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WEATHER—FAIR

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BRITISH WIN VICTORY NEAR KUT-EL-AMARA; GERMANY CANNOT NOW NAME PEACE TERMS; WILSON'S SON-IN-LAW NAMED IN SCANDAL

BRITISH AND FRENCH DRIVE BACK GERMANS

Huns Routed East of Loos—British Capture Town on Shatt-El-Haii River, South of Kut-El-Amara, and Clear Right Bank of Tigris of Ottoman Troops.

ROUMANIA ONLY THEATRE WHERE VIGOROUS OPERATIONS IN PROGRESS—BIG BATTLE POSSIBLE ON MACEDONIAN FRONT—TEUTONIC ALLIES IN FULL CONTROL OF VADEEN, SIX MILES SOUTHWEST OF GALAZ, ROUMANIA.

The Russian offensive in the Riga region of Russia, having abated to such slight proportions that neither the Russian nor German official communications deal with it, Rumania continues to be the only theatre where vigorous operations are in progress, although there are indications of the possibility of another big battle on the Macedonian front in the near future. There have been engagements in Mesopotamia, in the vicinity of Kut-El-Amara, with both the Turks and the British claiming the advantage. On the other fronts bombardments and encounters by small parties continue.

The Teutonic Allies are now in full control of Vaden, six miles southwest of Galatz, Roumania, and Galatz is under the fire of the Bulgarian artillery from the right bank of the Danube. After the occupation of Vaden, which was the last town south of the Sereth held by the Russians and Roumanians, the Russians made a vigorous attack in an attempt to dislodge them. The Turks, however, put down the attack, according to Berlin, which also reports the repulse of Russian offensives near Fundeni, on the Lower Sereth, and between the Kasino and Suchitza rivers, near the Moldavian frontier.

Petrograd Disgraced.

Petrograd takes issue with the German report as regards the Kasino river sector, saying the Roumanians here forced back the invaders, and that also heavy casualties were inflicted on them in attacks northeast of Pokshani.

In Macedonia, on the western wing, south of Lake Ochrida there have been several encounters between the French and the Austro-Germans, in which the Teutonic Allies are declared by Germany finally to have driven the French across the Czerna river. Further south, on the eastern shore of Lake Malik, the French record a slight advance for their troops near Zvezda. To the east along the Dobran front the British have raided the village of Akinjali and also bombarded the town of Neochari from both land and sea.

Turks Repulsed.

According to the London war office, the right bank of the Tigris river, except for a small strip northeast of Kut-El-Amara has been cleared of Ottoman troops. The Turkish war office says that east of Kut in a counter-attack the Turks penetrated the British position, made prisoners and captured three machine guns.

Germans Routed.

London, Jan. 15.—The British official communication from headquarters in France, as made public here this evening, says:

"During the night a party of our troops entered the German lines east of Loos. Many casualties were inflicted on the enemy, his dugouts were bombed and some prisoners were secured. North of the Ancre an enemy transport was successfully engaged by our artillery.

"In addition to the usual artillery activity along our front the enemy's positions were effectively bombarded southeast of Loos and opposite the Bois Grenier."

French Repel Enemy.

Paris, Jan. 15.—The official communication issued by the war office tonight reads:

"Reciprocal bombardments took place on both banks of the Somme, on the right bank of the Meuse and in Lorraine.

"After a bombardment last night between the Aisne and the Argonne the Germans attacked our advanced positions; they were driven back after a spirited combat with grenades.

To Collect Paper.

The Red Cross, through Mrs. Heber Vroom, will make application for permission to place clean waste paper boxes in public places. It is intended to have boxes at King and Queen Squares, at Riverview Park and at

NO FURTHER PEACE MOVES BY GERMANY AT PRESENT TIME

Entente Reply to Wilson's Note Precludes Any Direct Announcement by Huns of Their Peace Terms, Declares German Foreign Minister.

Berlin, Jan. 15, via Sayville, by wireless to the Associated Press.—Dr. Alfred Zimmermann, the German foreign minister, informed the Associated Press today that, in his opinion, the Entente reply to President Wilson's peace note bars the possibility, for the present, of further German steps to bring about peace.

In particular, he said, it precluded any direct announcement by Germany of her peace conditions, in answer to the terms set forth in the latest Entente note.

Dr. Zimmermann asserted, however, that the answer of the Entente to the president did not finally and completely close the door to later efforts for peace before one side or the other was completely crushed.

Talks Reluctantly.

The foreign minister declared, although with obvious reluctance, that it was impossible for him to give a more definite statement of the peace programme of the Central Powers than that indicated in the declarations of Dr. Von Bethmann-Hollweg, the chancellor, because the German terms were such that the unsolicited proffer of mediation for peace could not be accepted. He characterized the programme of conquest and dismemberment outlined by the Entente, would be interpreted by the Entente Powers as a sign of weakness and of a desire for peace at any cost.

Peace Not in Sight.

Publication of the peace terms of the Central Powers, therefore, would defeat its every purpose, said Dr. Zimmermann. The foreign minister expressed doubt whether, after what he described as the rebuff to President Wilson's peace efforts given in the reply of the Entente, the president could take any further action for the present, adding that the Entente answer excluded, for the present, any possibility of peace.

Expressing a profound conviction that the programme of the Entente Powers never could be carried into effect, Dr. Zimmermann intimated that a failure of the Entente's offensive this year, which he expected, might again make it possible to approach the subject of peace on reasonable terms and with some prospect of success.

People Want Peace.

"Do you think that after an interval there will be any possibility of an offer of mediation for peace being accepted by both sides?" the minister was asked.

"Yes," he replied. "The desire for

peace of all the peoples—peoples, mind you, I say, not governments—is so strong that after the Entente has had another try with a new offensive, after it has seen the fruitlessness of all the endeavors to crush the military strength of the Central Powers, there may be a better possibility of negotiating a satisfactory and reasonable peace.

"Of course, if the Entente Powers persist in trying to execute their programme the war must be fought out to the bitter end. There is not a German who would not rather die than see the accomplishment of the announced intention of the Entente Powers with respect to Germany, to see German provinces, with predominant German populations, torn from the German empire, and united Germany, which our fathers so labored to achieve, torn asunder and the country reduced, as the Allies have plainly announced is their ambition to a condition of subjugation to rival great powers of Europe.

Speaks of Ireland.

"The conditions for Austria-Hungary are even more difficult. Its dismemberment to satisfy the passion for territorial aggrandizement of Russia, Italy, Serbia and Roumania, would leave the state not even a third-rate power; while who can say what would be the fate of the 'redeemed small nationalities' when brought under the sway of Russia? Bulgaria, of course, would be bitterly punished, and Turkey would practically cease to exist if the plans contemplated in the Entente's answer were attained.

"The Entente tries to justify its aims of conquest by what it calls liberation, instead of pillaging. Charitable as at home. Why does not England give a practical example of her idea of liberty by setting Ireland free?"

CANADIANS ACTIVE UNDER BAD WEATHER CONDITIONS

Perform Daring Feats at Front and Maintain Eternal Vigilance—F. B. MacCurdy, M. P., Spends Four Days with the Boys.

London, Jan. 15.—A communique was issued today from the Canadian war records office. It says:

"The past week has been marked by increased artillery and trench mortar activity on both sides. It is not possible to say what losses our bombardments have inflicted, but the damage done to the enemy's trenches has been very great. Judging by the number of Germans who expose themselves while evidently trying to pass along their ruined and waterlogged trenches. Their trenches have apparently become quite impassable, as the men are seen using overhead routes, giving our snipers opportunities which at other times they could not hope for.

"In spite of unfavorable weather conditions our patrols have continued active. Not content with the usual parties which patrol our front at night, and form our greatest protection against surprise, our scouts have done some daylight work in front of the lines where the ground is sufficiently broken to give some cover.

Daring Work.

"Two men of a mounted rifle battalion carried out a particularly daring reconnaissance of this nature. Leaving our trenches at about midday, and crawling from cover to cover, they succeeded in reaching and entering the German lines unobserved. The re-

DRAMATIC CHARGES OF SCANDAL BY LAWSON REGARDING "PEACE LEAK"

Names of President Wilson's Son-in-Law (Secretary McAdoo), Chairman Henry of Investigating Committee, Secretary Tumulty and Other Prominent Men Involved.

BOSTON MAN CLAIMS HENRY TOLD HIM CABINET OFFICER, MEMBER OF CONGRESS AND BANKERS PROFITED IN STOCK MARKET BY ADVANCE INFORMATION OF PRESIDENT WILSON'S PEACE NOTE—THE ACCUSED MEN DENY LAWSON'S CHARGES.

Washington, Jan. 15.—Thomas W. Lawson sprung a sensation in the "leak" inquiry before the House rules committee this afternoon, when he testified that Chairman Henry of the rules committee, conducting the inquiry, was the Congressman who told him that a cabinet officer, member of Congress and a banker were said to have profited in the stock market by advance information on President Wilson's peace note.

There was no sign of surprise on the face of the chairman as Lawson gave his name.

Lawson also said that the banker who told him he knew another banker who dominated a cabinet officer in Washington, was Archibald White of White & Company, Boston. The committee immediately issued a subpoena for White.

Another banker to whom Lawson referred as being involved in the "leak" was H. Pliny Fiske, of Harvey, Fiske & Sons, New York. The Senator, Lawson said, was known to him only as "O." Lawson said he could not give the names of any members of Congress who were engaged in buying and selling stocks, but testified that Mrs. Ruth Tomlinson Visconti, of Washington, had told him that W. W. Price, correspondent of the Washington Star at the White House, had a part in the "leak" affair between Secretary Tumulty and others.

Wilson's Son-in-Law.

