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shore. He wished to know whether the signals which went up from the sinking ship, were seen at Gannet Rock, and if so why assistance was not sent out, or the signals passed on to Seal Cove and from there to St. John.

At the trial, Mr. Boyer remarked that Mr. Meredith was trying to prove neglect on the part of those on shore. To this Mr. Meredith took exception, declaring that he was only trying to get at the truth of the whole matter. Incidentally he paid a high tribute to this point to the Department of Marine, saying that he believed more had been done toward navigation by the Canadian Government during the last five years than any other country the world had known during that time.

The commissioner has objected to the introduction of outside evidence, saying the scope of the inquiry was confined to the actual causes of the wreck of the Hecla, and was not concerned with anything that happened after the vessel struck.

Mr. Peers Davidson tendered a request for an adjournment of the inquiry to Mr. John, when the evidence could produce evidence of local conditions as to the tides and magnetic attraction. He explained also that the owners had received inadequate notice of the date and place of the inquiry. Mr. Boyer objected, saying that no good purpose could be served by making a transfer.

The commissioner decided that the question of the tides was one outside of the inquiry. It was a well-known fact that the tides in the Bay of Fundy were abnormal, and that a certain amount of magnetic attraction did exist. It was the business of the master of the ship, said the commissioner, to understand and allow for these outside conditions.

At this point Mr. Peers Davidson introduced a letter, which stated that the pieces of paper enclosed had been found on the body of dead seaman Murray who had been steering the ship at the time of the wreck. On the paper were the words "steering north 37 E. Then shifts course to north 60 E." This Mr. Davidson wished to submit as evidence.

The commissioner ruled that he could not accept the note as evidence, as there was no authority for it in his instructions as the scope of the commission.

He announced then that he believed it was the Minister's intention to have the matter of the lighting of the Proprietor Bury sifted at another inquiry at some further date in the near future. He had no doubt counsel would be allowed at this hearing to submit in full all evidence which had any bearing at all on the case.

Mr. Peers Davidson, addressing the commissioner, stated that the evidence showed negligence on the part of the master in that soundings had been carelessly taken. He claimed that it was his duty to see that the soundings were not at all times to be relied on, and that it was the duty of the master to allow for this fact.

The Gannet Light, he declared, was sighted many times during the night preceding the accident, and if the master had taken his course from this light the accident would never have occurred.

The commissioner reviewed the evidence, drawing attention particularly to the evidence in regard to the taking of soundings, and also to the position of the Gannet Light on the ship's beam. He then read the decision of the court, given as above, and the court adjourned.

Continued from Page 1. Maritime Dredging and construction company's contract for this, saying in part: The order in council quotes the prices tendered by this company, the Dominion Dredging Company, and G. S. Mayes. The Maritime Dredging and Construction Company's tender is 1st rock or boulders exceeding 2 cubic cubic yard, 3rd yards, \$5; 2nd, all other materials: Beacon Bar 50c, and Courtenay Bay 50c per cubic yard; 2nd, cast over rock exceeding 2 cubic yards, \$5; 4th, all other materials 35c. The Dominion Dredging Company's tender is 1st \$4.90; 2nd, 3rd 1.2c; 3rd \$5; 4, 50c.

Prices The Same. The specification and tender attached to the Maritime Dredging and Construction Company's contract and marked "lowest tender," reads: 1st \$4.90; 2nd, 3rd 1.2c; 3rd \$5; 4th, 50c. These prices are the same as those quoted by the order in council as tendered by the Dominion Dredging Company and not by the Maritime Dredging Company, and there is no mention made in the tender attached to the contract of the Maritime Dredging Company of any prices for Courtenay Bay, although the contract stipulated that this company agrees to oblige themselves to perform the work of dredging Courtenay Bay at the price named in their tender.

The contract therefore appears to me to be incomplete without having attached to it the tender of the Maritime Dredging Company, wherein they offer to do the work at Courtenay Bay.

