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THE UPWARD TENDENCY OF THE MARKETS

Wholesale Produce Quotations for the Last Week—Manitoba Flour Advances 20 Cents.

Manitoba flour has been advanced twenty cents since the last price list was compiled and is now wholesaling at \$7.55 per barrel. No change has been made in the price of Ontario flour. In striking contrast to previous weeks, the past week shows very few changes in prices. Cheese shows a slight decrease. Tub butter and rhabarb are a bit easier. Some advances are noticed in the prices of turpentine, white wool, both washed and unwashed, has been advanced a little. Turpentine is down a few cents, while gasoline is up half a cent. Prevailing prices are as follows:

COUNTRY MARKET.	
Potatoes, per bushel	1.25 to 1.50
Beef, western	0.12 to 0.14
Beef, country	0.08 to 0.12
Mutton, per lb.	0.12 to 0.14
Pork, per lb.	0.12 to 0.14
Veal, per lb.	0.08 to 0.14
Eggs, case, per dozen	0.22 to 0.23
Tub butter, per lb.	0.26 to 0.30
Creamery butter, per lb.	0.26 to 0.30
Fowls, fresh killed, per lb.	0.25 to 0.26
Fresh chicken	0.25 to 0.30
Bacon	0.25 to 0.30
Ham	0.25 to 0.30
Cabbage, per lb.	0.08 to 0.09
Turkey	0.80 to 1.00
Retail prices for green goods:	
Radishes	0.05 to 0.06
Mushrooms	0.05 to 0.10
Cranberries	0.20 to 0.25
New beets, per bunch	0.00 to 0.12
New carrots, per pound	0.00 to 0.12
Cucumbers, each	0.00 to 0.15
Celery	0.20 to 0.30
Calliflower	0.25 to 0.30
Rhubarb, per lb.	0.00 to 0.08

GROCERIES.	
Choice seed raisins, ls.	0.10% to 0.10%
Fancy, do.	0.10% to 0.10%
Currents, cleaned, ls.	0.10% to 0.10%
Cheese, per lb.	0.25 to 0.30
Rice	4.75 to 5.25
Cream tartar, pure box	0.50 to 0.60
Bicarb. soda, per keg	3.20 to 3.25
Beans, white	4.00 to 4.50
Beans, yellow eye	4.50 to 5.00
Split peas, bags	4.25 to 4.50
Pot barley, bags	6.20 to 6.35
Commeal, per bag	1.00 to 1.20
Granulated commeal	0.90 to 1.00
Liverpool salt per sack	1.00 to 1.10
Excise	1.05 to 1.10

PROVISIONS.	
Pork, Canadian mess.	0.00 to 81.00
Pork, American clear	31.00 to 82.00
American plate beef	28.25 to 29.75
Land compound, tub.	0.10 to 0.15
Lard, pure, tub.	0.18 to 0.25
Molasses, fancy Bar.	0.39 to 0.60

SUGAR.	
Standard granulated	8.25 to 8.90
United Empire	8.10 to 8.90
Bright yellow	8.05 to 8.10
No. 1 yellow	7.85 to 7.90
No. 1 lump	9.00 to 9.25

FLOUR, ETC.	
Roller outcast	0.00 to 6.25
Standard	0.00 to 6.25
Manitoba, high grade	0.00 to 7.50
Ontario, full patent	0.00 to 7.15

CANNED GOODS.	
The following are the wholesale quotations per case:	
Salmon, pink	5.15 to 5.25
Salmon, red	5.00 to 5.50
Pinned haddies	4.50 to 4.60
Kippered herring	4.50 to 4.60
Clams	4.50 to 4.60
Oysters	1.70 to 1.75
Oysters, 2s	2.60 to 2.65
Corned beef, 1s	2.90 to 3.00
Peaches, 3s	1.50 to 1.55
Peaches, 3s	1.45 to 1.50
Pineapple, sliced	2.17% to 2.20
Pineapple, grated	1.70 to 1.75
Lombard plums	1.30 to 1.35
Bananas	2.17% to 2.20
Corn, per doz	1.10 to 1.15
Peas	1.07% to 1.10
Strawberries	2.45% to 2.48
Tomatoes	2.45 to 2.48
Pumpkins	1.10 to 1.15
String beans	1.10 to 1.15
Baked beans, 1s	1.20 to 1.25
Baked beans, 3s	1.65 to 1.70