Lawson further testified that Secretary McAdoo was the cabinet member to whom he referred in his previous testimony as being connected with it according to rumors with a "leak" on President Wilson's peace note, and that the firm of C. D. Barney & Company of Wall street; Malcolm McAdoo, brother of Secretary McAdoo, and Stewart C. Gibbons of New York knew of the leak, and that a "public man who knew the leak machinery" was Paul M. Warburg of the federal reserve board.

Lawson indirectly brought the names of Secretary Lansing and Ambassador Bernstorff into the hearing but not in connection with the leak.

When Henry charged him with dragging in the name of Lansing, Lawson indignantly replied:

"I have held the names of Lansing and the German ambassador out of this."

Ambassador Bernstorff.

Lawson said Henry had told him information had come to the committee that the German ambassador had profited over \$2,000,000, but that he did not think it was true.

Chairman Henry emphatically denied that he ever had mentioned to Lawson the name of any cabinet officer. "Not during our whole three-hour conference did I mention to Mr. Lawson the name of any cabinet officer that he has mentioned here today," he said.

Henry also declared he never had mentioned the name of a member of congress or a banker to Lawson as having been involved in the "leak."

Henry asserted again and again that he had not given Lawson such information.

Turning to Lawson he repeated he had told him nothing. Lawson did not reply, but shook his head as if to say he stood by his statement, this made Henry's denial of Lawson's testimony complete.

Lawson Makes Oath.

When Henry had concluded his testimony Lawson rose and dramatically asserted that every word he, Lawson, had uttered today was the "truth," so help me God, without variation.

To back it up Lawson said that immediately after leaving Henry at their first conference he laid his information before John O'Hara Cosgrove, Sunday editor of the New York World; Erman J. Ridgway, president of Everybody's Magazine, and Donald McDonald, publisher of a Boston financial paper.

"Call these men," he demanded, "and they will bear me out in what I say."

Won't Be the Goat.

Almost in tears at Henry's absolute denial of his statements, Lawson shouted: "I'll make good here, and I won't go to jail as the goat."

Secretaries McAdoo and Tumulty and Mr. Price at once issued statements denying Lawson's references to them. The committee promptly ordered subpoenas for Ridgway, Cosgrove, Warburg, Fiske, Price, White, Malcolm McAdoo, Gibbons, Barney and Company, Mrs. Visconti and John R. Rathom, editor of the Providence Journal, who published some articles about "leaks."

Secretary Tumulty and Mr. McAdoo will appear without subpoenas.

The committee adjourned until tomorrow morning, to resume its hearing on the most dramatic charges of scandal the capital has seen in many years.

Thomas W. Lawson's father was a Nova Scotian. Lawson's secretary is a former newspaper man, Edward McSweney, formerly of Moncton.

MAY DEPOSE CONSTANTINE

New York, Jan. 16.—The Tribune this morning publishes the following special cablegram:

"Rome, Jan. 15.—It is understood that King Constantine of Greece will be deposed and an Italian prince, a relative of King Victor Emmanuel, will be placed on the Greek throne. This decision is said to have been reached at the recent conference of the Entente leaders here.

"This action, according to report, has the approval of the Venizelos faction, and will be carried out under the leadership of the former premier. The Duke of Aosta, cousin of the Italian king, has been chosen for the successor of the Kaiser's brother-in-law, but has not yet accepted."

CONSERVATIVES WIN IN WEST SIMCOE BY 631

Athens, Jan. 15, via London.—The Entente Powers, through the Italian minister, have insisted on unqualified acceptance of the last Entente ultimatum, considering the Greek government's reply equivocal.

Collingwood, Ont., Jan. 15.—The by-election in West Simcoe, to fill the vacancy in the Ontario legislature caused by the death of Hon. James S. Duff, resulted today in the return of W. T. Allan, Conservative, over Isaac Scott, Liberal, by a majority of 631.

The majority achieved by Mr. Allan is considerably less than that accorded to the late Mr. Duff, who never polled less than a thousand over his opponent, his majority at the last election being 1,106—and who was twice returned by acclamation. Before his regime, however, the normal Conservative majority of the constituency was about 700.

GERMAN BURNED CANADIAN CAR CO.'S BIG PLANT

U. S. Justice Dept. Learns Same Man Fired Dupont Works at Haskell, N. J.

Special to The Standard.
New York, Jan. 15.—Information is in the possession of William Offley, division superintendent of the United States Department of Justice Bureau of Investigation here, that one man, acting in behalf of German sympathizers caused the destruction by fire on Thursday evening of the Kingsland, N. J., plant of the Canadian Car and Foundry Co., Ltd., and on Friday accomplished the similar wrecking of the plant at Haskell, N. J., of the Dupont Company. Mr. Offley set several agents at work, but as yet he has received no reply from any of them.

ADMIRAL GEO. DEWEY DYING

Washington, Jan. 15.—George Dewey, admiral of the navy and hero of Manila Bay, is on his death bed. A general breakdown, accompanied by arterio sclerosis, has shattered the veteran's strength in his 80th year, and tonight he lies at his home here semi-conscious with life gradually ebbing away. The doctors say he may live 36 hours.

MAN MURDERED NEAR SYDNEY

Sydney, N. S., Jan. 15.—An Italian named John Ramello was found dead today on Atlantic street, near the Iron City Hotel, Sydney Mines.

At the water-tanking rooms, after removing the clothing, Dr. Francis discovered a bullet wound in the chest. It is understood that warrants have been issued against several of those with whom the victim was seen on Sunday night.

DOUKHOBORS NEED NOT DO MILITARY DUTY

Western Deputation of Russian Sect Assured by Hon. Arthur Meighen That They Are Exempt.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Jan. 15.—The deputation of Doukhobors which started out from the west last week because they feared that being in the national service cards there is a design to deprive them of their rights, has arrived in the capital. They waited upon Hon. Arthur Meighen and told him that the Doukhobors of the various settlements of the west would not object to signing the cards if they received the assurance that they would not be asked to do military duty contrary to the teachings of their religion. They told Mr. Meighen that they would not object to having their taxes doubled in support of the war, but that they could not take up arms against their fellow men. They were willing, they said, to do everything in their power to increase production. Mr. Meighen gave the assurance that the pledge given to the Doukhobors when they came to Canada that they would not be asked to bear arms would be kept.

LUMBER MARKET IS STRONGER IN GLASGOW

Glasgow, Dec. 30.—Cant & Kemp's timber-market report says:—There have been many difficulties to contend with in carrying on the trade of the country. The greatest difficulty has undoubtedly been the insufficient supply of tonnage, and this in turn has caused unprecedented high freights. Neutral shipowners have reaped great profits, but neutral countries are not now all profiting to the same extent by the war as our blockade of Germany involves the supervision of imports into certain neutral countries. Costs of all kinds of materials have risen greatly, partly owing to the high freight rate and also to the demand being greater than the supply. Many of our great industries are more or less under government control, and it is doubtful if this action will develop still further. The condition of the market has undergone a complete change during this quarter. The growing weakness, due to the lower freight rate experienced in the previous quarters, was not only arrested, but prices have taken a strong upward turn. The general market view is that prices will rise even higher, and in all probability this will prove to be correct. Spruce quotations have advanced £4 to £5 per standard, and sellers are not too anxious to do business at the increased rates. Yellow Pine Deals have also had a sharp advance. Teak Logs and Decks have been in good demand at increased values, and present stocks of these are very light. Teak Planks have had a slower sale and as stocks are fair, considering the demand, buyers will not face meagre time. The freight fluctuations during the summer caused a feeling of nervousness in the trade. Holders of stock, however, now feel there is no prospect of lower values and, with the increasing difficulties of importing goods, are inclined to hold for higher prices.

SIR GEORGE FOSTER ENDEAVORING TO AID CANADIAN MILLERS

Special to The Standard. London, Jan. 15.—Canadian millers have not succeeded in securing any modification in the regulations of the British government which has checked the imports of flour from Canada. Sir George Foster, who has been dealing with the British government, informs the Mail and Empire correspondent that the problem is an exceedingly difficult one and it is doubtful if the Canadian millers will be able to secure any concessions just now. The shipping situation is also an obstacle. The result so far has been a considerable falling off in the exports of flour from Canada. W. W. Hutchinson, president of the Lake of the Woods Milling Co., and Thomas Williamson of the St. Lawrence Milling Co., are here on behalf of the Canadian millers, working in co-operation with Sir George Foster.

ARGENTINE NOTES TAKEN OVER BY N. Y. SYNDICATE.

Special to The Standard. New York, Jan. 15.—A banking syndicate which includes J. P. Morgan and Co., Kuhn-Loeb and Co., and the National City Bank, has concluded arrangements for the purchase of \$15,000,000 ten year six per cent. convertible notes of the Central Argentine Railway Company. The proceeds will be applied to retirement of an equal number of notes now held by British interests. Transfer of the financing from London will also have the effect of further stabilizing exchange on this market.

It Stops the Twinges of Rheumatism, Limbers the Muscles, Eases the Joints

Amazing Relief Comes at Once—Cure Every Time. USE NERVILINE. Aching joints and sore muscles are common in rheumatic people. Inflammation is deep in the tissues. You might use a dozen remedies and derive less relief than Nerviline will give you in half an hour. Nerviline is a pain-subduer that works do not altogether describe. It is fully five times stronger than most remedies, not that it affects the skin unfavorably—no, its great power

MACLEAN'S RALLYING TO ASSIST LEUT.-COL. GUTHRIE'S KILTIES

Commander of 236th Will Attend Recruiting Conference in St. John Today—Next Week He Will Return to Ontario to Start Big Campaign.