Federation Endorses The Glace Bay Strike

Sympathy With United Mine Workers In Cape Breton Labor Struggle Expressed in Formal Resolution At Toronto Yesterday—The Federation And The International Movement—Must Face Socialistic Propaganda.

Toronto, Nov. 12.—At this morning's session of the American Federation of Labor, the following resolution was introduced by Delegate P. M. Draper, of Ottawa, and referred to committee: "Whereas, we, as representatives of the wage earners and health protectors of Canada, recognize that the American Federation of Labor is international in name and in its work to emancipate the toilers, and "Whereas, we believe that the future success of the labor movement in Canada depends upon the activity of its laboring men and women in their own behalf, supplemented with assistance that they may receive from the organized wage earners of every other country.

Resolved that we, the representatives of the American Federation of Labor, declare in favor of the international labor movement, and pledge our assistance to the organized wage earners of Canada, in extending the labor movement in Dominion of Quebec and eastern Canada, and that he should be a man who can speak both French and English.

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Delegated Draper. The resolution was prepared by Delegate Draper, after repeated conferences with Tom Lewis, president of the Mine Workers; Dan McDougall and Peter Patterson, of the local union in Glace Bay.

An intimation that the administration of the American Federation of Labor has in mind a plan of affiliation with European labor organizations and an indication on one of the speakers that an affiliation would work, was given by a casual remark of President Gompers to the convention. Mr. Frank Morrison, secretary, announced that a

strike had been declared by the glass workers of Italy, and that arrangements were being made to import strikebreakers from America.

Mr. Gompers said in the near future he hopes we will be able to cooperate with the International Federation of Labor if that it will be called, to prevent the importation of strikebreakers from Europe to America or vice versa.

"As to when we are going to jail, I cannot say," Mr. Gompers told the convention. "I have an abiding faith in the justice of our courts, and can only express the hope that the highest courts of the land will take the independent course which the opportunities present and immortalize themselves by affirming the principles enunciated by the magna charta and the constitution of the United States."

Another Canadian resolution was one from the Canadian Trades and Labor Congress asking that the labor movement in Dominion of Quebec and eastern Canada, and that he should be a man who can speak both French and English.

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SENSATIONAL EVIDENCE IN COAL CASE

Burned Letters Bearing On Trial Previous To Being Subpoenaed.

Halifax, N. S., Nov. 12.—When the afternoon session of the coal trial opened Mr. MacKenzie said that the prices for Pickford and Black supply of coal were usually fixed in December.

Witness said that he did not have the slightest recollection of any complaint to Mr. Morrow about the cost of trimming coal in the last fifteen years.

"And the letters are all burned," said Mr. Ritchie.

Witness said he formerly had supplied Furness Withy Co., but had not done so for five or ten years. There was no arrangement of conversation in regard to prices. Mr. Dick had gone to London and had taken the contract from the Intercolonial Coal Mining Company by offering inducements to the Dominion of Quebec and eastern Canada, and that he should be a man who can speak both French and English.

Bunker coal sells at \$4.50 in Halifax with trimming extra. It had sold at \$4.25 but he could not tell when. He did not recollect how the change came about. He could not give an opinion when the rise in price took place. About 1900, coal was very scarce. He had not as high as \$15 a ton for coal then.

Asked further regarding the prices Mr. MacKenzie said that the nominal or standard price at the mines was \$3.50. "Constant customers bargained about the price to be paid and often got lower prices quoted than he asked," Mr. MacKenzie said he knew absolutely nothing about the Intercolonial Railway contracts. He did not handle them.

"Have you any letters regarding prices?" No Letters. I have none. I took all the letters having reference to the Intercolonial Coal Mining Co., whether they had reference to prices or not, and burned them until they were all destroyed.

"I have not a single letter from Dick to myself in my possession," Dick continued the witness was very sure.

Ritchie asked for the letters volunteered in the morning. Mr. MacKenzie said that he had left them at his office. He thought Mr. Ritchie would find them there. He sent out for the letters.