GRAINS.	
Brain, small lots, bags	28.00 to 29.00
Pressed hay, car lots	17.00 to 18.00
No. 1 hay	20.00 to 22.00
Oats, Canadian	0.87 to 0.92
Midlings	29.00 to 30.00

FISH.	
Small dry cod	4.75 to 5.00
Medium dry cod	6.00 to 6.25
Grand Manan herring	3.15 to 3.25
Half-bills	3.15 to 3.25
Smoked herring	0.15 to 0.16
Pickled shad, half-bills	8.00 to 12.00
Fresh cod, per lb.	0.06 to 0.07
Blowers, per box	0.80 to 0.90
Halibut	0.12 to 0.18
Kippers, herring, per	0.00 to 0.30
Box	0.12 to 0.18
Wordfish	0.07 to 0.08
Haddies	0.07 to 0.08

FRUITS.	
Marbot walnuts	0.18 to 0.17
Almonds	0.18 to 0.19
California prunes	0.09 to 0.15
Fibers	0.15 to 0.18
Brazils, new	0.14 to 0.15
Peanuts, roasted	0.11 to 0.14
Bag figs, per lb.	0.10 to 0.12
Lemons, Messina, box	3.75 to 3.80
Cocoanuts, per doz	0.60 to 0.70
Cocoanuts, per sack	4.00 to 4.50
California oranges	2.25 to 4.50
Apples	2.25 to 5.00

OILS.	
Palacine	0.00 to 0.20
Royalite	0.00 to 0.16%
Turpentine	0.00 to 0.08
Extra No. 1 lamp	0.10 to 0.30
Premier motor	0.00 to 0.35%
lenc	0.00 to 0.35%

HIDES.	
Hides	0.15 to 0.16
sub-Calfskins	0.22 to 0.25
Troyalite	1.50 to 2.00
Shearlings	0.15 to 0.20
Spring lambskins	0.15 to 0.20
Wool, washed	0.43 to 0.45
Wool, unwashed	0.30 to 0.32
Tallow	0.25% to 0.27%

French Re-Take Portion of Fort Douaumont; Trenches Lost on British Line Near Civenchy

British Line Raided; French Striking Hard; Progress On Tigris

Paris, May 22, 11 p. m.—The official communication, issued by the war office tonight reads:

"In the Argonne our batteries energetically bombarded Nantillois, Montfaucon and the Chappoy wood."

"On the left bank of the Meuse we continued to make progress during the day south of Hill 267, and forced the enemy to evacuate a small work which he had held since May 16."

"In the region west of Le Mort Homme our counter-attacks enable us to drive the enemy from some new trenches occupied by him."

"On the right bank of the Meuse, after a powerful artillery preparation, our infantry stormed German positions along a front of about two kilometers, extending from the region west of the Thiaumont Farm to east of Fort Douaumont. On the entire front the attack our troops captured German trenches, and penetrated Fort Douaumont, the northern part of which the enemy still holds. Numerous prisoners remained in our hands."

"On the heights of the Meuse, in the 'Bouchet' wood, a successful attack enabled us to clear enemy trenches along an extent of 300 metres, and to make prisoners."

"This morning one of our aeroplanes, despatched in pursuit of a German machine, which had approached Dunkirk with the purpose of dropping bombs, overtook it and brought it down."

"An Alsace enemy aeroplane was brought down in an aerial combat. One fell within our lines at Seathelm, south of Thann, the other in the region of Le Bonhomme."

Belgian communication:

"Last evening we repulsed by our fire a strong German patrol which had advanced beyond a Belgian post. On the right bank of the Yser, south of Dismude, there was an intense artillery duel, this afternoon in the sector of Dismude, where a violent action with bombs also took place."

British Official.

London, May 23, 12.58 a.m.—The British official statement on the campaign in the western zone reads:

"After a heavy bombardment all yesterday (Sunday), becoming most intense in the afternoon, the enemy attacked our position on the north end of Vimy ridge and succeeded in penetrating our front line of trenches on a front of about 1,500 yards. The depth of penetration varied from 100 to 800 yards."