Special to The Standard. Fredericton, Jan. 15.—Lieut.-Col. Percy A. Guthrie, officer commanding the 236th Kilties Battalion, who returned today from visiting Ontario with the Bonne Entente party from Quebec, is to return to Ontario again this week for the purpose of opening an active recruiting campaign in that province for the MacLean Kilties. With a committee of one hundred MacLeans, representative of all large centres of the province in charge there is to be a month's active campaigning for recruits in Ontario. This campaign will be started on January 22nd and during the first two weeks Lieut.-Col. Guthrie will make a tour of the sections of the province where the Scotch districts are located. The aim of the committee of one hundred MacLeans is to raise and equip a company of recruits to wear the tartan of the MacLean of Duart. Their financial campaign is already underway and the organization of re-

BURTT ELECTED MAYOR OF WOODSTOCK

Special to The Standard. Woodstock, N. B., Jan. 15.—The annual town election today was keenly contested. Out of a poll of 1,006 votes about 400 were voted. Many names were left off the list owing to the non-payment of taxes. H. E. Burtt was elected mayor over Coun. Chas. C. Noddin by 206 to 171. The latter carried the south side of the town by 20 votes, but the business section, by 55 votes, went in favor of Mr. Burtt. Coun. H. T. Stevens led the poll, as he did last year. He and Mr. Fisher were elected for two years, and there is a tie between Couns. Smith and Leighton for a two-year term. Six councillors are entitled to hold seats at the board, and there is a tie as to whether Coun. Stairs or Fisher is defeated. The law on that point is being considered. The following is the total vote polled for councillors: Harry T. Stevens, 300; Joseph Fisher, 292; Walter M. Smith, 291; John S. Leighton, 291; W. Herb. Flemming, 256; Johnston H. Stairs, 236; Isaiah W. Fisher, 236.

ARMAND LAVERGNE MAY OPPOSE SEVIGNY

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Jan. 15.—It is reported in well informed circles in Ottawa that Mr. Armand Lavergne, the Nationalist leader, has revised his decision not to be a candidate in Dorchester, Que., in opposition to Hon. Albert Seveigny, the new minister of inland revenue, at the forthcoming bye-election. It is stated that Mr. Lavergne will very probably oppose Mr. Seveigny if the Liberals do not put a candidate in the field.

BOSTON & MAINE TELEGRAPHERS MAY LEAVE

Boston, Jan. 15.—The 1,100 members of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers employed by the Boston and Maine system in five states and Quebec province have decided to leave the service of the road unless a new wage agreement is made within a week. The telegraphers cannot go out on strike as the system is in the hands of a receiver appointed by the United States courts, but they can sever their connection with the road without contravening the federal laws.

BILLY SUNDAY PARTY HAD ROUGH TRIP

Steamer Reached Boston Seven Hours Late—St. John Lady Befriends Lone Miss.

The large party which left St. John last Thursday on the Billy Sunday excursion had a rough trip down the bay and was detained at Eastport until one a.m. Friday. A letter received from Mrs. Dickinson, wife of Maurice E. Dickinson, manager of the Elliot Hotel, yesterday, stated that quite a number of the party were seasick, but during the trip along the Maine coast Friday all had a good time and there was music, both vocal and instrumental. The steamer was due in Boston this afternoon, but owing to the delay at Eastport the steamer did not get to the Hub until ten p.m. On the trip Mrs. Dickinson met a young girl who was bound for New York today. The miss had never been in Boston before and Mrs. Dickinson kindly took her in charge and saw that she was placed on board a train at the South Station, Boston, for New York. Mrs. Dickinson is an attendant at the Queen Square Methodist church.

THREE N. S. MEN LOST IN WRECK

Three Masted Schooner Eva B. Hall Lost off Island of Guadeloupe. Lunenburg, N. S., Jan. 15.—The American tern schooner Eva B. Hall, Captain Ammon Zink, has been wrecked at Guadeloupe, and the mate, Spurgeon Zink, and Laurence Crouse, were drowned. The captain and the two men lost were all natives of this place. Mate Zink was well known here, and was married but a short time before going away on this trip. He is a son of Captain David Zink, second peninsula.

ECZEMA ON FACE Was So Bad Had to Stay in House

All skin diseases such as eczema or salt rheum, itching or burning rashes, eruptions, ulcers, boils, pimples, etc., are all caused by bad blood, and while not usually attended with any fatal results, may sooner or later develop into some serious blood trouble, and the entire system become affected. Burdock Blood Bitters, that old and well-known remedy, will cleanse the blood of all its impurities, and by this means cure all skin diseases and other blood troubles. Mrs. Ernest Andrews, Hamilton, Ont., writes: "My face was covered with eczema and was so terribly bad I had to stay in the house. I had ten different doctors, but got no relief of their treatment that I went and bought a bottle of Burdock Blood Bitters, and it helped me, so I kept on taking it. Now I am cured, and have a lovely skin. "People who used to see me when I was so bad, and see me now will not believe it, but I always tell them that nothing cured me but Burdock Blood Bitters." B. B. B. is manufactured only by THE T. MILBURN CO., LIMITED, Toronto, Ont.

An Easy Way To Get Fat And Be Strong

The trouble with most thin folks who wish to gain weight is that they insist on drugging their stomach or stuffing it with greasy foods; rubbing on useless "flesh creams," or following some foolish physical culture stunt, when the real cause of thinness goes untouched. You cannot get fat until your digestive tract assimilates the food you eat. There is a preparation known to reliable druggists almost everywhere which seemingly embodies the missing elements needed by the digestive organs to help them convert food into rich fat-laden blood. This modern treatment is called Sargol and has been termed the greatest of flesh builders. Sargol aims through regenerative, re-constructive powers to coax the stomach and intestines to literally soak up the fattening elements of your food and pass them into the blood, where they are carried to the starved, broken-down cells and tissues of your body. You can readily picture what results this amazing transformation should produce as with increased weight the cheeks fill out, hollows about neck, shoulders and bust disappear and from ten to twenty pounds of solid, healthy flesh is added to the body. Sargol is absolutely harmless, inexpensive, efficient, and all leading druggists of this vicinity have it and will refund your money if you are not satisfied, as per the guarantee found in every package. If you find a druggist who is unable to supply you with Sargol, send \$1.00 money order or registered letter to the National Laboratories, 74 St. Antoine street, Montreal, and a complete ten days' treatment will be sent you postpaid, in plain wrapper.

HIGH COST OF LIVING PROBE IN CAPE BRETON

Sydney, N. S., Jan. 15.—Some time ago the Trades and Labor Council submitted a request to the city council for an inquiry into the high cost of living and the city council asked the other councils to cooperate and send representatives to a meeting to be held here today. The following delegates met today: For Sydney, Finlay MacDonald, K. C.; D. A. Cameron, R. C. M. P. P.; North Sydney, Councilor W. J. Campbell and W. Buchanan; Glace Bay, Stipendiary A. B. McGillivray, and Town Solicitor Nell R. McArthur. After the appointment of Alex. McDonald as chairman and Mr. Cameron as secretary, a resolution was passed asking the Minister of Labor to appoint a commission to investigate the high cost of living in the north and south ridings of Cape Breton. None of the other incorporated towns were represented.

CANADIAN CASUALTIES

London, Jan. 15, (Montreal Gazette Cable).—The casualties in the Canadian forces are light at present. Most of the Canadian officers who have arrived from the front recently for hospital treatment in England are either suffering from winter maladies or have been victims of accidents. Night List. Ottawa, Jan. 15, 10:30 p. m. list: Infantry. Previously reported missing, now reported killed in action—J. M. Wood, River Hebert, N. S. Wounded—Walter Baxter, 176 Queen street, Fredericton, N. B. An Old Charge. Daniel O'Leary was arrested yesterday on the charge of being drunk. He is also charged with having escaped from the chain gang on October 2nd, 1915. It is well over a year since O'Leary made his escape but the charge holds good. Mr. and Mrs. Elissa S. Martin of Eastport have just observed the 64th anniversary of their wedding. Mr. Martin was born eighty-seven years ago at Hopewell, N. B. His wife is eighty years of age.

MISSING WITNESS HOLDS UP TRIAL OF FOX CASE

Charlottetown, Jan. 15.—The trial of Samuel Morrison, charged with stealing a pair of silver foxes from Samuel Kennedy, came up before the supreme court today. Owing to the absence of a material witness, William McCallum who was up on the charge of being accessory, and who jumped his bail last April, the case was postponed till next June. The detective was in New Glasgow and Truro last week looking for McCallum, who is said to be now in the United States. Morrison had also jumped his bail at the same time but was re-arrested at his wife's bedside.

THE POLICE COURT.

In the police court yesterday Wm. Pressel was charged with molesting young girls on Rotherly avenue. Policeman Saunders testified of seeing the defendant following the girls. The girls testified that Pressel had followed and spoken to them on three occasions. The defendant said he could bring witnesses to prove an alibi. He was remanded. A drunken sailor who nearly fell over a west end wharf was fined \$8.

CLUB CUP MATCHES AT NEWCASTLE

Newcastle, Jan. 15.—The second series of the games for the club cup has been finished by the Newcastle curiers. The last three games were as follows: J. R. Lawlor, Robt. Beckwith, Skip..... 11 Skip..... 9 John Russell, P. Russell, Skip..... 13 Skip..... 12 R. Galway, Hon. J. Morrissey, Skip..... 16 Skip..... 12 One game has been played on the third series: John Russell, C. J. Morrissey, Skip..... 11 Skip..... 9 In the Bonspiel practice matches the following games have been played: R. W. Crocker, J. R. Lawlor, Skip..... 24 Skip..... 9 J. R. McKnight, J. H. Sargeant, Skip..... 12 For Hon. John Morrissey, Skip..... 11

THISTLES TO CURL AT FREDERICTON

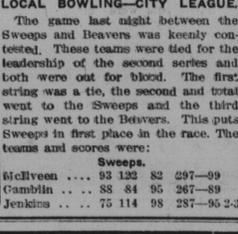
The following are the Thistles who will leave tomorrow for Fredericton to curl against the curiers in the club at the capital: Afternoon. H. W. Stubbs, C. S. R. Murray, R. S. Orchard, skip. W. Demmings, A. J. Machum, J. W. Cameron, J. C. Chesley, skip. A. W. Estey, J. A. Sinclair, G. S. Bishop, P. A. McAndrews, skip. Evening. J. C. Ledingham, R. E. Crawford, W. J. S. Myles, W. A. Shaw, skip. G. S. Stubbs, I. F. Archibald, H. G. Barnes, S. W. Palmer, skip. J. A. Armour, E. P. Howard, A. W. Sharpe, J. S. Malcolm, skip.