Mr. Ritchie concluded his examination and witness passed into the hands of the lawyers for the defence.

In the Supreme Court this morning Mr. R. Morrow in the coal companies conspiracy case was concluded at the morning session, and a new turn was given to the evidence by the appearance in the witness box of new witnesses. After Mr. Morrow had been allowed to step down, Thomas Murphy, a clerk in the Glace Bay office of the coal company was called to testify.

Sept. 12, 1902, Mr. Murphy said he had not seen the letter when he delivered the files to the counsel for the defence.

It was when Hugh D. MacKenzie, Halifax agent of the Intercolonial Coal Company, went on the stand that the real interest in the trial began. Blue in the witness box of them two, Andrews and the granting of an equivalent lot, as authorized by council was reported.

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The Year's Trial of the Assistant Engineer

Council Last Evening After Warm Debate Compromise On Temporary Engagement—Street Department Comes In For Severe Criticism—Purchase Of Supplies Left With Mayor And Chairmen Of Boards.

After a lively discussion last evening, the Common Council, in general committee, voted to engage an assistant engineer for the year 1910 at a salary of \$1500, to work under the direction of Mr. William Murdoch, city engineer. The motion for the appointment was in the nature of a compromise between two parties in the Council, who at first seemed hopelessly divided on the question of the creation of the new office. In the course of the debate, Mr. Murdoch and the present administration of the street department came in for severe criticism from Mr. McKenney.

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SUGAR IS ARRESTED

New York, Nov. 12.—After many months of quiet work behind the scenes by the government investigators who have been scrutinizing the ins and outs of the complicated sugar import frauds, there suddenly came today the indictment and arrest of an important former officer of the American Sugar Refining Company.

He is charged with conspiracy to defraud the government by false weighing of sugar and he is James F. Bendernagel, for more than thirty years, superintendent of the Havemeyer and Elder Refinery in Williamsburg, the largest plant of the American Sugar Refining Company. It was regarded as significant that Bendernagel's resignation from this responsible position was announced by the company only yesterday. He was arrested at his home in Brooklyn, where he had been living with his wife and jury which he had evidently expected.

Preferred a Kicking Horse. Ald. Lewis said he would rather argue with a kicking horse than with the fire department, the chief particularly. His vote would never go in favor of work outside the water and sewerage, public works and public safety boards.

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NO MERCY FOR MME. STEINHEIL

Prosecuting Attorney Paints Prisoner in Blackest Of Colors—Advances Theory For Every Phase Of Crime.

Paris, Nov. 12.—The entire session of the Steinheil murder case today was taken up with an impassioned plea by Advocate General Trouard Riollet for the conviction of the woman who is charged with having killed her husband and her stepmother, and, because Mme. Steinheil's counsel, M. Aubin, is yet to be heard, doubt has arisen as to whether the fate of the woman will be placed with the jury tomorrow.

The prosecutor showed neither pity nor mercy in his address to the jury. He painted the accused woman in the blackest colors—as the most wicked type of woman, a born liar and as one whose whole life, before and after the crime, justified the presumption of guilt. He developed the theory that after her rich and generous over, Chonard, abandoned her in 1907, Mme. Steinheil realized that she was almost at the end of her tether and that when she got married, she determined to hold him even at the price of murder.

Throughout the day Mme. Steinheil seemed greatly depressed. Not once did she interrupt the proceedings, though frequently she clenched her fist and showed signs of anger when the prosecutor made particularly odious insinuations against her.

LA FLAMME DEFEATED IN QUEBEC BY-ELECTION

Ald. Robillard The Winner In St. James Division—Government Candidate Defeated In St. Saviour.

Special To The Standard. Montreal, Nov. 12.—The by-elections in St. James division of Montreal, Chamby and St. Saviour, Quebec, to fill vacancies in the Quebec legislature which were held today resulted in the election of two supporters of the Government, and a labor candidate. In St. James division Mr. N. K. Lafamme, K. C., who had the active support of Mr. Bourassa, was defeated by the Liberal candidate, Mr. Robillard, by a majority of 288.