"Today our artillery subjected the German positions to a heavy bombardment. On the remainder of the front we sprang mines near Rocquincourt, the Hohenleut and the quarries. There was mining activity near Neuville-St. Vaast, and south of Fleurbaix."

"The artillery of both sides has been active opposite Lens and east of Ypres."

Nearly Mile of Trenches Lost.

Paris, May 22, 4 p. m.—An official review of the fighting in the Verdun region for the week May 14 to 20, says that the actions from May 18 to May 20 were of extreme violence, and adds:

"On the 20th a big German attack was made upon the region of Le Mort Homme. Between Le Mort Homme and the Meuse the enemy was stopped. We held trenches taken in April."

"Upon the slopes west of Le Mort Homme the Germans succeeded in taking our first line trenches along a front of 1,300 to 1,500 metres (nearly one mile)."

Kut-el-Amara Site Reached.

London, May 22, 8 p. m.—A despatch received from Lieutenant-General Sir Percy Lake, commander of the British forces in Mesopotamia, shows that the forces of Lieutenant-General Sir George Currie, operating on the south bank of the Tigris, have now virtually reached Kut-el-Amara, this region now being clear of Turks up to the junction of the Shatt el-Hai river with the Tigris at Kut. On the north bank of the Tigris, to the east of Kut-el-Amara, however, the Turks still occupy Sannayat.

An official communication, issued tonight, concerning the operations in this region, says:

"General Lake reports, on May 20, that the right or south bank of the Tigris is clear of the enemy as far as the Shatt el-Hai, except for small rear guards covering the bridge over the Hai, some 400 yards below its junction with the Tigris. Our main force on this bank has reached the line of Magasin-Dujailam."

"On the left or north bank, the enemy is reported still occupying the Sannayat position. The weather is intensely hot and trying. The temperature during the last few days was over 100 degrees in the shade."

Russians Break Up Attacks.

Petrograd, via London, May 22, 11.37 p. m.—The following official communication was issued today:

"Near the village of Ostrov, northward of Lake Narocz, Saturday evening, the Germans, after a violent bombardment, made numerous attempts to take the offensive, but each time they were repulsed by our fire. In the region southwest of Lake Narocz our artillery destroyed large gatherings of German troops."

"Near the village of Kostoukhovka, northwest of Czortorysk, we repulsed an enemy attack. On the remainder of the front from the Gulf of Riga to the Romanian frontier, there has been no fighting except exchanges of rifle fire and reinforcements."

"In the Baltic, one of our submarines sank three German steamers."

"On the Caucasian front in the direction of Diarbekir, there have been advance post actions."

A Turkish Dream.

Constantinople, May 22, via London, 11.25 p. m.—The official statement from

72 LIBERALS; 7 CONSERVATIVES RESULT OF QUEBEC ELECTION

FAKE SURPLUSES WERE ANNOUNCED

Government's Crooked Work Exposed by Affidavit of Official of Public Works Department

Moncton, May 23—How the government of New Brunswick deliberately announced false surpluses to the people of the province after holding over accounts aggregating very many thousands of dollars at the close of the fiscal year and holding back payment on the same is shown by a sworn affidavit received today from H. M. Blair, formerly secretary of the public works department of the province. The affidavit is as follows:

Province of New Brunswick, county of York.

I, Harry M. Blair, of the city of Fredericton, in the county of York, accountant, do solemnly declare:

"That from the 10th day of November, 1914, to the month of April, 1916, I was secretary of the department of public works of the province of New Brunswick."

"That the fiscal year of the government of the province of New Brunswick ends on the 31st day of October in each year and the accounts are made up to that date."

"That in the month of August, September, and October, 1915, I did present to the provincial secretary-treasurer's department for payment certain accounts which were almost exclusively for ordinary expenditure of roads and bridges, amounting to between \$55,000 and \$60,000. These accounts had been checked up in the department of public works and passed upon, the proper requisitions had been signed, and all were made ready for payment. They had been sent to the treasury department from day to day as they were prepared, but were not paid. As the accounts accumulated and many of the people who needed their money, which was then long overdue, clamored for payment, I repeatedly and persistently urged payment of those accounts, but was met with the answer that there were no funds to pay them."

