

# UNCLE SAM MUCH CONCERNED WITH CANADA'S AFFAIRS

### Many References to International Matters in President Taft's First Message.

### The Monroe Doctrine Is Practically Obsolete It Declares—Canada And The Maximum Tariff.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 7.—Having assembled and received the president's annual message, congress today found itself literally "out of work" and as a consequence both houses adjourned until Friday. In the meantime some of the various committees, fall to provide something to do, adjournment will be taken until Monday night.

The reading of the message consumed about an hour and a half of the time of each house today.

The Republicans seemed to agree that it was as satisfactory a document as the president could prepare and remain consistent with the party's campaign pledges. The Democrats approve of the president's efforts to economize, but deprecated his suggestion that the Monroe doctrine had practically become obsolete.

In both the house and the senate, the message was subjected to the most careful scrutiny and while the members paid little attention to the perfunctory reading of it by the clerks they buried their heads between its pages and digested as much of it as they could at one reading.

Following the custom the message was referred to the committee of the whole by both branches to be prepared for "visitation" by the various committees whose business it is to deal with the subjects discussed by the president in his message.

The senate, after a brief executive session adjourned at 2.30 o'clock of respect to the memory of Representative De Armand, of Missouri and Lassiter, of Virginia. The house had adjourned at 11.54 o'clock.

His First Message.

Pres. Taft today sent his first annual message to congress. The anti-trust and inter-state commerce laws are not dealt with at this time, the president stating that he would reserve them for a special message and would avail himself of the first opportunity to bring these subjects to the attention of congress.

# BANNER YEAR FOR ST. JOHN IS PROMISED

### Wheat Shipments This Winter Expected To Exceed Those Of Last Year—Over a Million Bushels On Way Now.

## CANADIAN PACIFIC LARGELY BENEFITING

Montreal, Dec. 7.—Now that navigation on the great lakes has officially closed and the rush to get grain down by the water and rail route is over the Canadian Pacific is preparing for the winter all rail business between the western elevators and St. John. It is stated that the movement will be heavier this winter than last as there is much more grain in the west owing to the lateness of the opening of the spring season while, with present high prices the farmers and dealers are all anxious to convert their grain into money. In fact the movement started today after the lake shipments ceased and it is stated that already over a million bushels are either on their way to St. John by rail or else booked for transit as soon as the grain is loaded on to the cars.

For a Comparison.

Last year the C. P. R. shipped 6,700,000 bushels of wheat by the all rail route from the west to St. John which gave profitable employment to their cars during the winter on this long haul even at a low rate. This year it is thought that the total will be considerably exceeded as there is still a large quantity of wheat in the west. The main movement, however, will not start until after the Christmas holidays as the railways are always loaded up with more profitable business until then.

The development of this business, however, has proved of great benefit to the C. P. R. During the past fall they had 18,000 freight cars in the west handling the wheat crop and are the only ones to come back east anyway. With the advent of the all rail wheat shipments the cars go through to St. John loaded with grain and are kept in the east available for the general work. While in the spring they are ready for the return swing of the trade pendulum carrying goods back to the west where they are again available for the summer and fall for the wheat business.

# BATH TUB VICTIM POSITIVELY IDENTIFIED

### New York, N. Y., Dec. 7.—The emaciated body which has figured in the East Orange, N. Y., bathtub mystery was positively identified this afternoon and all doubts seems to have been dispelled concerning the possibility that Mrs. Snead is yet alive.

Identification was established at the morgue by an elderly woman who said Mrs. Snead had been her pupil in a southern school. The woman's name was not made known. The police stopped the funeral ceremony today in order that the mysterious witness might examine the body.

# ANOTHER MOVE IN GUGGENHEIM DIVORCE

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 7.—After a heated discussion which counsel referred to as "a battle of wits," Judge Honore here today, directed that a tentative decree be prepared denying the portion to annul the divorce of divorce granted in 1901 to Mrs. Grace B. Guggenheim against F. M. Guggenheim of the smelting firm of Guggenheim Brothers.

# UNIONISTS' OUTLINE ARIFF REFORM POLICY

### Opposition Organ Publishes Today Scheme For Tariff Reform As Proposed By Party--To Establish Tariff Of Simplest Possible Form But Not Protective As Commonly Understood.

### Five Per Cent. Duty To Be Imposed On Partly Manufactured Goods, Ten Per Cent. On Nearly Completed Goods And Fifteen On Goods Manufactured Wholly In Kingdom.

London, Dec. 7.—The Birmingham Daily Post tomorrow will publish an article from inspired sources, outlining the tariff reform proposals which are likely to be put forward by the Unionist Government if the Unionists are successful at the elections, prefacing it with the remark that the country's financial necessities are much greater than they were in 1905, when Joseph Chamberlain started the movement. The article proceeds:—"It is proposed to establish a general tariff, placing duties on practically all goods that are not deemed raw material with the object, first, of raising revenue; second, of assisting the home producer against foreign competition; third, of giving preference to colonies; fourth, of securing better terms from foreign countries and, finally, of mitigating unemployment by encouraging the home producer."

"The tariff will be of the simplest possible form, not protective in the sense that this is understood in Germany and the United States. There is no intention of having multifarious rates which would throw open the door to parliamentary intrigue. The plan favored is to allow few materials duty free and to impose a one per cent. duty on partly manufactured goods, ten per cent. on articles nearly completed and fifteen per cent. on completely manufactured goods. There will be no variations in the scale, unless in very exceptional cases. There may be possibly, however, a slightly lower duty in favor of the colonies and a slightly higher tariff against countries seeking unduly to penalize British goods."

Foreign Wheat.

"Foreign wheat will be liable to a duty of two shillings per quarter, with preference to the colonies but not to the extent of removing the whole duty. Flour will pay a higher rate in order to encourage home grinding, while bacon and lard will be excluded from the free list. Important raw material, such as cotton and wool, will enter free.

A tariff framed of this kind, it is understood, would produce a revenue of from sixteen to twenty million pounds. If the Unionists are returned every possible effort will be made to employ the new duties in the budget of 1910, or at the latest, 1911, but the maximum duties will be withheld for two years in order to give time to negotiate commercial agreements with foreign countries."

George Wyndham, member of the House of Commons for Dover, speaking in London tonight, also intimated the intention of the Unionists to propose a ten per cent. duty on manufactured articles and two shillings on wheat.

Charles Wright Macara, head of the Cotton Federation of Great Britain in an interview today on the political crisis, revealed himself as a strong advocate of free trade.