In Chamby Dr. Desaulniers, the Government candidate, was elected over Mr. Marcell, Opposition, by a majority of 496, and in St. Saviour Mr. Langlois, the labor candidate, defeated the Government candidate by a majority of 388.

King's Daughters Tea and Sale. The King's Daughters sale and tea was brought to a close last evening and was successful beyond all expectations. There was a record crowd in attendance during the entire evening and many expressions of admiration were heard for the artistic taste displayed by those who were responsible for the pretty decorations. All the games and amusements were well patronized and some handsome prizes were distributed. The Every Day Club orchestra was in attendance and rendered some pleasing selections. God Save the King was a fitting close to a most successful tea and sale.

THIRTY VESSELS ASHORE IN NEWFOUNDLAND

Awful Havoc Of Terrific Storm—Which Swept Ancient Colony—No Lives Reported As Lost.

St. Johns, N. F., Nov. 12.—Thirty fishing vessels and trading schooners are ashore at various points along the coast of Newfoundland and a half dozen vessels are missing as the result of a gale of hurricane proportions which raged for three days. Up to a late hour tonight no lives of seamen on vessels, accounted for, have been lost.

The storm apparently originated in the tropics and after sweeping the sea strack the southern and eastern Newfoundland coasts with cyclonic force. Telegraph poles, trees, fishing houses and signal stations went down before the blast which also demolished wharves, water-side buildings and fishing outfits. Many of the schooners driven ashore were at anchor. Several vessels not in port were forced to put to sea to escape destruction on the rocks.

The steamer Portia left St. Johns today to search for the missing craft.

COURT CONCLUDES DOCKET AT CAPITAL

Docket Disposed Of With Argument In The County Court Appeal Case—Judgment Is Reserved In All Cases.

Fredericton, N. B., Nov. 12.—The supreme court concluded the docket today with the argument in the county court appeal cases. The court reserved judgment in all cases and adjourned until Thursday when judgments will probably be delivered.

In the Supreme Court this morning Mr. J. A. Barry moved for a mandamus in the case of ex parte Timothy Driscoll. Mr. Ritchie contra. Mr. Barry claimed that the magistrate should have allowed the proceedings to be forwarded. The court was unanimous of the opinion that a mandamus should be issued and the Chief Justice said that in expressing the opinion of the court he did not think that it should be necessary to take out the writ as he had no doubt that the magistrate would furnish the proceedings when he knew the decision of the court.

The County Court appeals were then taken up. Massey-Harris Company vs. Merritt, Mr. P. Hughes supported the appeal from the York verdict rendered in the York County Court. R. B. Hanson, contra. The court considers. The docket will be all probably concluded this week.

The second County Court appeal of Ward vs. Cormier is now before the court. Mr. W. D. Carter supports the appeal from Kent County Court.

SEAMEN'S MISSION PROGRAMME

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NACKAWICK VALLEY TO HAVE RAILWAY

Fredericton, N. B., Nov. 12.—Surveys have been commenced for a new branch railway in York county, and when completed the new road promises to be an important adjunct to the C. P. R. system in New Brunswick. The new railway will be about 14 miles in length, and will run from Millville, in the Gibson branch of the C. P. R. through Temperance Vale, and out to Southampton, following the course of the Nackawick valley and thence up the eastern end of the valley to the town of St. John river. A staff of engineers in charge of Chief Engineer Holt is now engaged in making the surveys, and the actual work is not started this winter. It will commence with the first opening of spring.

James K. Pinder, M. P. P., who was in the project, is interested in the project, it is understood, and has done much towards bringing it along to a practical proposition that will result in the development of that important section of the St. John valley. Mr. Pinder, who approached last evening, declined to discuss the details of the arrangements, but it is understood that the C. P. R. will be asked to take over the road when constructed and operate it upon the same basis that it operates other branch lines.