"That during the latter part of said month of October, in order that the provincial secretary-treasurer might be able to declare that the government had completed the year with a surplus, these accounts, amounting to between \$55,000 and \$60,000 were handed back to me by the treasury department, and I was asked by that department to hold them over until after the end of the fiscal year. I was further asked by the treasury department to change the date of all the requisitions so as to make them appear as if they belonged to the following year. These alterations so requested by the treasury department were made. The date were changed as of the following fiscal year, and the requisition filed in the department, if examined, will show where the changes were made. As a result of these transactions the provincial secretary-treasurer declared as will be seen by reference to the auditor-general's report for 1913, page A. 48, that the government had ended the year with a surplus of \$12,037.38. If these accounts had been paid, instead of being held back and altered, HE WOULD HAVE HAD A DEFICIT TO REPORT OF BETWEEN \$40,000 AND \$50,000 ON THESE ITEMS ALONE DURING OTHER YEARS WHILE I WAS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT COMPELLED US TO ADOPT SIMILAR TACTICS AND MAKE SIMILAR ALTERATIONS."

"That one of the accounts so held up in the year 1913 was a progress estimate of the Quebec and St. John Construction Company, Limited, for work done on the Swan Creek road division. The amount of this company's progress estimate at the time was \$2,000. This amount was passed, approved, properly requisitioned, and ordered paid. The item is part of the account on page 155 of the report of the auditor-general of public accounts for 1914, which reads as follows:

"St. John and Quebec Railway Company, balance contract Swan Creek road division, \$3,854.83."

"In October, 1913, the Quebec and St. John Construction Company, Limited, was pressing for payment of the said \$2,000 which was due them. The company evidently needed the money badly. The provincial engineer had passed the work. The public works department had ordered it paid, but no money could be had from the provincial treasury. Mr. Ross Thompson, the manager of the Construction Company, was on the spot, pressing for payment. He could not be put off as those farther away could. I went with Mr. Thompson to the treasury department and asked that the account be paid. I was informed that this account was the same as the others, and no funds were available. Finally, at the suggestion of Mr. Thompson, and after having obtained an understanding with Mr. G. N. Babbitt, then deputy provincial treasurer that I should be protected, it was agreed and arranged that the Quebec and St. John Construction Company, Limited, should make a draft on me for 2,000 at thirty days covering this account, and that I should accept the draft for my protection. I insisted upon having from the St. John and Quebec Construction Company, Limited, something in writing to show why I was assuming a personal obligation and agreed to pay them \$2,000, and I received the following receipt, written in the Receiver General's office, on the Receiver General's letter paper, while we were there:

Receiver General office, New Brunswick.

Office of Receiver General, Fredericton, N. B., October 14, 1913.

Received from the department of public works of the Province of New Brunswick, per H. M. Blair, secretary, and per G. N. Babbitt, deputy provincial treasurer, a thirty day acceptance in the Royal Bank of Canada, Fredericton, (Continued on page 8.)

Italian Officers Confident, Inviting the Austrians to Follow—Vienna Claims Lavarone, Plateau and Other Positions.

Rome, via Paris, May 22, 6.35 p. m.—"Italy's great hour has struck" is the theme of the comment of the public and the press on the news that is being received from the front.

All the reports coming from the fighting zone agree that the number of Austrian troops now in action has been more than doubled, and that the Austrian artillery, especially heavy long range guns, is daily increasing and unmaking the imposing offensive prepared by Austria with the object of reaching the Alps by making his thrust against the Venetian region and threaten the flank and rear of the main Italian army occupying the provinces of Udine and Belluno.

One Roaring Inferno.

Rome, May 22—Austrian artillery of all sizes and ranges, with the monster 800 millimeter gun predominating, has transformed the battle front between the Adige and Brenia rivers into a roaring inferno.

Notwithstanding the snow-capped mountain barriers the Austrian infantry is being launched in waves which, in the eyes of observers, say that the formidable resistance of the Italians.

The Italian troops have now formed their lines of defense and are holding firmly all the passes and peaks from which Italian officers say the forward movement of the Austrians has not only been successfully arrested, but the Austrians have been dislodged from several strategic positions taken in the first rush of the offensive.