# \$7,000,000 LOST ANNUALLY BY OUR FARMERS

### Seed Expert At Winter Fair Declares That Maritime Provinces Are Losing Millions In The Selection Of Seeds.

## THE POSSIBILITIES OF NEW BRUNSWICK

Special to The Standard.

Amherst, N. S., Dec. 7.—Amherst is still thronged with visitors attending the Maritime Fair. Today's trains brought a fresh crowd of exhibit viewers. His Excellency Earl Grey, accompanied by Governors Fraser, MacKinnon, Hon. Sydney Fisher and Premier Murray left this forenoon for Amherst to inspect the agricultural college and provincial farm in that town. The attendance yesterday and today has eclipsed all records in the nine years' history of the fair. Today the departments finished their work. The poultry and swine judging is still going on. In the dairy department, the herd of Ayrshires shown by McIntyre Brothers of Sussex, is attracting considerable attention from the visitors. R. L. Hicks, of Dalhousie, has also a splendid exhibition in dairy class. W. W. Black, Amherst, was awarded the Sir Frederic Borden cup for the best pure bred beef animal.

Amos Fowler, Amherst Point, won the Hon. Wm. Pugsley cup for best grade beef animal, any age. The public meeting in the evening was attended by about one thousand people and was presided over by Col. Campbell of Apohaqui.

An interesting address.

The first speaker was Mr. Eddy, of the Seed Department, Ottawa, who made an interesting address of the relation of good seed to good crops. He made the startling statement that the farmers of the Maritime Provinces were losing annually seven million dollars by use of inferior seeds. The same alarming statement should be used in the selection of seed as in the selection of cattle.

Duncan Anderson of the agricultural department followed in an interesting and forcible speech, taking as his subject, beef cattle and their products. He emphasized the fact that the Maritime Provinces were essentially backward in producing a high class product of beef. St. John, Halifax and the mining and industrial towns of the province were producing a splendid market.

The farmers of the Maritime Provinces were not supplying the market. They were not producing sufficient root crops. New Brunswick outside of Kings county was practically without root crops. Prince Edward Island was the same. Nova Scotia, alone, showed a splendid increase and he urged the farmers of the other two provinces to grow more turnips and less oats for finishing their beef cattle. The average turnip crop in Ontario was 436 bushels to the acre. In the Maritime Provinces it was only 20 bushels to the acre. Successful farming should be based on the production of food for the home market. Hogs could be raised cheaper in New Brunswick than Ontario as the soil was better adapted for root crops, yet bacon was being continually imported for the local market from the Upper Provinces. He also emphasized the importance of the sheep raising industry and the value of sheep in destroying weeds and improving grazing lands. He announced that the Dominion exhibition would be held in St. John next year and made an appeal to the farmers present to prepare for the event.

# LIBERALS REVOLT AT GOVERNMENT'S LACK OF POLICY

## COMMITTEE OF 50 TO PLAN FOR CONVENTION

### Report Of Special Committee Appointed To Take Up Preliminaries Of Conservative Convention Brought Down.

## TO MEET IN OTTAWA IN JANUARY

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 7.—The following is the report of the special committee appointed by Mr. Borden at the request of the caucus for the purpose of taking into consideration matters connected with the approaching convention of the members of the Liberal-Conservative party. The committee recommends:—

1.—That a committee of fifty (of whom not more than 20 shall be members of parliament) to be known as the committee on preliminary arrangements for the Dominion convention of the Liberal-Conservative party be appointed by our leader.

2.—That the said committee be called together at Ottawa for their first meeting on some day in the month of January 1910 to decide on the best way of getting the whole party throughout the Dominion to join heartily in the said convention and to arrange the system of obtaining delegates to the convention and all matters connected with the same.

In Winnipeg.

3.—That while it is the opinion of this committee that the Dominion convention should be held in the city of Winnipeg two or three days previous to the Winnipeg exhibition which would be early in July, the final decision as to the place of holding the said convention should be left until the first meeting of the committee on preliminary arrangements, and that in the meantime our leader be asked to communicate with the Conservative provincial prime ministers, and other Conservative leaders of the Opposition in provinces which have a Liberal government, and also with the Provincial Conservative Association executives in those provinces where such exist and request their opinion as to the best time and place for holding the convention in order that their views may be laid before the committee on preliminary arrangements, at its meeting in January.

4.—Your committee further recommends that each member of parliament and defeated Conservative candidates be requested to consult the executive of the association for his electoral division with the object of obtaining their views and that the wishes of the respective provinces be requested to transmit immediately to each defeated Conservative candidate a copy of this recommendation, a copy of which should be placed in an envelope and signed by the candidate and the opinions of their said riding executives thereon.

### House Passes Bill Permitting Of Branch Lines Being Absorbed By I. C. Railway.

### Dr. Black And Colonel Talbot Mutinous Mr. Pugsley And More Dredging.

### Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 7.—The House spent nearly all the day over Mr. Graham's two intercolonial bills, one to authorize the leasing of branch lines, the other to liberalize the conditions of the provident fund. The latter bill stands for its third reading to allow Mr. Graham to confer with a committee of the members who will wait upon him. The former proved a singular measure. Mr. Graham utterly refused to explain the government policy on the acquisition of branch lines and even gave the House to understand that he had no policy. He had a difficult task as the House was critical. Dr. Black was openly mutinous and Colonel Talbot raised the flag of revolt. However, the bill in course of time went through.

Mr. E. M. MacDonald took the field against the policy of allowing intercolonial employees the benefit of the Lemieux Act holding that the crown can treat its servants as it chooses. It came out that all boards of conciliation held in connection with the intercolonial have been devoid of authority.

A Curt Statement.

In moving the second reading Mr. Graham confined himself to a curt statement which contained little if anything more than his explanation on the first reading. The bill provided that the government should have power to lease lines that connect with the intercolonial on three conditions:—

1.—The board of management must report that the line in question will be of benefit to the intercolonial.

2.—No line shall be taken over unless the chief engineer reports that it is in good order and safe to operate, thus obviating the danger of taking over a line and then having to spend money heavily on it; owners must put their line in good working condition before selling it.

3.—No lease shall be consummated without the consent of parliament.

An Unconsidered Measure.

Mr. Haggart said that he did not understand the necessity for the bill, inasmuch as Parliament would be called upon to ratify any bargain made, what good would this bill do? The roads was Mr. Graham proposing to lease?

Mr. Graham said that he had no particular line or lines in view. The bill was the result of repeated discussion in the House and of a commission appointed a year or so ago which reported on about twenty railways in Quebec and the Maritime Provinces. HE HAD NOT ENTERED INTO THE CONSIDERATION OF THE QUESTION.

