar controversy.

WILL FIGHT BEQUESTS MADE TO POPE PIUS

London Heirs of Wealthy Testator Secure Court's Order for the Pope to Give Evidence.

LONDON, Jan. 4—Cousins of Lansignor Adami, under whose will Pope Pius was bequeathed several million lire, have brought an action to set aside the bequest. They allege that undue influence was brought to bear upon the testator in order that his wealth might pass into possession of the Vatican. The court has approved the demand of the plaintiffs that when the case comes up for trial the Pope shall be called upon as a witness to reply to the accusation.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL WHOLESALE FORGERS

Sicilian Officials Were Doing a Great Business

The Whole Bunch Arrested Along With Many of the Leading Citizens of the Town.

ROME, Jan. 4—At the little Sicilian town of Granitli, near Laormin, the mayor, Signor Cutrufolli, the entire town council and many prominent residents, have been imprisoned on a charge of forging bank notes. Many bad one hundred liere notes have been appearing in Sicily for some time past, and the provincial government received information that they were manufactured in an underground chamber in the neighborhood of Granitli. Investigation was made and a complete forger's outfit with $100,000 worth of forged notes was discovered. The councillors disappeared at the first hint that the game was up, but were all captured, the first to be taken into custody being the mayor himself.

WINNIPEG PREACHERS RAIDED CITY BANKS

Took the Names of Clerks Found Working on Sunday

Toronto W. C. T. U. and Nickel Shows—The Last of the Famous Minnie M.—Italians Fleeced.

TORONTO, Jan. 4—B. A. Tovell, corresponding secretary of West Toronto Women's Christian Temperance Union, has written to the Board of Education complaining against the distribution of coupons advertising certain five cent theatres to the children after school hours, such coupons admitting children to the shows free. The W. C. T. U. wants the practice stopped.

WINNIPEG, Jan. 4—A deputation, understood to represent the Lord's Day Alliance, visited eight of the principal city banks on Sunday and secured the names of officials found balancing the monthly and yearly accounts on the Lord's Day. It is not known by what authority the deputation acted, as the police emphatically deny any connection with the raid.

QUEBEC, Jan. 4—A sharper who appeared at an Italian boarding house at the Falls on New Year's eve, fleeced some twenty-five or thirty navvies of a dollar apiece. The man said he had to engage the Italian on some construction work and to guarantee their good faith he exacted one dollar from each of them. He made an appointment to meet the men at the C. P. R. station on New Year's night but did not show up.

TORONTO, Jan. 4—William Peters, of the Peters Cow Company, was struck by a freight train near West Toronto station yesterday afternoon and sustained such terrible injuries that he died two hours later at the Western Hospital. Mr. Peters was 56 years old and leaves a widow and one daughter.

SAULT STE. MARIE, Ont., Jan. 4—Steamer Minnie M. broke from her moorings during the high wind and drifted down river, and now lies aground in a dangerous position. The vessel was laid up for the winter and no one was on board. The Minnie M. came into fame during the provincial elections of 1904, when she was engaged to carry a crowd of pluggers to Michipicoten harbor.

PROMINENT TORONTO PHYSICIAN IS DEAD

Dr. G. F. Clelland Passed Away—Cable Co. Officer and Aged New Hampshire Judge Also Gone.

KINGSTON, Ont., Jan. 4.—Charles A. Gill, born in Kingston, and for the last thirty years a trusted employe of the Commercial Cable Company, is dead at his home in Brooklyn, N. Y., aged 46 years. Mr. Gill at the time of his death was manager of the Beaver street office of the Comemrcial Cable Company.

TORONTO, Jan. 4.—Dr. G. F. Clelland, one of the city's best known and most highly recommended medical practitioners, died last night. Dr. Clelland had been in poor health for some time, and hoping to recuperate he went south to Ashville, N. C., a few months ago. He grew worse, however, and returned to Toronto the Sunday before Christmas. A widow and two daughters survive him.

CONCORD, N. H., Jan. 4.—Judge Silvester Dana, the oldest member of the New Hampshire bar, and the oldest graduate in years of life though not in years of graduation of Dartmouth College, died in this city this morning. He was born in Oxford October 19, 1816, and graduated from Dartmouth in 1839. He studied law with President Franklin Pierce, was admitted to the bar in 1842 and had practiced here ever since, attending every term of court held in this city before the date of his admission to that office. He was judge of the local municipal court from 1862 to 1886; had been a justice of the peace for 65 years and a trustee of the New Hampshire Savings Bank for half a century. He was the first cousin to the father of Charles A. Dana of the New York Sun.