Austrian Claim of Victory.

Berlin, May 22, via wireless to Sayville—The Italians have been driven from their entire position on Lavarone plateau, the Austrians were from several places of today says.

It is stated that the Italian defeat is steadily becoming more serious. The Austrian lines have been pushed forward (Continued on page 8.)

TWO VARYING REPORTS FROM ITALIAN FRONT

Austrian Artillery Keeping Up Duel Probably Unsurpassed in World's History

INFRANTRY WAVES SURGE FORWARD, THEN RECOIL

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MINES TAKING THEIR TOLL OF VESSELS AT SEA

Italian Naval Planes Destroyed and Burn Aircraft—Several Steamers Gone

Rome, via Paris, May 22, 4.30 p. m.—A naval flying squadron defeated and burned an enemy aeroplane in the upper Adriatic last night, says a semi-official despatch.

Three More Gone.

London, May 22—A Lloyd's despatch says that the Greek steamer Anastasios-Cornicos, 1,901 tons, has been sunk.

London, May 23, 1.15 a. m.—The French steamer Languedoc and the Italian bark Eritulia have been sunk, according to reports received by Lloyd's.

The Languedoc was 3,612 tons gross. The shipping registers do not report her recent movement.

The Eritulia, 1,544 gross tons, sailed from Savona, May 11, for Philadelphia, Stockholm, via London, May 23, 1.15 a. m.—The Swedish steamer Rosalind, 877 tons, from Copenhagen for Stagnum in ballast, has been sunk by a mine off the Stockholm skerries. The crew was saved.

Copenhagen, via London, May 23, 1.34 a. m.—The Danish steamer Carls, 316 tons, has been sunk by a mine outside of Sandhammar Point, on the southern coast of Sweden, according to a Stockholm despatch. The crew was saved.

London, May 22, 8.09 p. m.—The British admiralty, referring to a report sent out from Berlin to the effect that survivors of the British steamer Cyrmic, which sank May 8, had asserted the sinking of the vessel was due to the explosion of her boilers, declares the statement to be entirely unfounded. On the contrary, says the admiralty, the Cyrmic was torpedoed without warning.

Previous accounts from British sources, as well as despatches to the state department at Washington from the American consul at Queenstown, said the Cyrmic was torpedoed.

WAR SUMMARY

Hard fighting is still in progress between the Austrians and Italians in the Tyrol, the French and the Germans in the region of Verdun, and the Germans and British around La Basse.

The great offensive of the Austrians against the Italians in Southern Tyrol continues unabated, and at several points the Austrians seem to be gradually throwing back the Italians toward their own territory. To the southeast of Trent, on the Lavarone plateau, Vienna says the Italians have been dislodged from all their positions, and adds that the Austrians have captured Pima, Mandrolia and the height immediately west of the frontier from the summit as far as the Astach (Astico) valley.

The Austrians, for their offensive, according to Rome advices, have been heavily reinforced in men and guns. Since the beginning of the offensive, Vienna asserts, over 24,000 men have been made prisoner, and 172 cannon have been captured by the Austrians.

In the region of Verdun both the French and Germans claim successes for their arms at various points. An interesting point in the latest French official report is the statement that the French have penetrated Fort Douaumont, northeast of Verdun, which the Germans stormed and captured Feb. 25, four days after the commencement of the assault on Verdun, and from which all attempts to drive them out proved futile.

The Germans, however, still hold the northern part of Fort Douaumont. A violent attack also has netted the French German positions on a front of about a mile and a quarter east of the village of Douaumont. To the northwest of Verdun the French have forced out the Germans from positions south of Hill 267 and west of Le Mort Homme.

Berlin, on the other hand, says the Germans to the northwest of Verdun stormed the eastern spur of Hill 304 and held them against repeated counter-attacks. In this fighting the French are declared to have lost heavily in men killed or wounded. Admission is made in the Berlin report of the capture by the French of a quarry south of Haudremont, northeast of Verdun.

Heavy losses in men were suffered by the British when the Germans took trenches from them over a front of about a mile and a quarter near Givency. En-Gohelle and in counter-attacks to regain them, according to Berlin.