Mr. Crockett asked if it were true that the intercolonial would not operate any branch line until after Parliament had ratified the lease.

Yes, said Mr. Graham.

Then there is no object in the bill, observed Mr. Crockett.

Mr. Graham contended that the bill constituted the declaration of a principle the House favored negotiating.

Dr. Sprague recalled the fact that several leases such as that of the Gibson line and the Drummond county railway had been effected without any such apparatus.

It Means Nothing.

Mr. Graham reiterated that HE HAD NO SCHEME. If a company owned the intercolonial it would long ago have acquired some of the feeder lines in question.

Mr. Crockett asked if the Government already had not power to investigate and negotiate.

Mr. Graham said that the Government could investigate anything it liked. With this act on the statute book negotiations could be begun with the express approval of Parliament.

"I cannot see any object in this bill," said Mr. Crockett, "unless it is a meaningless sop to the member for Westmorland."

Mr. Borden described the bill as a general authority to negotiate. He criticized the absence of any statutory irregularities in the management of the lines. Some of the safeguards which Mr. Graham had mentioned in his speech were not to be found in the bill. On what principle would the board negotiate? What was to be the consideration? There were several possible lines of policy. The intercolonial might intend ultimately to acquire all the branch lines in the Maritime Provinces that would be an intelligible policy, whether they approved of it or not. The lines leased might be limited to such as might be financially profitable to the intercolonial. The object might be to increase the transportation facilities enjoyed by the people.

More Liberal Wanted.

Dr. Black, Liberal, said that he proposed to vote on the bill but could not say as yet whether he would vote for or against it. UNLESS HE GOT MORE LIGHT HE WOULD VOTE AGAINST IT. And he went on to raise the Dominion Atlantic Railway

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### A REASSURING MESSAGE.

The message of President Taft is altogether without the sensational features which appeared in Mr. Roosevelt's annual encyclicals. While "the man with the club" hunts big beasts in Africa, his successor carries a stick with olive leaves growing on it. Even Zelaya and Nicaragua are mentioned with a certain calmness and consideration for which the letter of Secretary Knox did not prepare us. Mr. Taft advocates a temporary reduction in the army and a pause in the expansion of the navy. He dwells long on the conference arbitrations at The Hague, and on the conferences and negotiations with Canada. The effect of his message is to mitigate the force of the retaliatory clauses of the tariff. Tariff discrimination by other countries is not to demand retaliation unless it is "undue" discrimination, and undue discrimination, Mr. Taft construes to mean discrimination without reason for it. Of course there is no discrimination of that kind anywhere. The Monroe Doctrine is hardly mentioned, and the reference to it implies that it has almost outlived its usefulness.

While in its reference to eternal relations the message seems to be conservative and friendly to all, it will probably be regarded as deficient in its reference to trusts, interstate commerce, and the interference of corporations with the legitimate operations of business. These matters are left over for treatment in a special message.

### THE BOARD OF TRADE.

The St. John Board of Trade has been fortunate in its presidents, and this favor continues. Following the enterprising and public spirited chairmanship of Mr. Foster, comes a regime of Mr. T. H. Estabrooks, one of the most sagacious and successful of the men who have worked their way to the front in the business life of this community and of the country. The new president will not need to be introduced to the leaders of trade and commerce in other cities. In this town he is associated with many institutions and organizations of a non-commercial character, illustrating the fact that a man may succeed in business and still be able to give time and thought to the welfare and comfort of his fellows.

The activities of the Board of Trade in a city like this are many and various. It represents especially the business interests of the community, and this is construed in the widest spirit. It speaks for the city on questions affecting the commercial, industrial and financial welfare of the whole country, and the whole Empire. Delegates of the St. John Board had their full share of influence at the recent congress in Australia. This auspicious outlook is a remedy for the narrow point of view which a constant consideration of local interest would produce. As this port grows in national importance, so must the view of its business organization continue to expand.

### THE CANADIAN NORTHERN.

The Canadian Northern Railway Company finds it advisable to establish an Atlantic steamship line in connection with its Transcontinental Railway system now approaching completion. Messrs. Mackenzie and Mann have been constructing and acquiring railways between the Atlantic and the Rocky Mountains until they have now a practically complete trunk line except around the northern side of Lake Superior, which would not be used if they had it as a route for heavy freight that could be transported on the Lakes. The arrangement made with the British Columbia Government will ensure rapid extension to the Pacific, and we may expect to see a steamship connection established on that coast. As yet the Canadian Northern has no winter port connection. Mackenzie and Mann lines in Nova Scotia follow the coast line, one from Yarmouth to Halifax with prospective extension eastward, the other in Cape Breton to connect with a coal mine. They do not form any part of a connection between the Canadian Northern and the sea coast. Before long this remarkable pair of railway builders will have determined their winter port connection and established the orbit of their Atlantic fleet which they are now beginning to prepare.

### TO PROTECT THE TIMBER.

An important and interesting conference will take place next week at Ottawa in which the Government and Legislature of New Brunswick will be represented. The question to be discussed is the prevention of danger to New Brunswick forests through fires caused by Transcontinental trains. Any traveller by rail through once well-wooded districts, will know that this is a real danger. A healthy original forest near the track of a railway is an uncommon sight. The more usual spectacle is a waste of fire swept land, with decayed and bleached trunks of trees scattered about, and melancholy ramplike showing amid a neglected and unvalued second growth. Often the prospect is still more hopeless, presenting hillsides of bare rock or boulders, from which the soil, no longer held by roots of trees and by shrubs and plants, and rendered easily moveable by the fire, has been washed or blown away. This is the worst service that a railway can render to the country which it is expected to benefit.

The proposition is made that the Transcontinental trains passing through this timber belt be driven without steam and without fire. It is claimed that power can be supplied from the Grand Falls sufficient to move these trains, so that not a spark need be sent off on

a mission of destruction. This is the question which will be discussed at Ottawa by the Provincial Ministers and members, representatives of lumber companies, federal ministers and Transcontinental commissioners. Whether the Grand Falls power idea shall be worked out or not, it is fitting that the matter of protecting the lumber lands shall be thoroughly guaranteed. The timber of this province is worth more to its people than two or three transcontinentals.

### THE COST OF PATRONAGE.

The misfortune of government patronage was shown in Monday's by-election in North Middlesex for the Ontario Legislature. Sir Wilfrid Laurier has a substantial majority in the House of Commons. His friends, the provincial opposition in Ontario, are lamentably weak in numbers, and in some need of all the able men they have. Among the supporters of Sir Wilfrid Laurier elected to the Present Parliament, was Mr. W. S. Calvert. The Ontario Opposition elected in the same year included Mr. D. C. Ross, son of the former premier, and a man who has been mentioned for the Opposition leadership. Had the situation remained as the electors left it, these Liberals would have been sitting in their respective parliaments. Sir Wilfrid would have retained his chief whip, and the provincial opposition would have had Mr. Ross as one of the effective workers.