LOCAL BOWLING-CITY LEAGUE. The game last night between the Sweeps and Beavers was keenly contested. These teams were tied for the leadership of the second series and both were out for blood. The first string was a tie, the second and total went to the Sweeps and the third string went to the Beavers. This puts Sweeps in first place in the race. The teams and scores were: Sweeps. McIlveen ... 93 132 82 297-99 Gambin ... 88 84 95 267-89 Jenkins ... 75 114 98 287-95-2-3

HAVE DARK HAIR AND LOOK YOUNG

Don't Stay Gray! Nobody Can Tell When You Darken Gray, Faded Hair with Sage Tea and Sulphur. Grandmother kept her hair beautifully darkened, glossy and attractive with a brew of Sage Tea and Sulphur. Whenever her hair took on that dull, faded or streaked appearance, this simple mixture was applied with wonderful effect. By asking at any drug of this old-time recipe, improved by the Compound, you will get a large bottle of this old-time recipe, improved by the addition of other ingredients, all ready to use, for about 50 cents. This simple mixture can be depended upon to restore natural color and beauty to the hair. A well-known downtown druggist says everybody uses Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Compound now because it darkens so naturally and evenly that nobody can tell it has been applied—it's so easy to use, too! You simply dampen a comb or soft brush and draw it through your hair, taking one strand at a time. By morning the gray hair disappears; after another application or two, it is restored to its natural color and looks glossy, soft and beautiful. This preparation is a delightful toilet requisite. It is not intended for the cure, mitigation or prevention of disease.

Table with 2 columns: Name and Amount. Includes names like Foshay, Sullivan, Cooper, Maxwell, Scott, Baillie, Carleton, etc.



Forty-Eight

Mr. Herbert Holt, President of the Canada Must Be... Mr. Edson L. Pease, Vice-President... Mr. C. E. Neill, General Manager... Record of the... Them on Their... The Forty-Eighth Annual Report of the... held at the Head Office of the... at 11 o'clock a.m. Sir Herbert Holt, President... Mr. W. B. Torrance, Vice-President... Mr. W. B. Torrance, Vice-President... Mr. W. B. Torrance, Vice-President... The Directors have pleasure in presenting the Forty-Seventh Annual Report... The assets of the bank... Your Directors record... Mr. W. B. Torrance, Vice-President... Mr. W. B. Torrance, Vice-President... On October 5th last we held a meeting at the... to purchase of 9,117 shares of this bank... of the Governor-in-Council... were transferred on January... satisfactory terms, assets... In addition to the three... offices were opened during... St. Toronto; in NEW BR... FOUNDLAND—Heart's C... COSTA RICA—Limon; in... de los Caballeros; in VEN... opened at Keewatin, Ont... Fifteen of the Quebec... took place, and our branch... in SASKATCHEWAN—L... rard and Main, Toronto;... ne. We have also closed... Peace River, West Side... Branch has been changed... The Head Office and... as usual during the year... Your Directors desire... ner in which the officers... duties. All of which is resp...

GENERAL MANAGER STATEMENT. The General Manager Neill, then referred to Statement as follows:— The Balance Sheet before deposit submitted to the... and shows striking pr... departments of the bank... during the past year. Total deposits now ex... 000, the increase for the... less than \$45,000,000. 42... the advance was in the... department. It is a satisf... that these figures include... unusual deposits of a te... Our note circulation is... by \$4,000,000 higher, and... paid up capital of the b... \$6,000,000. The excess i... a deposit in the Central... Current loans show a... pansion. In Canada the... \$4,931,759, due chiefly to... of new accounts, at... loans to customers pro... of war. Commercial... are higher, on account... demand in the West Ind... other staple commodities... will decrease substantial... next two or three month... The liquid position of... well maintained. Hig... \$5.24 per cent. as com... public, as compared w... cent last year. The increase in invest... subscriptions to B... ment loans, the proceeds... to a great extent ex... country. Net profits for the ye... per cent. on the capital... with 16.48 per cent. last... per cent. on combined c... serve, as compared with... last year. The year's remarkable... attributed to four caus... conditions in Canada an... the, the advantageous... branches, co-operation o... the Directors, and a loya... staff. In moving the admi... rectors' Report, Sir H... President, said: In view of the comp... tainty with which Cana... looked forward to the... ed, it is especially grati... to present so excellent... that before you today. I... ample any previous exte... assets have increased d... fifty-five million dolla... ago there were sixty-... today they are two hu... by three millions. In keeping with the... the bank, the ratio of l... liabilities to the public... tained at a high percen... at the close of the year... cent. against 49.03 per c...

COMPOSITION CONTEST FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN A Series of Story—Writing Competitions, with Weekly Prizes. During the past year, the thousands of letters received in connection with the Children's Corner of The Standard, have revealed two outstanding facts. First, that the boys and girls of Eastern Canada are being particularly well trained in composition; second, that in some cases whole grades, and country schools, have become interested, and joined the Children's Corner. To still further encourage this, the following list of subjects for composition has been arranged, and published. Covering as they do, a wide range of subjects, including current history, geography, literature, etc., it is hoped that hundreds of children in the Maritime Provinces will sit down and write what their thoughts are on the subjects given. A good plan would be to have this list and conditions, pasted on a piece of cardboard, and then to get your teacher to hang it up in the room for reference. PRIZES TO BE AWARDED. Three prizes and five certificates will be awarded every week, and then at the end of three months to the boy or girl securing the highest number of marks, an extra valuable prize will be awarded, whilst the teacher in whose grade or school the prize winner is, will also receive a splendid award. Marks will be given weekly, as follows: First Prize—Five marks; Second Prize—Four marks; Third Prize—Three Marks; Certificates of Merit—Two Marks. All who enter—One Mark. All communications to be addressed to: UNCLE DICK, THE STANDARD, ST. JOHN, N. B. Whose decision must be considered as final.

Table with 3 columns: Subject, Date for reaching this office, Awards will be published. Lists 13 subjects for composition contests.

RULES OF THE CONTEST:

- 1. All entries to have the coupon as given below, filled in and attached.
2. No composition to be more than 200 words.
3. All entries must reach this office on or before the date given at the side.
4. Whilst writing will not be considered in the judging, all competitors are expected to send in the neatest work.

CONTEST COUPON. Name, Address, School, Age, Birthday, Grade, Name of Teacher.

Forty-Eighth Annual Meeting of The Royal Bank of Canada

Sir Herbert Holt, President, Refers to Principal Problems Canada Must Be Prepared to Deal With in the Post War Period.

Mr. Edson L. Pease, Managing Director, Deals with Marvellous Strides Canada Has Made During Past Year and Assistance Given to the Government by Canadian Bankers' Association.

Mr. C. E. Neill, General Manager, Pays Tribute to the Record of the Staff of the Bank Overseas and Draws Attention to the Necessity of Making Provision for Them on Their Return.

The Forty-Eighth Annual Meeting of the Shareholders was held at the Head Office of the bank in Montreal on Thursday, January 11th, at 11 o'clock a.m. Sir Herbert S. Holt in the chair.

DIRECTORS' REPORT.

The Directors have pleasure in submitting to the shareholders the Forty-Seventh Annual Report, for the year ending November 30, 1916, accompanied by the Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

Your Directors record with deep regret the death of their late colleagues, Mr. Wiley Smith, His Honor Lieutenant-Governor MacKenzie, and Mr. T. J. Drummond.

On October 6th last we concluded an agreement with the Directors of the Quebec Bank to purchase the assets of that bank, for a consideration of \$1,117 shares of this bank and \$683,775 in cash.

The assets of the bank have recently been subjected to the usual careful revaluation.

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The balance sheet before you is the best ever submitted to the shareholders, and shows striking progress in all departments of the bank's business during the past year.

Total deposits now exceed \$200,000,000, the increase for the year being no less than \$45,000,000, 42 per cent. of the advance was in the Savings Department.

Our note circulation is approximately \$4,000,000 higher, and exceeds the paid up capital of the bank by over \$5,000,000.

Current loans show a moderate expansion. In Canada the increase is \$4,931,759, due chiefly to the acquisition of new accounts, and temporary loans to customers producing munitions of war.

The liquid position of the bank has been well maintained, liquid assets being 324 per cent. of liabilities to the public, as compared with 49.93 per cent. last year.

The increase in investments represents subscriptions to British Government loans, the proceeds of which were to a great extent expended in this country.

Net profits for the year were 17.87 per cent. on the capital, as compared with 14.48 per cent. last year; or 8.66 per cent. on combined capital and reserve, as compared with 7.90 per cent. last year.

The year's remarkable results are attributed to four causes—prosperous conditions in Canada and the West Indies, the advantageous location of our branches, co-operation on the part of the Directors, and a loyal and efficient staff.

In moving the adoption of the Directors' Report, Sir Herbert S. Holt, President, said:

In view of the comparative uncertainty with which Canada necessarily looked forward to the year just passed, it is especially gratifying to be able to present so excellent a statement as that before you today.