The situation generally on the Russian front remains unchanged.

The British, operating against the Turks in Mesopotamia, are gradually drawing nearer Kut-el-Amara, where a large number of their officers and men who recently surrendered are still being held captive. The British, who have been reinforced by Russian cavalry, have now reached the region immediately south of Kut-el-Amara, with the intervening territory between them and their objective clear of Turks, except for small rear guards.

Small Conservative Opposition Cut in Half

SWEEEPING ENDORSATION FOR PREMIER GOUIN

Opposition Leader, Himself Defeated, Declares He is Through With Party Politics—With Three in by Acclamation, Conservatives Carried But Four Seats at Polls.

Montreal, May 22—Elections were held in fifty-three ridings in Quebec province today, forty-nine Liberals and four Conservatives being returned. Twenty-three Liberals were elected by acclamation, and three Conservatives. With eighty-one seats in the legislature the standing of the two parties is as follows:

Liberals, seventy-two; Conservatives, seven. There are two deferred elections, Madeline Island and Gaspé.

Sir Lomer Gouin's government is thus returned to power with the small opposition in the last house again out in two.

Conservatives elected today were: D'Auteuil, Charlevoix-Sahgenay; Turcotte, Lac St. Jean (gain); Tansey, St. Ann, and Campbell, Pontiac.

P. Cousineau, Conservative leader, who was defeated by Ashby, Liberal, says he is through with the party leadership, and will not look for another constituency.

"They were it Conservatives in the house just dissolved.

General Majorities.

The results by polls follows:

CITY OF MONTREAL.

Maisonville—Hon. J. L. Decarie, Lib., 1,950 majority.

Dorion—G. Maynard, Lib., 150 majority.

Hochelaga—Severin-Letourneau, Lib., acclamation.

Laurier—N. Turcotte, Lib., 1,800 majority.

St. Ann—George Tansey, Con., 109 majority.

St. Denis—C. E. Gault, Con., acclamation.

St. James—C. Robillard, Lib., 1,740 majority.

St. Lawrence—J. P. Finnie, Lib., 294 majority.

St. Louis—Peter Bercovert, Ind. Lib., 968 majority.

St. Marys—P. Seguin, Lib., 4,000 majority.

Westmount—C. A. Smart, Con., acclamation.

DISTRICT OF MONTREAL.

Argenteuil—John Hay, Lib., 1,000 majority.

Baptist—J. E. Phaneuf, Lib., 317 majority.

Beauharnois—E. A. Robert, Lib., 287 majority.

Two Mountains—Lib., 608 majority.

Chambly—E. M. Desautels, Lib., acclamation.

Champlain—Dr. Bourdeau, Liberal, 1,800 majority.

Chateauguay—Hon. H. Mercier, Liberal, 1,260 majority.

Two Mountains—A. Sauve, Conservative, acclamation.

Huntingdon—A. Philips, Liberal, acclamation.

Berville—J. Benoit, Liberal, acclamation.

Jacques Cartier—J. S. A. Ashby, Liberal, 1,980 majority.

Joliette—E. Hebert, Liberal, 800 majority.

Labelle—H. A. Fortin, Liberal, acclamation.

Leprieux—W. C. Edilott, Liberal, 68 majority.

L'Assomption—W. Reed, Liberal, acclamation.

Laval—J. W. Levesque, Liberal, 1,387 majority.

Maskinonge—R. Tourville, Liberal, 280 majority.

Montcalm—Joseph Dupuis, Liberal, 417 majority.

Napierville—Cyprien Doris, Liberal, 181 majority.

Nicolet—Arthur Trahan, Liberal, acclamation.

Ottawa—F. A. Gendron, Liberal, acclamation.

Pontiac—G. B. Campbell, Conservative, about 100 majority.

Richelieu—Maurice Peloquin, Liberal, 405 majority.

Rouville—E. Robert, Liberal, acclamation.

St. Hyacinthe—T. D. Bouchard, Liberal, 261 majority.

St. John—M. Robert, Lib., 440 majority.