But an attractive federal office became vacant. Mr. Calvert had claims, and got the position. That left a vacant seat for West Middlesex. But it was a close riding, and might easily be lost to the Conservatives, as was the Essex constituency vacated at the same time and in the same way. There was only one Liberal who could be reasonably expected to hold the seat and that was Duncan Ross, M. P. for North Middlesex. Wherefore Mr. Ross, against his own judgment, it is said, was induced to resign and run for Ottawa. He was elected. But the provincial seat which he carried last year by a majority of 109, has now gone Conservative by about the same majority. Thus it has come about through the use of patronage that the party has only one seat when it had two and that the seat lost is in the Ontario Legislature, where the Liberals need it most. Sir James Whitney did not need the additional support which has been presented to him through the appointing power of the Laurier ministry, but Mr. McKay, the Opposition leader, greatly needed the supporter whom he has lost.

### THE BRITISH TARIFF PROGRAMME.

Out of the din and confusion of the Imperial election campaign there emerged yesterday a certain quite definite tariff programme. It appears at Birmingham, which is an appropriate place, but it is not clear what exact amount of authority is behind it. In substance it is a ten per cent. tariff for revenue, with protection a little more than incidentally added. The free admission of raw material when manufactured goods are taxed is a protective feature. There is no pretence that food will remain free, as the wheat tariff is particularly mentioned.

While this proposition may alienate certain extreme free traders among Conservatives it was absolutely necessary that there should be some distinct announcement of tariff policy. In the first place it may be good tactics to divert public attention from the House of Lords so that the merits and conduct of the peers should not be the one issue which Government speakers would keep before the people. A programme like this is certain to draw a part of the fire from the batteries of Mr. Lloyd-George and Mr. Winston Churchill. Opposition orators also will desire to do something else besides attack the budget and defend the Lords. They need a programme of their own. This one is at least bold and striking. It will provoke large applause and fierce attack, and will interest the mass of the people in something else than socialism and aristocracy.

Further it is absolutely necessary that if the budget taxes are rejected some other source of revenue must be found. The Birmingham tariff programme professes to meet that emergency, and is an answer to the Chancellor of the Exchequer who has been demanding a substitute. The proposal to return to general customs duties as a source of revenue may not be accepted by the electorate. But the adoption of this programme by one of the great English parties would be an epoch making event, showing that after half a century of nominal free trade, tariff protection has again become an open question in Great Britain. The free trade policy, which its authors fondly expected to conquer the earth, has failed to make headway outside the British Islands and is once more on the defensive on the original battle ground. Henceforward for years to come the tariff question will be an issue in the one land which thought itself clear of this controversy for all time to come.

### THE BRIDGE.

We learn from the Telegraph that "Mr. Hazen must rescue himself if there is to be any rescue. He is the head of the provincial administration. Aid from that administration, now that Federal aid is promised, will ensure the building of the bridge across St. John harbor."

One would suppose that since the people of St. John are expected to tax themselves for one-third the cost of the bridge, or some thirty to fifty dollars per family, they might be permitted to say a word before this obligation is thrust upon them. If aid from the provincial administration "will ensure the building of the bridge" and the consequent charge on the city of one-third of the cost, Mr. Hazen will naturally wish to hear from St. John before he ensures the obligation.

As a matter of fact all that Mr. Pugsley has done is to say to Alderman Scully that if the province and the city will each pay one-third he is ready to ask his colleagues to place in the estimates an appropriation toward meeting the other third. That is an exceedingly remote and indefinite proposition. Neither Mr. Pugsley's requests nor the vote itself would be an undertaking to pay the required one-third.

### INTERCOLONIAL BRANCH LINES.

The Minister of Railways opened the discussion of his branch railway measure by the frank but surprising declaration that he had given the matter no consideration, had no plan of action, and did not know of any railway that it was proposed to acquire. In answer to a question, Mr. Graham said that no application had been received, which may be taken to mean that the Government will wait until railway owners come along with lines to sell. The measure leaves the Government just where it was before. Already at least three roads have been bought and annexed to the intercolonial, and one has been leased and afterward relinquished. Not once was Parliament asked in advance for authority to negotiate. It is difficult to see any value in the bill before Parliament, and the prayer of Dr. Black for light is no less natural or pathetic than that of Ajax. It is suggested that this measure is a sop to Mr. Emerson, but the ex-Minister of Railways asks for something more than an unconsidered measure professing to give the Government a power that it already possesses. Mr. Emerson asked for the acquisition of the branches and they give him a superfluous statute.

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Judge Wedderburn Comments  
On Cases Before Him On  
Review Yesterday--Judg-  
ment Reserved.

Three Albert County cases were up on review before His Honor Judge Wedderburn of the Kings County Court in chambers, Pugsley judgment yesterday afternoon at three o'clock. As the cases were of considerable importance and the points of law raised by counsel during argument very fine, His Honor reserved judgment in all three.

Carnwath vs. Brewster.  
In the case of William J. Carnwath vs. Alexander Brewster, a review from the Parish Court of Willard O. Wright, Hopewell and also of the court presided over by Daniel W. George W. Fowler, K. C., acting for the appellant (defendant below) moved for a non suit or a new trial or a verdict for the defendant.

This was an action on account stated. The account was not itemized and yesterday afternoon considerable time was taken up in giving the legal definition of the term "account stated." The amount involved was over forty dollars and four promissory notes were given in payment.

Mr. Fowler in making his motion contended that the account was merged in the note. Two of the notes were sued before Justice Wright, one and the account before Justice Stuart.

Mr. Fowler informed His Honor that during the trial before Justice Stuart it was necessary for the defendant to have Justice Wright give evidence and accordingly the latter was served with a subpoena to appear and to produce his books. He disobeyed the subpoena.

From the copy of the proceedings filed with His Honor it appears that Wright is the secretary treasurer of the defendant. The plaintiff is a member of the municipal council and Mr. Fowler contended that Wright might be biased in favor of the plaintiff against the defendant. The evidence showed that the plaintiff voted for an increase of the salary of the justice as secretary treasurer. Mr. Fowler cited an authority in support of his argument that a new trial or non suit or verdict for the defendant should be allowed on this point alone, which proves disqualification.