FATHER MEAHAN HAD 42 MARRIAGES

Rev. H. B. Hobles Second on the List With 19

Baptists Were Kept Busy—Total for the Was 470 and Births Numbered 799

During the past year a total of 470 marriages were recorded on the books kept by Registrar Jones. There were also 799 births.

Of the marriages all but 14 were in the city.

The clergyman having the largest number to his credit was as usual the parish priest of the cathedral, Father Meahan, who is this year responsible for 42. Following Father Meahan the Baptists appear to have the monopoly of the larger list, for among the next five are found Rev. B. H. Nobles, who takes second place with 19 to his credit, Rev. David Hutchinson with 15, Rev. Gideon Swith 14, and Rev. Wellington Camp also 14. Dr. W. O. Raymond is leader among the Church of England clergy and stands third on the list with 15 marriages, while Rev. Jacob Heaney leads the Methodists and Rev. Gordon Dickie the Presbyterians with 13 and 11 respectively.

The numbers of marriages performed by all the city clergymen during the year are as follows:

Rev. A. W. Meahan..	42
Rev. B. H. Nobles	19
Rev. W. O. Raymond	16
Rev. D. Hutchinson..	15
Rev. Gideon Swim	14
Rev. W. Camp..	14
Rev. Jacob Heaney	13
Rev. R. A. Armstrong	13
Rev. W. W. McMaster	12
Rev. S. Howard..	12
Rev. A. B. Cohoe..	12
Rev. A. J. Duke..	11
Rev. Neil McLaughlin..	11
Rev. Gordon Dickie	11
Rev. C. R. Flanders	11
Rev. R. P. McKim	10
Rev. J. W. B. Stewart..	10
Rev. J. J. Walsh	10
Rev. G. A. Kuhring	9
Rev. I. W. Kierstead	9
Rev. David Lang	9
Rev. H. D. Marr	8
Rev. A. A. Graham	8
Rev. E. B. Hooper	8
Rev. J. E. Hand	7
Rev. L. A. McLean	7
Rev. J. E. Purdie..	7
Rev. C. Collins..	7
Rev. W. H. Sampson....	7
Rev. J. H. A. Anderson	6
Rev. F. E. Bishop	6
Rev. J. J. O'Donovan	6
Rev. W. F. Chapman..	5
Rabbi Amdur....	5
Rev. C. W. Squires	5
Rev. J. C. B. Appel....	5
Rev. M. E. Fletcher	4
Rev. W. W. Lodge	4
Canon Hoyt	4
Rev. M. J. Maloney	4
Rev. G. F. Scovil	4
Rev. J. B. Champion	3
Rev. W. R. Robinson	3
Rev. H. R. Read	3
Rev. E. J. Holland	3
Rev. T. J. Deinstadt....	3
Rev. LeB. McKiel..	3
Rev. C. W. Townsend..	3
Rev. J. H. Borgmann	3

Rev. W. M. Duke, Rev. A. J. O'Neil, Rev. M. S. Trafton, W. J. D. Turner, Rev. Robt. Wilson, Rev. G. A. Ross, Rev. J. W. Holland, two each.

Rev. H. J. Perry, Rev. E. C. Scully, Rabbi Segal, Rev. S. W. Anthony, Dr. Heine, Rev. D. Converse, Rev. J. Ross, Rev. James Crisp, Rev. J. J. McCaskill, one each.

MANY PLACES FLOODED BY BROKEN WATER PIPE

Boston Theatres Put Out of Business Last Night—Losses Estimated at $200,000.

BOSTON, Jan. 4.—The city of Boston may have a big bill to pay in settlement of the damages caused by last night's flood from a bursting water main in the theatre district, if all the owners and tenants who sustained losses press their threatened suits. It will be some days before the full extent of the damage is known, but it was estimated today that the combined losses would reach $200,000. It was cold work bailing out flooded cellars in zero weather today, and in many cases there was additional loss through bursting water pipes in basements.

The theatres which were put out of commission last night announced today that sufficient repairs had been made to insure performances this evening.