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activities with far-reaching results. Factories employed exclusively in this connection will close down. Kindred industries stimulated by high prices will suffer by the establishment of more ordinary conditions.

However, after the first shock of readjustment, we may expect a great demand for our farm products, building material, farming implements, etc., etc., in the rehabilitation of Europe.

The war is now in its third year and prospects of peace in the near future are not bright, but the people of Canada are increasingly determined to help at any cost to bring about a complete victory for the allies.

QUEBEC BANK.

The Quebec Bank, incorporated in 1818, whose assets we have recently acquired, was one of the oldest banks in Canada.

Our branches now number over 400. The fifteen Quebec Bank branches closed by us were located mostly in leading western cities where we are duplicated, and the resultant saving will be considerable.

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TRANSPORTATION ADV.



CANADIAN SERVICE. LONDON TO HALIFAX (Via Plymouth) HALIFAX TO LONDON (Calling Falmouth to land passengers) For particulars of sailings and rates apply to THE ROBERT REFORM CO., LTD. General Agents, 152 Prince William Street, St. John, N. B.

New Zealand Shipping Co. Limited. Montreal and St. John to Australia and New Zealand.

EASTERN CANADIAN SERVICE. Steamer from St. John, N. B., for Auckland, Wellington, Lyttelton, Dunedin, Melbourne and Sydney. Cargo transhipped for other ports.

SOUTH AFRICAN SERVICE. FROM ST. JOHN, N. B. For information as to Dates of Sailings, Freight Rates and other particulars apply to ELDER-DEMPSTER & CO., Limited, J. T. Knight & Co., St. John, N. B.

ELDER-DEMPSTER LINE

INTERNATIONAL LINE Steamship "North Star." Leaves St. John Thursdays at 9:00 a.m. (Atlantic time) for Eastport, Lubec, Portland and Boston.

MAINE STEAMSHIP LINE. Between Portland and New York. Passenger service discontinued for the season.

METROPOLITAN STEAMSHIP LINE. Direct between Boston and New York. Passenger service discontinued for the season.

City Ticket Office, 47 King Street, A. C. CURRIE, Agent, St. John, N. B. A. E. FLEMING, T. F. & P. A., St. John, N. B.

The Maritime Steamship Co., Limited. On March 2, 1916, and until further notice the S.S. Connors Bros. will run as follows: Leave St. John, N. B., Thorne Wharf and Warehousing Company, Ltd., on Saturday, 7:30 a.m. daylight time, for St. Andrews, N. B., calling at Dipper Harbor, Beaver Harbor, Black's Harbor, Beaver Harbor and Dipper Harbor. Weather and tide permitting.

Agent—Thorne Wharf and Warehousing Co., Ltd., Phone, 2851, Mr. Lewis Connors. This company will not be responsible for any debts contracted after this date without a written order from the company or captain of the steamer.

GRAND MANAN S. S. CO. After Oct. 1st and until further notice the S. S. Grand Manan leaves Grand Manan, Mondays 7:30 a.m., for St. John, returning leaves St. John Wednesdays 7:30 a.m., both ways via Campobello, Eastport and Wilson's Beach.

Leave Grand Manan Thursdays 7:30 a.m., for St. Stephen, returning Friday 7 a.m., via Campobello, Eastport and St. Andrews, both ways.

Leave Grand Manan Saturdays 7:30 a.m., round trip St. Andrews, returning 1 p.m., both ways via Campobello and Eastport.

Atlantic Standard Time. SCOTT D. GUPTILL, Mgr.

TRAVELLING?

Passage Tickets By All Ocean Steamship Lines.

WM. THOMSON & CO. Limited. Royal Bank Bldg., St. John, N. B.

TUBES FOR STEAM BOILERS

Makers are without stocks and those in dealers hands are very few, but we are still able to fill orders quickly from our stocks in New Glasgow. It is more satisfactory to submit your exact specifications of requirements and have us quote.

I. MATHESON & CO. Ltd., Boiler Makers. New Glasgow, Nova Scotia.



No Need To Rub!

FOR stiff sore muscles apply Sloan's Liniment to the pain or ache, it quickly penetrates and soothes without rubbing. Rheumatism, gout, lumbago, neuralgia, sprains and bruises are quickly relieved by its use. Cleaner and more promptly effective than musky plasters or ointments, it does not stain the skin or clog the pores. The family medicine chest in thousands of homes has a place for Sloan's Liniment. At all druggists, 25c, 50c. and \$1.00.



60 Years Old Today

Feels as young as ever

Dr. Wilson's Herbine Bitters

A true blood purifier containing the active principles of Dandelion, Mandarin, Burdock and other medicinal herbs.

THE BRATLEY DRUG CO., Limited, ST. JOHN, N. B.

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Notice is hereby given to firms and individuals who sell provisions or other supplies to Stewards of Canadian Government ships under this Department that the Department is not responsible for debts contracted by such Stewards.

Clause number 8 of Contract with Stewards covering the virtualising of such ships reads as follows:

It is distinctly understood by the parties hereto that the said Department shall not be responsible for any debts contracted by the said Steward, and the said Steward agrees to notify all persons with whom he wishes to contract for the purchase of any such provisions, stores or groceries, and before contracting for same, that the said Department shall not be responsible for any debt to be contracted by him in that or any other respect.

G. J. DESJARDIS, Deputy Minister of the Naval Service, Department of the Naval Service, Ottawa, January 9, 1917.

Unauthorized publication of this advertisement will not be paid for.

SYNOPSIS OF CANADIAN NORTH WEST LAND REGULATIONS.

The sole head of a family, or any male over 18 years old, may homestead a quarter-section of available Dominion land in Manitoba, Saskatchewan or Alberta. Applicant must appear in person at the Dominion Lands Agency or Sub-Agency for the District. Entry by proxy may be made at any Dominion Lands Agency (but not sub-agency), on certain conditions.

Duties—Six months residence upon and cultivation of the land in each of three years. A homesteader may live within nine miles of his homestead on a farm of at least 20 acres, on certain conditions. A habitable house is required except where residence is performed in the vicinity.

In certain districts a homesteader in good standing may pre-empt a quarter-section alongside his homestead. Price \$10.00 per acre.

A settler who has exhausted his homestead right may take a purchased homestead in certain districts. Price \$5.00 per acre. Duties—Must reside six months in each of three years, cultivate 20 acres and erect a house worth \$500.

The area of cultivation is subject to reduction in case of crop failure or any other cause. Land stock may be substituted for cultivation under certain conditions.

W. WOOTEN, M. G. Deputy of the Minister of Interior, N. B.—Unauthorized publication of this advertisement will not be paid for.—6428.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

Notice is hereby given that the light on Northern Wolf gas and whistling buoy is not burning. Will be relighted as soon as possible.

J. C. CHESLEY, Agent Marine and Fisheries Dept.

CO-OPERATION GIVEN BY CANADIAN BANKERS' ASSOCIATION.

The great factor in support of the financial situation in Canada since the beginning of the war has been the collaboration of the chartered banks.

Value of field crops—(Dec. 31) \$ 797,869,000

Railroad earnings—(June 30), 12 months 210,000,000

Bank Clearings—(Dec. 31) 7,796,781,000

Note Circulation—(Nov. 30) 124,153,000

Chartered Banks—Deposits—(Nov. 30) 1,288,985,000

Chartered Banks—Current Loans—(Nov. 30) 881,101,000

Exports—Merchandise—(Nov. 30), 12 months 598,742,000

Imports—Merchandise—(Nov. 30), 12 months 435,342,000

Customs Receipts—(Nov. 30) 87,675,000

Our foreign trade last year, you will observe, exceeded \$1,800,000,000, being nearly double the amount for the previous year, and nearly two and a half times as great as in 1914.

A vote of thanks was passed to the President, Vice-President and Directors; also to the General Manager and staff. In replying to the latter, Mr. C. E. Neill, General Manager, said:

In thanking you on behalf of the staff, I must first refer to those who are absent on military duty. The number enlisted from our ranks is now 762, and we have heard of 92 casualties—45 wounded, 23 killed or died of wounds, 1 missing, and 3 prisoners of war. I take this opportunity of expressing publicly our sense of loss and our sympathy for the relatives of those who will not return.

To those who are fighting our battles unflinchingly in the midst of inconceivable hardship, we owe a heavy debt of gratitude; and we feel that this is realized by none more keenly than the men who bear the brunt of their departure to a great extent, I refer to the many officers who are putting forth splendid efforts with unflinching cheerfulness, under increasing duties. It is not easy to conduct the business, without so many of our trained men, the department ranks must be filled almost entirely by junior clerks and by girls, without banking experience, and the labors of our trained men are thus intensified. Had we not been able to secure the services of a large number of capable girls as clerks, the staff situation would have been serious indeed. The total number of girls employed on all posts has grown to 715.

As for the Executive Officials, your approval is naturally a matter of importance, and an added encouragement. We endeavor to use our best efforts at all times in the interests of the bank, and it is pleasant to know that we enjoy your confidence.

In connection with the staff, one thing above all others must be borne in mind—our moral obligation to do the very best we can for our men returning from the front. This war is wearing down the fine edge of our feelings in some respects, but it must not be allowed to dull our sensibilities that we could ever accept the sacrifices of our men as a matter of course. There are problems ahead for us in dealing with them as we wish to deal, but we are fully prepared to give the future of these men our most serious consideration.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

The following were elected Directors for the ensuing year: Sir Herbert S. Holt, K. B.; E. L. Pease, E. F. B. Johnston, K. C.; Jas. Redmond, G. R. Crowe, D. K. Elliott, Hon. W. H. Thorne, Hugh Paton, Wm. Robertson, A. J. Brown, K. C. W. J. Sheppard, C. S. Wilcox, I. A. E. Dymann, M. E. Neill, M. B. Davis, G. H. Duggan, C. C. Blackadar, J. T. Ross, R. MacD. Paterson, G. G. Stuart, K. C.