As Mr. Fowler was arguing Mr. W. B. Dixon, K. C., for the plaintiff, and who appeared to oppose the motion, left the room. Mr. Fowler observed that he was sorry that his argument affected his learned friend so that he was compelled to leave.

On Mr. Dixon's return he argued against the motion claiming that the fact that the defendant gave the promissory notes was evidence that he acknowledged the debt and therefore an account stated was good. His Honor reserved judgment.

the absence of the plaintiff and against the defendant's wishes.  
In support of his motion Mr. Fowler contended the judgment was bad on the following grounds:  
1.—Although he (defendant) gave the confession it was by the persuasion of the plaintiff's counsel (Mr. Dixon) when the defendant was without an attorney, and therefore would be in the nature of duress.  
2. That he (defendant) served a revocation of the confession on the magistrate before judgment was actually signed.  
3. No one appeared for the plaintiff and under the Act "If plaintiff fail to appear a non suit shall be entered." This statute is imperative. In this case neither the plaintiff nor his agent appeared.  
4. The confession itself is invalid as the defendant had no attorney present nor did the attorney for the defendant consent (if there was one present) as required by law.  
Mr. Fowler read affidavits in support of his argument, and Mr. Dixon contradicted two affidavits, one himself the deponent, and the other Justice Rhodes. Both affidavits flatly contradicted Mr. Fowler's affidavits.

In reserving judgment His Honor commented on the funny business indulged in by some justices in Albert Co., saying that there were a number of cases on record where a justice was the attorney for either party.

Prescott vs. Howard.  
In the case of Isaac Prescott vs. Thomas Howard, Mr. Frank F. Murphy of Moncton moved on behalf of the defendant for a new trial or a non-suit or a verdict for the defendant.

This was an action on a promissory note. The defendant pleaded infancy, but judgment was entered against him.

Mr. Fowler opposed the motion and after hearing argument of both counsel His Honor reserved judgment.

### IN THE COURTS

DECEMBER CIRCUIT COURT.  
Adjourned Sine Die.  
The December non-jury circuit opened yesterday morning at eleven o'clock at the Court House. There being no cases entered for trial the Court adjourned sine die. Mr. Justice Landry presided.

### COUNTY COURT CHAMBERS.

Black vs. Campbell.  
Before Judge Forbes in Chambers yesterday morning the case of C. Frederick Black vs. Annie M. Campbell was settled. This was an action on a promissory note. The plaintiff is a councillor of St. Martins, and the defendant lives in Salina, Kings county. Mr. J. B. M. Baxter, K. C., appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr. G. W. Fowler, K. C., for the defendant.

Imperial Oil Co. vs. Trenholm.  
Final judgment was signed in the case of the Imperial Oil Company vs. Charles Trenholm for \$22.88. Mr. S. B. Buxton.

### FUNERALS

Mr. Richard Whiteside.  
The funeral of Mr. Richard Whiteside was held yesterday afternoon from the residence of Mr. T. Kinsman, Paradise Row, at 2:30 o'clock. Rev. Dr. Flanders conducted the burial services. A number of old friends followed the body to its last resting place. Members of Aiblon Lodge F. and A. M., of which the deceased was at one time an active member, attended the funeral in a private capacity. Interment was made in Fernhill.

Mrs. Fanny Scott Myles.  
The funeral of Mrs. Fanny Scott Myles was held yesterday afternoon from her late residence, 61 High St. Rev. Neil McLaughlin conducted the burial services. Interment was made in Fernhill. A large number of friends attended the obsequies.

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Renounces Rank.  
Berlin, Dec. 7.—The renunciation by Prince Frederick Von Sayn Wittgenstein of his princely rank with all its privileges has been gazetted. Emperor of William as King of Prussia, has conferred upon the ex-Prince the title of Baron Von Altenburg. The renun-

ciation was at the direction of the other male members of the family and in accordance with the law of the family established in 1607, which provides that any member marrying beneath his rank shall lose his inherited right of title. In 1903 Frederick married Marie Louise Verling, a woman of the middle class.

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NEWS OF A DAY

Going Backwards. Toronto, Dec. 7.—Reports have reached the provincial health departments that conditions in Cobalt were returning to the state in which they were when typhoid was epidemic. Some typhoid still exists.

Argument Deferred. Ottawa, Dec. 7.—The argument on the proposal of the Railway Commission that all street railways be required to equip their cars with air brakes was deferred until February 1, at the request of H. H. McLean, M. P., representing the Street Railway Association.

Cobalt's Harvest. Toronto, Dec. 7.—During the month of November just closed 4,895,230 pounds of silver ore were shipped out of the mines at Cobalt over the Toronto and Northern Ontario Railway, according to the official report received by the department of lands, forests and mines.

Train Wrecked. Brandon, Man., Dec. 7.—The Canadian Pacific eastbound passenger train pitched into an east bound freight at Hargrave early yesterday, the accident being due to a blinding snowstorm. The passenger engine crashed into the caboose of the freight, smashing it and the next car, but the engine was only slightly damaged.

Charged With Forgery. Montreal, Dec. 7.—Disagreement in connection with the flotation of the Labrador Pulp and Paper Company, has resulted in the arrest of Daniel Ford, a well known contractor, at the instance of C. E. W. Smith, vice-president of the company. The technical charge is uttering forged paper. Ford gave bail to the extent of \$6,000 and was released pending trial.

Seven Arrested. Toronto, Dec. 7.—Seven employees of the Robert Simpson Company are under arrest in connection with systematic robberies which, in the ten months they are known to have been going on, have resulted in the loss of thousands of dollars. The men were employed as night watchmen and cleaners.

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To Cost \$25,000. Fredericton, Dec. 7.—Rev. F. L. Carney states that the cost of the new Catholic school to be erected on Regent street will be at least \$25,000, in addition to the cost of the land for a site. The original plan called for a building that would cost \$28,000, and while the plans are being changed somewhat so as to cause a reduction in cost, the reduction will be small. The contract for the building will not be let until after the first of the new year.

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SCATTERS GEMS TO WIDE, WIDE WORLD. Maid Shakes Bedclothing Out of Window and Loses Her Mistress' Jewels—Police Are Busy in Quest of Finder.

NEW YORK, Dec. 6.—Esther Gesserwitz, a model servant in the house of Mr. and Mrs. Benno Siegel, No. 1478 Washington Avenue, in a chaotic bag under her pillow, removing it early yesterday when she arose.