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FROM ALL OVER THE MARITIME PROVINCES

FREDERICTON

Fredericton, May 18—Chancellor and Mrs. Jones were at home at their residence in the university on Wednesday afternoon, when the members of the graduating class and their friends were the guests of honor. The annual class tea given by Mrs. Jones is always looked forward to as the brightest time preceding the convocation. Chancellor Jones received with Mrs. Jones and his genial manner gave a warm welcome to all their guests. Mrs. Jones Stevens and Mrs. W. G. Clarke invited the guests to the tea room, where the daintily arranged table was centered with violets. Violets in profusion were in the drawing room decorations. Mrs. Adam Cameron and Mrs. E. C. Foster presided at the table. Mrs. Stille, Miss McLean, Miss Vanwart, Miss Vera Baird and Miss Cadwallader assisted. Ices were served in the library, where Mrs. Keirland presided and cut out tea. Mrs. Grace Gibson and Miss Jewett assisting.

POINTED TABLE

pointed table and was assisted by Miss Cadwallader, Miss Bertha Harvey, Miss Rita Barry, Miss Vera Van Burck, Miss Jeanie Hodges, Miss Marion Crockett, Miss Doris Massey and Miss Jeannette Severly, Miss Winifred Everett replenishing.

UNION SERVICE

union service held on Sunday afternoon in the Village Baptist church, in observation of Mother's day.

ST. ANDREWS

St. Andrews, May 18—Mrs. Vernon Lamb and Mrs. William Morrow returned from their trip to Boston.

DORCHESTER

Dorchester, May 17—Mrs. Julian Cornell, who has been the guest of her sister, Miss Bernice Emerson, has returned to her home in Amherst.

WOODSTOCK

Woodstock, May 19—Miss Grace Brown, of Sussex, has been the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Chaudhry.

BORDER TOWNS

St. Stephen, May 17—A musical comedy, "Jackie's Wife," is being given at the benefit of the Cliphurst Memorial Hospital by the Ladies' Hospital Aid Society in Calais.

CAMPBELL

Campbell, May 18—Mrs. M. J. Stewart returned from her trip to New Brunswick.

The Countess of Ashburnham presided over the daintily arranged table...

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ST. JOHN, N. B., MAY 24, 1916.

WAR COMMENT.

Monday morning's news that a Russian cavalry force has joined the British on the southern bank of the Tjers is hailed in London with keen satisfaction.

The Grand Duke wears seven-league boots. He may be at Bagdad before the British. If not they will enter it together.

The appeal for assistance sent out by the Turkish military authorities to Bagdad is likely to meet with as strong and prompt a response as the Germans are capable of at this time.

Saturday and Sunday brought still heavier fighting at Verdun. The new divisions lately brought up by the Germans have made some progress, but though the assault is heavy the French have beaten off heavier ones on many occasions since the Germans first struck at Verdun.

Nothing is heard of late about the much advertised German attack on the Allies at Salonika. The Turks are staggering, and the Bulgarians are evidently sulking under German control.

A WORD AS TO "SCANDALS" Judge W. W. Wells is a Westmorland county man; Mr. W. S. Fisher, of St. John, is a prominent manufacturer in Westmorland county also.

"A political situation is rapidly developing in New Brunswick not unlike what happened in Manitoba last year. The lieutenant-governor may be compelled to dissolve the legislature.

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trial of a scandalous government, many of whose acts and policies constituted some of the gravest scandals in New Brunswick's political history.

The futile endeavor of these government organs is to persuade the people that the opposition organizers have uttered false accusations against the administration and its followers.

disposal, the opposition has exposed a legislature honeycombed with ignorance and greed and vice. No action has been taken by the legislature to repudiate ex-Premier Fleming's transactions.