At a subsequent meeting of the Directors Sir Herbert S. Holt was unanimously re-elected President, Mr. E. L. Pease, Vice-President and Managing Director, and Mr. E. F. B. Johnston, K. C., Second Vice-President.

Mr. J. Marwick and Mr. S. R. Mitchell were appointed auditors for the ensuing year.

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ST. JOHN, N. B., TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, 1917.

"We are fighting for a worthy purpose, and we shall not lay down our arms until that purpose has been fully achieved."—H. M. The King. TO THE PEOPLE OF THE EMPIRE—Every fighting unit we can send to the front means one step nearer peace.

ELECTION OR EXTENSION.

The question whether the opposition party in the Canadian Parliament will agree to the Government's proposals for an extension of the life of Parliament, in order that, during the period of the war, it may not be necessary to divide the Canadian people on matters of purely domestic political concern, is likely to be answered to the satisfaction of the people very soon after the formalities incident upon the opening of the session are disposed of. Parliament opens on Thursday and in practically a month's time it will be necessary for Sir Robert Borden to leave for England to attend the Imperial war conference. Not more than a month will be available for Parliament to transact public business before the premier leaves, and even though the question of an extension may not be definitely answered before his departure the disposition of the opposition can be fairly well gauged by the use they make of the intervening time. If they show a desire to facilitate public work, and assist the Government in its patriotic determination to place our successful participation in the war above every other consideration in the minds of the Canadian people it is likely that valuable work can be accomplished without waste of time. If, on the other hand, they persist in making of every question an excuse for arousing the bitterness of partisan politics, then it will be well apparent to the public that the Liberal party has not yet succeeded in placing its patriotism ahead of its partisanship by attaching more importance to a battle at the polls than to the much more serious conflict of the fields of France and Flanders.

The Standard, this morning, publishes the correspondence between Sir Robert Borden and Sir Wilfrid Laurier at the time parliamentary extension was first considered. It was at the request of the Liberal leader that it was not given out for publication a year ago. Perusal of the letters will show that the Premier's proposition was perfectly reasonable and decidedly in the interests of the country. At that time the Liberals agreed to an extension for one year, or until October next. The situation which existed last year, and rendered an election inadvisable from the standpoint of the country's welfare has not materially changed, and the considerations which then appealed to the leader of the opposition party should carry just as strong an appeal today, unless indeed he has inclined to the view of the Carvells and Kyles of the party in the meantime and now believes that his hand can better grasp "that bloody kep." The Canadian people will soon know and can be trusted to safely decide the issue. Until that time comes, and even at the risk of incurring the indignation of the cultured and kindly editor of the Telegraph, who, possibly through long association with the "box office" politicians who control our Canterbury street contemporary is ever ready to impute ulterior motives, the Standard, in all humility, ventures to suggest that other and more important things can well take first place in the public mind.

The Journal of Commerce, when discussing, just prior to the last session of the Canadian Parliament, the question of an extension of the Parliamentary terms, summarized its suggestions as follows:

- (1) That the movement for a general election this year be abandoned, as it was in the spring. (2) That the Canadian Parliament meet at such time as the Government may deem best and proceed about its business. (3) That the Government refrain, as far as possible, from the introduction of measures likely to provoke party controversy. (4) That the opposition, while exercising with moderation their right of inquiry and reasonable criticism, earnestly endeavor to avoid the party conflicts which produce diversion. (5) That in this way the representatives of the people unite cordially in all measures necessary for the prosecution of Canada's part in the war, and that particularly all the Government's proposed appropriations for

the war service be adopted unanimously.

(6) That towards the close of the session, if the war continues, an address to His Majesty be adopted, asking for the passing of an Imperial act to extend the Canadian Parliamentary term one year, and allowing the Canadian Parliament itself the right, upon a substantially unanimous vote to extend for a second year, if in 1917 the war conditions then make some further extension desirable.

The Journal remarked that "such a programme may not find favor in the eyes of those who, on one side or the other, are looking on this question entirely from the point of view of party advantage. But we feel sure that the programme is one that will commend itself to thoughtful men of all parties who feel that the country should not be flung into the turmoil of a general election at a time when our people should be heartily united in the supreme service of the empire."

Interest is added to The Journal's article by the fact that Hon. W. S. Plimling, ex-Liberal minister of finance, is its editor.

THE TOO EAGER CRITICS.

The Times is disposed to assume that the National Service movement inception in Canada on the first of the year will not be a success. Isn't the Times' assumption rather premature? Would it not be well for all papers to withhold useless criticisms of the National Service movement until it has had a chance to show itself? There is one thing that no fair newspaper will attempt to deny, and that is that the Canadian Government is honestly anxious that Canada shall participate in the war to the extent that Canada is able. It is of vital interest to the Government that Canada should do her part. It would suit the purposes of the opposition to be able to say that Canada had not done her part and therein would lie an appeal to loyal sentiment that might be made politically useful.

The Canadian Government is guided by the best minds that it can avail itself of, and it is probably correct to say that the Canadian administration has not hesitated to be guided in, perhaps considerable degree by the advice and experience of Lloyd George.

The National Service plan can be called an experiment; if one wants to, but it is an experiment that represents the very best effort that in the circumstances can be made by a Government which, while thoroughly democratic, is heart whole in its anxiety to do the utmost for Canada, for the salvation of the Empire, and for the Great Cause. It is in that spirit the people of Canada are prepared to accept it, irrespective of what the Times or other partisan critics may say.

A CASE FOR CONSCRIPTION.

There is in the United States at the present time a young prize fighter whose escapades and career should furnish to advocates of conscription a mighty argument. His name is Les Darcy and he claims Australia as his home. He is reputed to be a fine specimen of physical manhood who, after defeating several heavyweight aspirants for pugilistic honors in the Antipodes, shipped for New York with the purpose of annexing, if possible, the world's championship belt and, incidentally, a fortune. American newspapers report that he has been offered large sums to meet other prizefighters of equal weight, so if he has fair share of luck he is likely to win something like \$100,000 in the United States in the next few months.

In a statement in one of the New York papers Darcy said that after he had won enough money to place his

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family beyond the reach of what he would come to Canada and enlist in the service of his country. The same paper estimated that he had won in Australia \$25,000 per year for the past three years. Surely, if he was in earnest in his desire to serve his country the sum he has already won would be sufficient to care for his family until his period of active service was over.

There will be a general opinion that, despite Darcy's avowal of his intention, he is not at all anxious to engage in a real fight where bullets and not six or eight ounce gloves are used. He remained in Australia until it was believed that conscriptive measures might be employed to fill the ranks of the armies, then he found it convenient to emigrate. That was not the action of a courageous man.

Under conscription this young bruiser would have taken his place with the gallant Anzacs who have already given to their country a brighter and more enduring fame than any prize-fighter can win and who are facing death every hour of the twenty-four in order that men like Les Darcy may find this world a better place in which to live. Beyond a doubt conscription, in any country, carries much hardship and unavoidable suffering, but the fact that it will force men of the Darcy class into a khaki will go far to justify it.

NEWS SUMMARY.

(McDUGALL & COWANS.) New York, Jan. 15.—American Ice Co. year ended Oct. 31st, net after expenses increased \$278,600. Surplus increased \$215,700. New revenue bill agreed upon to levy 5 to 8 per cent. on profits in excess of 8 per cent. to issue to \$1,000. Inheritance tax to be increased about fifty per cent. Federal Reserve Board to ask Congress to amend reserve act in order to provide for handling of gold supply. Increased control of loan extensions proposed. President of U. S. Rubber Co. says there can be no question about continuation of Pfd. dividends and that even with only normal conditions company will be able to earn substantial return on common stock. Bank statement shows actual surplus reserve increased \$40,997,200. Federal Judge Landis in Chicago upholds Illinois State two cent passenger rate. Decision affects not only Illinois but every state having a two cent rate. D. J. & CO.

MARKET COMMENT.

(McDUGALL & COWANS.) New York, Jan. 16.—Sun.—The principal reason for the conservation is that most people are figuring out the results of the speculative excesses of the past two years. "Buying of odd lots of stock continues in volume larger than the selling. We estimate that the excess of buying over selling last week was about thirty per cent." Short Items—Leading bankers are privately quoted as saying that the fact that no failures followed the passage of the stock market in December with its attendant huge speculative losses, demonstrates fully the strength of the underlying situation especially as low money rates have appeared again and show no signs of advancing. In quarters were large accumulations of securities take place at times there seems to be a very strong feeling that U. S. Steel common stock has not completed its bull activity and that unless conditions change so that present intention of declaring a substantial dividend January 30th is abandoned the higher level will again be reported by this issue. Analysis of the effect.