AT THE HOTELS. Royal. N. W. Latter, Montreal; D. W. Clark, Toronto; Dr. P. H. Bryce, Ottawa; M. P. Jones, Woodstock; G. Bain, Montreal; J. L. D. Mason, do; C. H. W. Walker, New York; C. H. Macdonald, St. Stephen; W. E. McLean, Boston, Mass.; James N. Wallace, Boston, Mass.; W. A. Davies, Moncton; C. E. Smith, Moncton; A. H. Jenkins, Toronto.

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WEDDINGS. Marie-Davis. On Monday evening at the home of Rev. W. W. Lodge, Mr. Charles E. Marnie of St. John, was united in marriage to Miss Alice Davis, of Loggieville, N. B.

DEATHS. Mr. James Donohue. Mr. James Donohue, the veteran coachman, passed away at his home in Brasilia street yesterday morning after a few hours illness. On Monday he attended the trains and was at a funeral but when he came home he was not feeling very well. Later in the night however, it was thought that he was improving. He died about 7 a. m. Mr. Donohue was 62 years of age, a man of fine character and distinguished in his profession as a coachman for the last 37 years, being one of the oldest in that business. In his early days he was prominent in amateur sports and took a keen interest in all matters pertaining to athletics. Besides his wife he is survived by five sons and seven daughters, a sister and a brother. The sons are William, of No. 1 Salvage Corps; Harry, driver of No. 2 horse; Leonard, of Halifax; James, of Boston, and Kenneth, at home. The daughters are Mary and Jennie at home; Maud, of North End; Margaret, of Malden, Mass.; Noble, of Boston; Mrs. J. Trainor and Slater Mary of the order of the Madonna in Hamilton, Mr. Thos. Donohue, of Newcaste, N. B., is a brother and Mrs. James Dever, of the North End is a sister. A message was received from Newcaste yesterday morning, telling of the serious illness of Mr. Donohue's brother, Thomas, who is not expected to live.

Mr. John Gillis. The death occurred at Fairville, on December 6, of Mr. John Gillis, for many years a resident of that place, and well known throughout the district. Mr. Gillis had reached the patriarchal age of 80 years. His wife pre-deceased him a few years ago. He leaves three sons, Daniel and John, who are with the A. Cushing Company, and Edward, who is at Millinocket, Me., and two daughters, Mrs. James Morris, of Morrisville, and Mrs. J. L. Quinn, of South Boston, Mass. Mr. Gillis was for many years a miller with the late Mr. George Barnard. Lately he has been road commissioner for the Parish of Lancaster. The funeral will take place today.

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AND EACH ONE HAD A SERPENT'S TONGUE. Visible Supply Of The Real Thing Famed In Song Enriched By Mrs. Boa At The Zoo. New York, N. Y., Dec. 6.—Walter Ferguson, a keeper at the Bronx Zoo, has reasonably steady nerves, but he was perilously close to a padded cell last night after an attempt to keep count of the number of bears, boars and tortoises in the park a matter which ordinarily is supposed to be as plain to the eye of a keeper as the road to the pay window.

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So Declares American League Head In Signed
Article For This Newspaper--His Reasons For
Threatening To Break Up Baseball Peace If
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[That the election of John M. Ward as president of the National
League will mean a big baseball war is the threat of Ban. B. Johnson, pres-
ident of the American League. Big Ban, in the signed article which fol-
lows, written for The Standard, shows how far he is going in fighting to
keep Ward out of the managing end of the game.

BY BAN JOHNSON.
President of the American League of Base Ball Clubs.

Surprise is expressed at our attitude towards the national commission
in case of the election of John M. Ward, as a member of that body,
through his selection as head of the National League. When men impute
such motives to other men as to de-
clare them unfit for office, explana-
tion and evidence are in order. In
this instance: That of my announcing
that I will not serve on the commis-
sion, but on the contrary, will do
what I can to cause separation of the
two major leagues if Ward is elected
president of the National. I am
prompted by motives necessary for
the preservation of clean ball. No
sport, not even baseball, would long
survive practices not approved by
the public.

Lovers of the game want honest
competition of the clubs, honorable
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themselves and with the general pub-
lic, and the utmost good in every par-
ticular.
Men who are tricksters would
quickly kill interest in the game. A
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THE HOLMER-
SELLEN MATCH
CLINCHED BY
LONGBOAT

Runners To Meet Here Mon-
day Night In Fifteen Mile
Match Race--Longboat May
Be Present.

Last evening's \$200 in expense mon-
ey was forwarded to Percy Sellen, at
Toronto and Hans Holmer at Quebec,
the amount being equally divided.
Holmer has agreed to meet Sellen
here on Monday night at the fifteen
mile distance and is now undergoing
a special course of preparation for
the race. His corps of handlers are
now confident that he will defeat the
fleet footed Toronto star at the lat-
ter's favorite distance but on the
other hand Tom Flanagan, Tim O.
Rourke and the sport writers of the
Toronto dailies are betting that Sel-
len will emerge the victor.

Tom Longboat has expressed his in-
tention of accompanying Sellen to St.
John with the object of witnessing the
race and incidentally risking as much
money as he can obtain wagers for
on Sellen's chances. The Indian refused
an offer of \$1000 to run Sellen here
last August at fifteen miles.
Shrub has also declined sufficient
offers to meet Sellen but under pres-
sure of the criticism of upper Cana-
dian papers he practically signed to
meet the winner of the Holmer-
Sellen event. This race will in all like-
lihood take place also in St. John,
three weeks after Monday's race.

Though it is not definitly arrang-
ed, Able Wood, the Montreal runner
may be also a competitor with Sel-
len and his old rival, Holmer. Wood
is anxious to run, but asks a big guar-
antee and as Holmer and Sellen in
view of their presence on the top rung
of the running ladder are also receiv-
ing large bonuses it is doubtful if
Wood will be seen here in the race.
To ensure a great race the purse
will consist of the winner and loser
shares and Sellen in addition stands
ready to wager \$500 on himself at ev-
en odds.

CHANGES MADE
IN RULES OF
BASKETBALL

New York, Dec. 7.—Coaches and
captains of basketball teams from
nearly every college in the east met
yesterday afternoon in the Columbia
University gymnasium to discuss the
book for the season of 1924-1925.

John T. Brush wants Ward elected. In some way the New York mag-
nate has roped in Murphy, and he is supporting Brush's candidate.
I don't believe the National League will elect Ward. That organization
knows our attitude, and realizes that although we are not trying to "butt
in" we will stand by our threat and bolt the commission. That would be
ruthless to everybody.

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JACK TWIN TO
ASSIST JEFF
FRANKIE IN TRAINING

Pugilist Well Known Here, To
Assist Boilermaker at Train-
ing Camp--Jeff and Johnson
Barred Preliminary Bouts.