Spent Mornings in Consultation. Ald. Kelley cited instances of the foremen spending the morning in consultation with Mr. Murdoch. If the foremen were not capable of running their own departments he said new men should be engaged. Mr. Murdoch prepared to give Murdoch an assistant until the City Engineer had laid before the Council the character and class of work which he intended to carry out on the streets of the city.

With regard to the charge that Mr. Murdoch was engaged in routine work, the engineer was not altogether to be blamed. He had to check the purchases and go into all the details of every transaction. Any boy or girl could easily attend to such matters. Only ten feet from where the aldermen were sitting, there was evidence of incompetency when the paving blocks were laid on Prince William street. They floated after the first rain storm and this under the nose of the City Engineer.

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FALL & WINTER Over-Coatings and Suitings at the LATEST STYLES

are now being shown by A. R. Campbell & Son Merchant Tailors, 26 Germain Street.

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Although the gaities of Christmas number than the one, nevertheless society entertaining in various ways but with the approach of Christmas the social life of the city which combine work and well as the younger set.

Mr. Harkins, the popular manager and his company opened a two weeks' engagement at the Opera House, are welcomed back by St. John's. During the week of Christmas audiences attended, thus proving the popularity of Harkins and his company.

One of the smartest entertainments was given by Mrs. McInerney on Thursday at her handsome residence on the street in honor of the Christmas season. Mrs. McInerney who is a season's debutante orchestra which was started lower hall, rendered delightfully during the afternoon, which was enjoyed by the large number of fashionable folk in the room where masses of white themums were the decoration. His guests, the former of the season's debutante orchestra which was started lower hall, rendered delightfully during the afternoon, which was enjoyed by the large number of fashionable folk in the room where masses of white themums were the decoration.

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Ald. Sprout said he favored giving the drawing work to a private engineer. If a man was to be engaged, he should be well paid and competent. Ald. Hayes said it was good business to pay a little more money for what large amounts were properly expended.

Not Money Enough. Ald. McGoldrick said it was little use in speaking of the poor work of the street department when it was acknowledged that only one-third of the proper amount had been voted. He kept in close touch with the street department and knew that Superintendent Winchester was as good a man as the city ever had.

Ald. Frink suggested that the tender place a time limit of six weeks for delivery of the boiler and that the engine be kept in commission until the boiler was ready.

Ald. Christie accepted the suggestion as a part of his motion, which carried unanimously. Mr. Murdoch, city engineer, was heard with reference to the appointment of an assistant engineer. He had no one to make surveys or take charge in the drafting room. He found no time to work in the drafting room in the morning or to take charge of the surveys in the afternoon. Every time a sewer was laid a survey had to be made and a plan prepared. Measurements had to be made on contract work and a record kept.

To Take Place of Director. To Ald. Baxter Mr. Murdoch said an assistant would represent the director in the general management of the sewerage and street work. Providing a gang boss or foreman to push the work along would not serve his purpose. Such men were too abundant. It was easy to secure them.

To Aid. Likely the city engineer said the city was suffering at present from the lack of an assistant. The making of plans was going behind. Ald. Belyea wanted to know if an assistant would help the ferry service any.

Mr. Murdoch reported that a number of applications were already on file. Ald. Lewis moved that Mr. Murdoch be empowered to engage an assistant at a salary not exceeding \$1,500.

Ald. Baxter moved that the board go into private session and Ald. Kelley seconded the motion. There was a lively discussion over the matter of asking the press to retire and Ald. Likely, seconded by Ald. Belyea moved that the reporters remain.

Ald. Likely's amendment carried. The question of an Assistant. Ald. Baxter spoke at some length in opposition to the appointment of an assistant. He took the ground that an engineer in private practice could draw all the plans needed for a much smaller sum than \$1,500 a year. Good foremen were needed and perhaps a general purchasing agent but he hoped to carry out on the streets of the city.

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