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By LEE PAPE. I had about 100 pieces of paper tore out of old copy books, and I put them all in a pile on the sitting room table and started to ritz on the top piece, and after a while pop sed, Benny, ritzing a book? Yes sir, I sed. You don't tell me wats it going to be about sed pop. About 400 pages, I sed. Are you trying to be funny, was that supposed to be a joke? sed pop. No sir, I sed. Wich it wasent, and pop sed, Hasent your book eny plot? Yes sir, but I aint sure wat it is, yet, I sed. O, well I suppose thats one way to rize a book, sed pop. And he kep on ferts page and handed it to pop, saying, Here's the first page of it, pop, how do you like it? Wich pop started to read it, being as follows: Unhand that woman, dawg! sed Frank Dalton bravely drawing a revolver and fearlessly waving it around. Who are you? sed the villin taffins. Thats my blinza, dawg, and youll left on the other side of your mustah wen I get throo with you, ware are the papers? sed Frank Dalton without putting his revolver back. Youll never see those papers alive or ded or eny other way, you are absootly ruined, leave me pass, or it will be the werst for you, sed the villin with a siltle frown. Jest then it stopped raining and there was a loud nock on the doer. How do you like it, pop, do you avize me to finish it? I sed. It has some original touches but I shoold scarcely avize you to finish it, sed pop. And he handed it back to me, and I coodent think of eny more to put to it, so I drew plas with my eyes shut on the 2nd pece of paper nun of them looking mutch like pigs but all of them looking like some kind of animals.

of the U. S. Supreme Court decision in the Adamson Law case which verdict seems to be expected sometime between now and February 20th, suggest that if the law is upheld the market will decline should prices at the time be near current levels and that if the court hold it unconstitutional then a rally should be taken advantage of to sell stocks in expectation of a strike. N. Y. P. B.

Sons of England Installation. Last night Lodge New Brunswick No. 355, S. O. E., installed its officers for the coming year. After the installation ceremony, which was conducted by D. D. S. P. A. E. Lawrence, refreshments were served and the members spent a few pleasant hours. The officers installed were as follows: A. Cook, P. P.; P. Thomas, president; H. Taylor, vice-president; H. H. Barker, chaplain; P. F. Selby, secretary; C. Hardine, treasurer; Dr. A. E. Loggie, physician; H. Ricketts, first guide; E. Ricketts, second guide; R. H. Irwin, third guide; W. Forester, fourth guide; R. R. Devine, fifth guide; J. Hardy, sixth guide; J. Shepherson, I. G.; J. E. W. Clayton, O. G.; auditors, R. H. Irwin, H. H. Barker and R. Devine; trustees, H. Taylor, A. Cook and W. Forester; advisory board P. Thomas, R. H. Irwin, H. H. Barker and P. F. Selby.

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CONSOLIDATED MINING MEETING UNIMPORTANT.
Special to The Standard. Toronto, Jan. 15.—At the annual meeting of the Consolidated Mining and Smelting Company, held Friday, the old board of directors was re-elected. The meeting was a routine affair and nothing of importance transpired beyond the presentation of the annual report, which has already been published.

INCREASE OF CAPITAL OF THE HOCHELAGA BANK.

Special to The Standard. Montreal, Jan. 15.—Shareholders of the Hochelaga Bank at the annual meeting today authorized an increase in the capital of the bank from \$4,000,000 to \$10,000,000. It was announced, however, that it was not proposed to issue any new stock at the present time. The old board of directors was re-elected.

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Plans are being perfected for more extensive advertising of the advantages which New Brunswick offers for the successful development of horticulture. W. T. Macoun, Dominion horticulturist, and D. Johnson, Dominion fruit commissioner, were in the city yesterday from Ottawa and conferred with A. G. Turney, provincial horticulturist. Arrangements were made for a trip through the Nova Scotia Valley in the early spring with a view of arranging for the further development of the industry.

Messrs. Johnson and Macoun will leave this morning for Sydney en route to Bridgetown, where they will attend the annual meeting of the Nova Scotia Fruit Growers' Association. Mr. Johnson will be the principal speaker before the association this evening. He will endeavor to convince the farmers of the importance of spraying to successful raising of fruits. In Ontario the farmers during the past year experienced a large loss due to their endeavor to raise the crop without the necessity of spraying.

Mr. Johnson is well familiar with the advantages which the province of New Brunswick offers along horticultural lines. He made a thorough inspection of the lands in the St. John valley about two years ago. He told The Standard that his department would co-operate in every way to bring the opportunities of the province to the intending settlers. He thought that the colonization scheme of the province should result in placing many men on farms, where there would be every chance for success in horticulture.

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HARDWARE PRICES ON UPWARD TREND STILL

Toronto, Jan. 15.—"Hardware and Metal" says: Wholesale and retail hardware firms are exercising great care in buying, but are nevertheless buying freely, in anticipation of a good spring demand. The trend of prices is still upwards. Stove manufacturers have advanced prices on stoves, ranges and heaters from ten to fifteen per cent. With an advance of fifteen per cent. this week the prices of one leading stove manufacturer are now thirty per cent. on steel and, twenty-five per cent. on cast ranges, over the prices in effect a year ago. Higher prices have been made inevitable owing to the heavy increases in the costs of pig-iron and other materials. Prices were withdrawn on iron and steel. Pig-iron prices were withdrawn several weeks ago. Owing to the serious shortage of coke one of the largest companies in Canada has been forced to close down one furnace. The demand for iron and steel is as insistent as ever. The serious freight congestion has caused a great deal of inconvenience in all branches of the trade. There is almost a famine in some sizes of iron pipe. Advances have been made in the prices of heavy hammers, putty, shellar, galvanized sheets, stoves and ranges, horseshoe nails, jack-screws, high-speed drills, ship augers, meat choppers, padlocks, braces, bits, rifles, guns, shoe thread, cow and trace chains.

COUNTY FINANCES ARE IN MORE HEALTHY CONDITION THAN THEY HAVE BEEN FOR SEVERAL YEARS

Report to be Submitted to County Council at Annual Meeting Today Will Show Vast Increase in Tax Collections—Summary of Financial Standing of the County

The finances of St. John County were never in as healthy condition as at the present time. Reports which will be furnished the county council at its annual meeting today will show a vast increase in tax collections—an increase that is considerably in excess of the warrant of assessment for the past year.

One of the councillors discussing the finances with The Standard yesterday said that there were no properties in the county at the present time two years in arrears for taxes. The operation of the new tax act, which provides that properties two years in arrears must be automatically sold on the 1st of November annually, has served to bring forth prompt payment.

In Lancaster there is a possibility of a re-adjustment of the assessment due to the fact that there are no less than six poll taxes, which it is stated makes the burden heavy on the man of small income.

The following summary of the finances of the county shows the healthy condition existing at the present time:

1917.
Total tax on city and county of St. John including a patriotic tax of \$21,076, levied on parishes of Simonds, St. Martins, Musquash and Lancaster, but excluding the city of St. John, \$231,414.
Total tax on city and four parishes in the county not including patriotic purposes but including local taxes on the parishes, \$210,341.
Total tax on city and county excluding patriotic and local taxes, \$200,349.

FARMERS' TELEPHONE CO. HAD VERY GOOD YEAR

Annual Meeting Held at Harland—Further Extensions and Bond Issues Planned.

Special to The Standard. Harland, Jan. 15.—The annual meeting of the Farmers' Telephone Co. was held this afternoon in Burt's Hall and was well attended by the stockholders. The report of Secretary-Treasurer E. C. Moran showed the company to have had a very prosperous year, the best since the company was organized. There had been a large amount of extension work during the year entailing some heavy expenditure but notwithstanding this the company today authorized a dividend of 6 per cent. for the year 1916.

The company now has over 600 phones in use and connections with the Consolidated Telephone Co. which has its headquarters at Bath.

The following were elected directors for 1917: E. W. Splimney, Geo. O. Britton, Howard Drake, H. L. Dickinson, A. D. McCain, J. K. Flennings, J. S. Leighton. These will meet next Monday to elect officers for the year and plan the work for the next twelve months. They will take up the matter of further extensions and the issuing of bonds to cover the expense.

UPWARD TREND STILL

The European War Veterans' Association at its meeting last night elected Charles Robinson, secretary of the returned soldiers' aid commission, an honorary member of the association as a token of their appreciation of his efforts in finding positions for the men coming back from the front.

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Increase on city alone, \$9,533.14.
Increase on the four parishes, \$1,825.86.
Increase on local taxes for local services in Lancaster, \$385.1916.

Total tax assessed by county council for municipal purposes not including highways, \$238,982.
City of St. John's proportion of this amount was \$197,958.14.
City's proportion excluding patriotic was \$163,428.14.

Tax Collections, 1916.
City of St. John paid its warrant in full, \$197,958.14.
The amount assessed against the parishes was \$41,031.82.
The four parishes paid \$46,033.97.
Or the sum in excess of the warrants issued against them by \$5,022.15.
Amounts placed to credit of taxes in 1916, \$244,012.00.

This does not include loans advanced or bonds sold or insurance collected.
Sinking Funds.
Amount to credit of various sinking funds on theoretical ledger balance, \$40,170.26.
Amount of funds invested in county bonds, war loan, and savings bank department of Bank of Nova Scotia, \$45,968.74.
Excess of sinking funds earnings over theoretical credit balance, \$5,798.48.

Recruiting had a day off in the city yesterday. At the central recruiting office two men made application but were unable to pass the doctor. The headquarters of the different units recruiting and stationed in the city also reported "no men." However, according to one of the officers, recruiting has its off days like any other business and a slack day must come now and again.

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NEWS AND COMMENT FROM THE FINANCIAL WORLD

ROYAL BANK REVEALS FINANCIAL AND REAL STRENGTH DEVELOPED

Important References to Position Canada Occupies and Need of Preparation for Conditions That Will Arise After the Close of the War—Reports Submitted Best in History of the Bank.

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"The financial and economic strength developed by Canada since the beginning of the war is little short of marvelous. In the first eleven months of the country emerged from a debtor to a creditor country with a balance of \$206,706,000 in our favor. In the past twelve months the balance has reached \$329,000,000. More remarkable still is the transition from a habitual borrower in London to a lender to the Imperial Government."—Edison L. Pease.

(From Our Own Correspondent, Montreal.) The address submitted at the 18th annual meeting of the Royal Bank of Canada, held at the head offices, drew attention to the most convincing manner to the wonderful strides made by both the Bank and Canada during the past twelve months. It also drew attention to the temporary character of such of the industrial activity of the country is now enjoying and the necessity of constantly becoming more fully prepared for the inevitable readjustment that would have to be faced just as soon as the war comes to an end.