Under the new articles of agree-
ment governing the big fight Jeffries
and Johnson cannot meet any of their
challengers until after they have bat-
tled for the world's championship
next July. When this clause was slip-
ped into the Hoboken agreement it
was said that the promoters and the
moving picture syndicate wanted it as
a matter of precaution, but it is also
true that both pugilists were anxious
to escape possible conflicts with such
men as Al Kaufman and Sam Lang-
ford.

Langford was in the act of corner-
ing Johnson with a \$10,000 forfeit
when the latter put his name to the
document in Jersey and thereby put
Langford out of the running, at least
until after the fight with Jeffries.
Meanwhile Jeffries was under pressure
to meet Kaufman, Ross, Kukiak or
Barry in a trial bout when the new
articles made such contests out of the
question.

As a result unless Jeffries has one
or two private bouts at his training
quarters he will face Johnson without
any further actual ring experience,
without which it is generally believed
he will be at a disadvantage.

Jeffries' Policy.
Jeffries' unwillingness to submit to
a public test in six or ten round
bouts with a husky heavyweight has
been manifest ever since the John-
son battle was first talked of. The boil-
ermaker has insisted that he doesn't
want to meet any of the challengers
and make himself absolutely fit by training
four or five months out of doors.

Sporting men who are anxious to
see him whip Johnson say that Jeffries
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MONEY TALKS
OUTLOOK GOOD
IN HOCKEY
FOR HOCKEY
THIS WINTER
IN NEW YORK

Special to The Standard.
Montreal, Dec. 7.—The National Hockey
Association people and those con-
nected with the Renfrew Club insist
today stronger than ever that they
should not be ousted by Taylor, Kerr
and Marty Walsh. As one of them puts
it: "In the present mixup there is no
reason why the men should not go to
the highest bidder, because the way
things stand now, as far as a man
can play hockey there will always be
a demand for him next year, no mat-
ter what residence rule or contract
rules there are and the Canadian Club
or our own body make."

Each association and each club
has to take its chances this year,
and I think the highest bidder will
win out, and the players would be
very foolish not to get all they can
peculiarly since there is a decided
scarcity of players. Renfrew has set
apart seven thousand dollars for a
team and the Canadian Club five thou-
sand, and money talks."

It is announced that McNamara,
who used to play with the Shamrocks
has been signed by Cobalt, and on the
other hand the National Club is get-
ting itself on the back for securing
young lads, who they claim is a
"comer," and who played last year
on the All-Montreal team against the
Wanderers. The Nationals announce
that they are going to send one of
their members out with a roving com-
mission to pick up some good men
anywhere he can get them.

The only thing that President Lun-
ny of the Canadian Association, cares
to say in his capacity as manager of
the Shamrock team is that Cochran
is not going to play for them and
as yet they have not offered anyone
nine hundred dollars.

The Wanderer managers claim that
they can count on Riley Hearn, John-
son, Glass and Gardiner.
Ernie Russell says he is not going
to play this year and Russell Bowie
says the same. His friends are quite
indignant at the Victoria having the
presumption of electing him honorary
coach of the team.

The championship last year was
won by the New York Athletic Club
and if Ben Rhodes can win his way
the championship will again go to the
winged foot organization, but it will
not go there without a hot argument
in the shape of stiff games put up by
all the other clubs. O'Donnell, the
old goal, is training the New York
Athletic Club team and he has had on
the ice twenty men. Some of these
twenty are rather disgruntled. They
say it is not fair for the club to hold
them without giving them a chance
to play, and some are thinking of leav-
ing the club to join some other organ-
ization. Seven is all that are wanted
to make a team and with fourteen
there is a team and a team of sub-
stitutes to practice with. Mills, last
year's goal, has not shown up yet, and
Thompson and Strange are trying for
the position, which is one of the most
important on the team. It was Mills'
fine work last year that enabled this
club to win.

Canadian Ports.
Halifax, N. S., Dec. 7.—Ard: Str
Mihia. (Br. cable) sea; sch. H. H.
Kitchener. (Br.) from New York;
Grace Darling. (Br.) from Boston.
S. D. Str Gramplan. (Br.) for Liver-
pool.
British Ports.
London, Dec. 7.—Ard: Str Minn-
tonka. (Br.) from New York.
Gibraltar, Dec. 7.—Ard: Strs Car-
onia, from New York via Ponta del
Gada, etc. for Genoa and Naples.
Str. S. B. Isiah. (Br.) Dec. 5.—Str: Str
Creveca, for Portland.
Foreign Ports.
City Island, N. Y., Dec. 7.—Bound
south: Strs. Nauna, from Hillsboro,
N. B. for Newark; schs Eva C. Port
Greville, N. S.; preference from St.
John, N. B.; Isiah H. Keiston, from
St. John, N. B.
Boston, Mass., Dec. 7.—Ard: Str
Hyperia. (Br.) from Buenos Ayres
via Barbados; Arthur J. Parker. (Br.)
from St. John, N. B. for Long Island.
New York, Dec. 7.—Ard: Strs Harriet C. Whitehead for
New York; Exilia. (Br.) for Wolf-
ville, N. S.; both returned to roads.
Glooucester, Mass., Dec. 7.—Ard:
Strs City of Philadelphia from Maine
ports for Boston; schs Scotia Queen,
from Parrsboro, N. B. for Vineyard
Haven; John J. Perry, from Boston
for Rockland; Vere B. Roberts, from
St. John, N. B. for Long Island.
Vineyard Haven, Mass., Dec. 7.—
Ard: Schs Pemaquid. (Br.) from
Hartford for Matland, N. S.; Abbe
and Eva Hooper, from St. John, N. B.,
for New York.
St. John, N. B., Dec. 7.—Ard: Strs
Julia Frances from Bangor for
Bridgewater; Andrew Peters, from
St. George, N. B. for do; Ida
M. Barton. (Br.) from Dorchester, N.
B. for New Bedford; Elzbie H. Pat-
rick, from Windsor, N. S. for do;
Frank B. Witherbe, from Frankfort
for do; Laura M. Lunt, from Hills-
boro, N. B. for do; William Mason,
from Bangor for do; Metline, from
Buck's Harbor for do.

DOMINION
EXHIBITION
1910
Applications will be received by the
undersigned up to 3 p. m. on Friday,
Dec. 9, for the position of manager
of the Dominion Exhibition, 1910.
A. O. SKINNER,
President Exhibition Association.



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THE WEATHER. Maritime—Strong winds or gales from southeasterly to southwesterly unsettled with rain.