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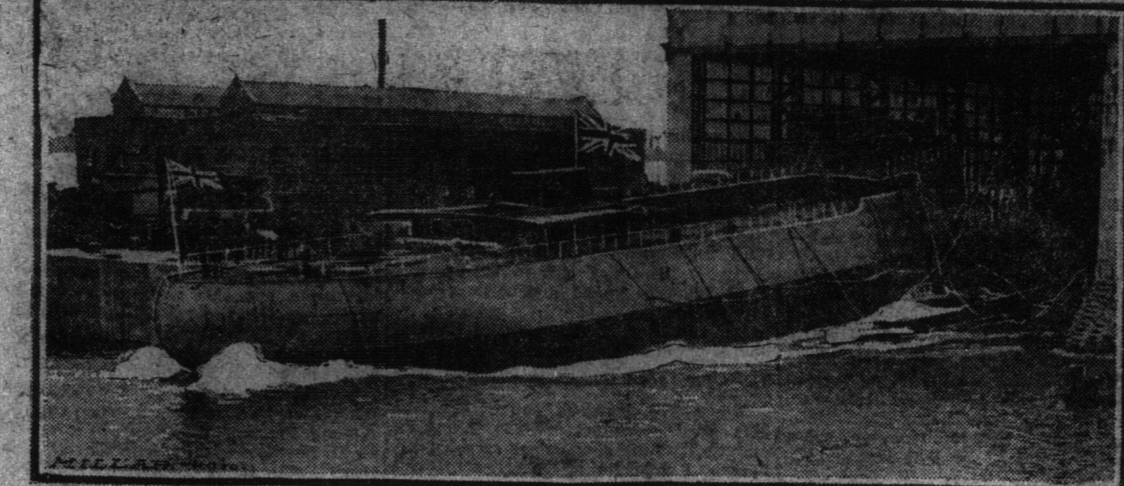
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THE LAUNCHING OF THE J. D. HAZEN ICE-BREAKER



horse of another color. While the Standard's version bore no official brand, it is the only explanation that has been forthcoming, and Premier Clarke was and is fully entitled to whatever benefit may arise from it.

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RETRACTION BY THE STANDARD

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On Tuesday and Wednesday mornings of this week The Standard published despatches received in the ordinary course of news from our Ottawa correspondent dealing with Mr. Carvell's trip to New York, and the engagement by him of a legal firm in that city to secure evidence in connection with matters now under investigation by the Meredith-Duff Commission.

More Great Work by Canadians. Ottawa, May 19—How the men of an Edmonton battalion withstood the bombardment of the Germans during a part of a day and well into the darkness of the evening, clinging to their smashed trenches with grim determination, and then springing out to meet the oncoming enemy infantry attack is told in this week's communique from the Canadian general in command at the front.

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Next week there will be nothing but election... Hon. C. W. Robinson and P. J. Sweeney made the statement that they thought they were out of local politics...

The season is a busy one... The most notable feature of the campaign is lack of arguments of government speakers...

Bank Clearings... Halifax, May 18—Halifax bank clearings for the week were \$2,281,547...

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AGENTS WANTED... RELIABLE representative wanted to meet the tremendous demand for fruit trees throughout New Brunswick...

WANTED... WANTED—A cook in private family... WANTED—Nursemaid for two children...

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BRITISH PORTS... Isle of Wight, May 18—Passed, str Pictou, Roberts, St. John... Walton Bay, May 18—Ard, str Henry R. James, Hogg, St. John...

FOREIGN PORTS... Cadiz, May 6—Steamed, str Stegelberg, Lund, Lousburg (C B)... Palermo, May 1—Ard, str Esperanza (Nor), Jacobsen, St. John...

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CONDENSED NEWS: LOCAL AND GENERAL... Rev. S. W. Schurman, of Hillsboro, has declined a hearty call from the Bethany church, Sydney (N. S.)...

AMERICAN ARRESTED IN THE IRISH REBELLION... James M. Sullivan, former United States minister to Santo Domingo, and a friend of William J. Bryant, arrested in Dublin in connection with the Irish rebellion...

Brief Despatches... London, May 20—(Toronto Globe Cable)—David Lloyd George, minister of munitions, last night announced that 131 munitions factories have been added to the establishments under government control...

MAN DIES AT MASTHEAD ON SCHR. VINEYARD... Parbro, N. S., May 21—The American schooner Vineyard arrived here today to land the body of a young sailor, who died on board last night...

ROTHESAY FIRE... Rothsay was visited by a serious fire yesterday morning in consequence of which the home of Andrew Dobbin, on the Hampton road, with its entire contents, was completely destroyed...

PROPERTY TRANSFERS... Transfers of real estate have been recorded as follows: St. John County... Kings County...

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