MR. BIRRELL'S VIEWS

LONDON, Jan. 4.—Mr. Augustine Birrell, postmaster general, in a speech last night said he had never known the Liberals to be in better fettle than they were at present. He declared for a nominated second chamber with no vote.

ANOTHER CONVERT TO TARIFF REFORM

Demand for Definite Policies from the Leaders

Blatchford Kicking Over the Traces—Suggestions About the Future Fate of the House of Lords.

(Special Cable to the Montreal Star and St. John Star.)

LONDON, Jan. 4—Leader baiting is the political sport of the moment. Balfour is an old hand at avoiding premature disclosure of details of policy and nobody expects him to do what his political enemies demand in the angriest terms, namely to state exactly what duties he means to impose: "I will prescribe them when called in, not before," is his invariable reply.

The truth probably is that he has not fully made up his mind beyond that the duties will be moderate and widespread, and will leave the actual details to his chancellor of the exchequer when appointed, acting on the advice of permanent officials. It is understood that not a few schemes fulfilling in part Chamberlain's ideas, are filed away in the treasury pigeon-holes with the imprematur of some of the highest of British treasury officials of past years.

Now it is Asquith's turn. Today Sir William Anson, an eminent historian, repeats Rosebery's insistent question, "What is your policy regarding the House of Lords?" Three ways have been suggested, namely, ending, mending and bending. Asquith definitely disclaims ending, thus disappointing his Socialistic and thorough going Radical supporters also. He refrains from supporting either Grey's and Rosebery's proposals for mending, holding that you run a risk in making a second chamber so brainy, representative and influential as to dwarf in importance the house of commons in the eyes of the electorate. Grey nevertheless again last night stepped ahead of Asquith and argued in favor of an elective non-hereditary second chamber. There remains the policy of bending, which means curtailing of the powers of the lords while leaving the composition alone, but how that is, is a question Asquith must answer to satisfy his supporters. A Radical M. P. assures me that Asquith, speaking in the presence of several members of the cabinet, told him the cabinet's most probable method would be to demand from the King a letter accepting a condition without which Asquith will refuse to resume office, namely that sufficient life peers be created to pass through the lords forthwith a radical measure enacting that the present and all future finance bills shall become law by assent of the commons and King alone, while in general legislation the lords' veto may be annulled after a substantial interval, say two years. The answer to this is that any such step would be an unconstitutional use of brute force. Conservatives demand that Asquith come out into the open.

There are also demands that Balfour and Asquith both be pressed to accept or reject Rosebery's reasonable measure for reform of the lords, which many of the most influential peers themselves accept.

Another significant defection is announced. John Duffy, Socialist leader of the Independent Labor party at Gateshead, has resigned the vice-chairmanship. He says: "I hear some one shriek 'You will be helping tariff reform.' Precisely. I was never enamored of the free trade fetish. Those who say workers would be worse off as a result of a change in the fiscal system display a wanton ignorance of the present condition of the people."

Captain Kincaid Smith, a Radical M. P. for Stratford-on-Avon, speaking now on tariff reform platforms, says: "Though formerly a believer in free imports, I have been forced to the conclusion that arguments applicable a generation ago are of no value today. By tariff reform we gain better treatment in the foreign markets, more work and wages for Englishmen, and a realization of the policy of Imperial preference, and above all something real and effective towards reducing unemployment."

Blatchford, the sale of whose pamphlet on the German naval menace already exceeds half a million, creates some stir in Unionist circles by the declaration in his Socialist journal, the Clarion, that though he wrote his articles for the Daily Mail he does not believe the Unionists mean to put Imperial safety before party advantage. He says: "If the electorate are going to return the Tories to power under the impression that tariff reform and Dreadnoughts will save the Empire, the electorate are trusting to a rotten reed." Upon which the Radical papers remark that Lansdowne must find Blatchford a most uncomfortable bed fellow, as he kicks.

ROBERTA AND THE WAITER STILL AMONG THE MISSING

NEW YORK, Jan. 4.—Search for Roberta Buist De Janon, the 16-year-old Philadelphia heiress, and Ferdinant Cohen, the hotel waiter, who dropped out of sight at the same time in Philadelphia last week, was kept up by detectives in this city today on clues which convinced them that the two were in hiding here.

It became known today that an elderly man and a young girl, strongly resembling the couple, had applied for apartments at three places on the upper west side yesterday.