AROUND THE CITY. Paid His Head Tax. Lee Sou Mee, a Chinaman, who arrived on the Sokoto from the West Indies, paid his head tax of \$500 yesterday and will go to Toronto where he will open a laundry.

Given a Half Holiday. The pupils in the High School were given a half holiday yesterday in order that the teachers might attend the funeral of Mrs. Fanny Scott Myles, mother of the principal of the school.

Thumb Badly Injured. While working on the steamer Sincennes yesterday afternoon, Mr. Beverly Evans, engineer of the boat, had the thumb of his left hand badly injured by a blow from a nail.

Lake Manitoba Arrives. Battered about by mountainous seas which swept their decks from stem to stern the C. P. R. steamer Lake Manitoba arrived at Partridge Island at 10 o'clock last evening and dropped anchor until 9 o'clock this morning when she will dock at No. 3 berth and leave her passengers.

St. David's Y. M. A. The St. David's Y. M. A. held a meeting last night in the schoolroom of the church at which a literary programme, entitled "Days with the Poets," was carried out.

Turnbull Co. Has Laid Information. In the police court this morning, hearing will take place on the information laid by Mr. Charles Adams, secretary of the Turnbull Real Estate Company, against Mr. Charles A. Segee for willful and malicious damage to the property of the Turnbull Real Estate Company near Millidgeville.

Board of Trade Council. The members of the council of the Board of Trade who were elected Tuesday met yesterday afternoon and elected six additional members to the board as provided for in the by-laws.

C. M. B. A. Elect Officers. At the weekly meeting of Branch 134 C. M. B. A., held in their hall, McLaughlin Building, Union street, last evening, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year.

"The Heathen Chinese is Peculiar." Among the passengers on the Quebec Express last evening were seven Chinamen, who had come from the West Indies on the Elder-Dempster steamer Sokoto, and were going through to Hong Kong.

MAKING LONGER FLIGHTS NOW SAYS DR. GRAHAM BELL. Distinguished Inventor Here Yesterday—Earl Grey Will Visit Baddeck Today—Four Aerodromes There Now.

Dr. Alexander Graham Bell, accompanied by Miss McCurdy, sister of Mr. E. A. McCurdy, of aerodrome fame, passed through the city last evening en route to Boston on private business.

WILL TRY TO BREAK THE RIVER RECORD TO FREDERICTON TODAY. Tug Maggie M. With Party On Board Leaves Indiantown At 8 a. m.—Luncheon in Capital On Arrival.

This morning at 8 o'clock the tug Maggie M., Capt. J. A. Mowry, will leave the Public Wharf, Indiantown, with a party on board and will endeavor to reach Fredericton. Should the trip prove successful the record for late navigation on the river will be broken.

WOMEN'S CANADIAN CLUB MAY AFFILIATE WITH WOMEN'S COUNCIL. Meeting Yesterday Decided To Submit Question To General Meeting—To Try Both Versions Of "O Canada."

At a meeting of the executive committee of the Women's Canadian Club yesterday at the residence of Mrs. E. A. Smith, the president, it was decided to invite the president and other officers of the Men's Canadian Club, the Mayor, Chief Justice, the Premier, the D. O. C. and other prominent citizens to bear Prof. Adam Shortt address the club next Monday.

Commission to Meet in January. Mr. O. Fellows of Bangor, Mr. A. J. Gregory of Fredericton and Hon. W. P. Meares of Woodstock, the counsel engaged in the hearings before the International Waterways Commission were in the city yesterday and held a conference with Messrs. A. F. Barthill and Mr. John Keeffe, the Canadian members of the commission.

TREASURY BOARD AT LOGGERS' OVER ASSESSORS. Three Chosen But Committee Is Not Unanimous—Supt. Glasgow Resigns Friday And May Be Nominated.

An entire lack of unanimity exists among the members of the Treasury Board with regard to the personnel of the new board of assessors. At a private session yesterday afternoon a recommendation was passed that there should be three assessors.

RUBBERS AND OVERSHOES "MALTESE CROSS" MAKE Leaders in Fit, Style and Wear. EVERY pair made on new shaped lasts to fit the styles of shoes worn today.

OWNERS STRENUOUS TIME TO KEEP AFLOAT. Has Gone Under Three Times—Men Kept At Pumps Now Night And Day—Hemmed In By Scows.

CHANGES MADE IN DIRECTORATE OF ST. JOHN ICE CO. J. V. Thomas Succeeds James Jack As Secretary Treasurer—Jas. D. Sealy Elected President.

A decided change in the management of the St. John Ice Co., Ltd., resulted from the annual meeting held last evening in the company's office in Charlotte street.

DEATHS. MacRae—At Calgary, on the 30th of November, Rev. Donald MacRae, aged 76 years. Funeral Thursday afternoon from St. Stephen's church. Service at 2.30 p. m.

Gifts Men Appreciate. Shaving Requisites. MIRRORS—\$1.00 to \$7.50. MUZZ—25c. to 75c. BRUSHES—25c. to \$3.50.

CHRISTMAS BOOKS. We are now showing a very large stock of books suitable for Holiday Gifts.

E. G. Nelson & Co., Cor. King and Charlotte Sts. Store closed at 6 p.m., excepting Saturday.

Waterbury & Rising. King Street, Mill Street, Union Street.

The Price of Rubber. You have been reading daily of the rise in the price of everything made of Rubber.

E. CLINTON BROWN, DRUGGIST, Cor. Union and Waterloo Sts.

Skates Skates. Made by the STARR MFG. CO., are always the standard of excellence. Instruct on having them. Boys and girls all want them and they are the ones who know.

A Christmas Gift For "Him" Fancy and Knitted Vests. If you wish to select something that will give lasting pleasure to a man—proving a sort of perpetual reminder of the giver's good will and excellent judgment—pick out one or two of a dozen of our.

UNEEEDA BISCUIT. Biscuits are more than mere soda crackers. They are a distinct individual food article, made from special materials, by special methods, in specially constructed bakeries.

Useful Christmas Gifts FOR MEN AND BOYS. It is only two weeks from next Saturday until Christmas, and you have a lot of buying yet to be done for your men and boy friends.

Christmas Gifts For Wee Tots. A Few Suggestions From An Immense Array of Bright, New Holiday Novelties. INFANTS' HAND PAINTED SILK COAT HANGERS, pink and blue . . . \$1.15

VOL. 1. NO. CANADA. Sir Thomas S. declares that reciprocity is now a reality. United States To Make Further Trade Between Canada and the United States. New York, Dec. 7.—ready to consider a reciprocity treaty with the United States. The Dominion of Canada has received with favor the protection of the coast line.