Mr. C. E. Neill, the general manager, referred particularly to the chief causes that had resulted in the bank enjoying a year of unprecedented growth and extension, and paid a touching tribute to the fine record of the staff overseas, and the desire of the bank to fully recognize and compensate for the sacrifices made.

At the meeting the final arrangements were made in connection with the absorption of the Quebec Bank by the Royal Bank of Canada. The directors of the Quebec Bank being added to the directorate of the Royal Bank. The new directors appointed were: John T. Ross, Quebec, who was for so many years the president of the Quebec Bank; R. MacD. Patterson, Montreal, and G. G. Stuart, K.C., Quebec.

Features of Report. Mr. C. E. Neill, general manager, referred to the principal features of the Bank's report for the past year, stating that the remarkable results could be attributed to four causes: Prosperous conditions in Canada and the West Indies; the advantageous location of branches; co-operation on the part of the directors and a loyal and efficient staff. The deposits now exceed \$200,000,000, 42 per cent of the advance was in the savings department. It is a satisfactory feature that these figures included no large or unusual deposits of a temporary nature.

The liquid position of the Bank has been well maintained, liquid assets being 32.24 per cent of the liabilities to the public as compared with 49.03 per cent last year.

President's Address. Sir Herbert Holt, the president, dealt particularly with the general future of the Bank's business, with a special mention of the character of the business of the country at the moment, and conditions that might be looked for at the close of the European war.

Board of Directors. The following were elected Directors for the ensuing year: Sir Herbert S. Holt, K. B. E. L. Pease, W. J. Sheppard, E. P. P. Johnston, C. S. Wilcox, K. C. G. E. Dymest, Jas. Redmond, C. E. Neill, G. R. Crowe, M. B. Davis, D. K. Elliott, G. H. Duggan, Hon. W. H. Thorne, C. C. Blackadar, Hugh Paton, J. T. Ross, Wm. Robertson, R. MacD. Patterson, M. J. Brown, K. C. G. G. Stuart, K. C.

At a subsequent meeting of the Directors Sir Herbert S. Holt was unanimously re-elected President, Mr. E. L. Pease, Vice-President and Managing Director, and Mr. E. P. B. Johnston, K. C., second Vice-President.

MONTREAL MARKETS

Table listing various market prices including Ames Holden Com, Canadian Car, Canada Cement, etc.

WALL STREET MARKET DESERTED YESTERDAY

Trading Dullest in Long Time—Further Imports of Gold Expected Soon.

(McDOUGALL & COWANS.) New York, Jan. 15.—Today's market was the dullest we have had in a long time and there was absolutely no trading in the price movements. The public seems to have forsaken the market entirely and until there are some important developments or enough time elapses for the public to regain confidence a permanent return to former activity is not likely to be seen. There was no news during the day bearing on the market situation.

Further imports of gold are expected as a means of preparation for another British collateral loan in this market and for that reason funds available for speculation are likely to continue ample and a restoration of public confidence should see a resumption of active speculation.

N. Y. QUOTATIONS

Table of New York quotations for various commodities like Am Beet Sug, Am Car Ry, Am Loco, etc.

MONTREAL PRODUCE

Table of Montreal produce prices including Flour—Man. spring wheat, etc.

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CHICAGO PRODUCE

(McDOUGALL & COWANS.) Chicago, Jan. 15.—Wheat—No. 2, red, nominal; No. 3 red, 1.89 1/2; No. 4, 1.94 1/2 to 1.95 1/2; No. 3 hard, nominal.

Table of Chicago produce prices including Corn, Rye, Barley, etc.

MONTREAL SALES

Table of Montreal sales for various commodities like Steel Canada, Am Loco, etc.

NEW YORK COTTON

Table of New York cotton prices including Jan, High, Low, Close.

CANADIAN NORTHERN RAILWAY MAKES GREAT STRIDES IN FIRST YEAR AS TRANSCONTINENTAL LINE

Transcontinental Railway For Last Fiscal Year Reports Tremendous Gains in Freight Traffic—System, Notwithstanding Most Severe Winter Conditions, Comes Close To Earning Total Fixed Charges and Now Plays Important Part in Supplying Mother Country With its Wheat Requirements.

(From our own correspondent.) Toronto, Jan. 14.—That another Transcontinental Railway System is rapidly coming into its own is strikingly illustrated by the Annual Report of the Canadian Northern Railway System just made public.

The remarkable progress made during the past twelve months is likely to prove one of the spectacular achievements of the Canadian corporation, even in a year during which many Canadian companies have reported exceptional growth of business.

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SLIGHT MOVEMENT UPWARD YESTERDAY

Trading Very Narrow—Uncertainties of International Situation Indicated by Exchange Rates.

New York, Jan. 15.—Prices tended moderately upward today but trading was very narrow and the turnover—about 400,000 shares, was so small as to convey no actual significance.

CAN. CAR CO. STOCK STRONGER IN MONTREAL

(McDOUGALL & COWANS.) Montreal, Jan. 15.—The only news over the week-end to affect the market was the statement that the loss of the Canada Car Co. in the big fire would amount to only \$1,000,000.

WINNIPEG WHEAT CLOSE

(McDOUGALL & COWANS.) Winnipeg, Jan. 15.—Wheat prices were steady today.

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CORRESPONDENCE RE EXTENSION OF LIFE OF PARLIAMENT BETWEEN THE PREMIER AND SIR WILFRID LAURIER

Letters Written in November, 1915, but Withheld from Publication at Request of Opposition Leader—Principal Idea of Sir Robert Was That Soldiers Should Not Lose Their Franchise Because of War Election.

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, Jan. 15.—The Prime Minister, with the consent of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, has given out for publication the correspondence which passed between the two political leaders previous to the last session of parliament relating to the extension of the life of parliament, which was agreed to while the House was in session.

The correspondence began on November 2, 1915, when Sir Robert Borden wrote suggesting an extension of the parliamentary term until a date after the war, and was concluded on November 13. That part of the correspondence relating to by-elections is interesting. Sir Robert made the suggestion that there should be no by-elections, but Sir Wilfrid took the ground that while contests should be avoided when vacancies were occasioned by the death of a sitting member he could not agree to the elimination of contests when vacancies were due to other causes.

The letters which passed between the two leaders follow:

Premier Makes Definite Proposal.
Ottawa, Ont., November 2nd, 1915.
Dear Sir Wilfrid Laurier:—I beg to put in writing as requested by you at our interview on the 2nd inst., the proposals which I made at our interview on the 14th October last. They are as follows:

1. That the term of the present Parliament of Canada, which expires on the 7th of October, 1916, shall be extended until one year after the conclusion of peace.

2. That there shall be no general election during the war; and that after the conclusion of peace a reasonable period shall be allowed in order that the Canadian forces now serving may have the opportunity of first returning to their homes.

3. That during the interval by-elections shall not be contested and that each party shall retain the seats which it now holds.

4. That in Parliament, and as far as possible in the public press, party warfare shall be suspended and the united efforts of both parties directed toward the best means of assisting to bring the war to a successful conclusion.

At our interview on the 14th October you appeared to have some hesitation about extending the life of Parliament until after the conclusion of the war as the period thus fixed would be indefinite. If you regard that consideration as a serious one I am prepared in lieu of proposal number one to agree that the life of the present Parliament shall be extended for the period of one year, leaving for future consideration and discussion the necessity, if any, of further extension in order to avoid an election during the war.

Yours faithfully,
(Sgd.) R. L. BORDEN,
The Right Honourable,
Sir Wilfrid Laurier, P. C., G. C. M. G.,
House of Commons,
Ottawa, Ont.

No Contest for Seats Vacated by Death.
Ottawa, November 8th, 1915.
My Dear Borden:—

In answer to yours of the 3rd, I beg to observe: I persist in the opinion verbally expressed to you that the proposal to extend the term of the present Parliament until one year after the conclusion of peace would be absolutely desirable for want of definiteness.

That your subsidiary proposal that the life of the existing Parliament be extended for the period of one year as set forth in the last paragraph of your letter, is a fair basis for consideration and acceptance.

I must, however, further observe that before any undertaking can be reached I should be informed of the extent and nature of your legislative programme, I would expect to know if you intended to continue such programme exclusively to war measures, or if you propose to introduce measures of general policy. In particular I would like to be exactly informed as to your railway policy.

In our recent conversations, I understood that owing to the present financial situation, the Grand Trunk Pacific and the Canadian Northern might require some legislation. Full information, both as to the character of the legislation required and as to the proposed action of the government is rendered necessary by the very importance of the matter involved.

I also call your attention to the fact that according to persistent press reports the Minister of Railways lately visited and inspected a line of railway on the Lower St. Lawrence with the view of either purchasing or assisting it. It would be equally imperative to be informed of the exact policy of the government as to this concern.

With regard to the other matters mentioned in your letter, they can be reserved for adjustment when those above set forth have been disposed of. I can, however, at once declare in respect of the by-elections that for

proposition in order that we may all have our say in the present must be regarded as the supreme object.

Yours faithfully,
(Sgd.) R. L. BORDEN,
The Right Honourable,
Sir Wilfrid Laurier, G. C. M. G.,
Ottawa, Ont.

Agree to Extension for One Year.
Ottawa, November 13th, 1915.
My Dear Borden:

While I have been unable to concur in your proposal of an extension of the Canadian parliamentary term until a year after the conclusion of peace, I have intimated and I repeat that your later suggestion to extend the life of the present parliament for one year offers a basis for consideration and acceptance.

I am obliged, however, to attach more importance than you seem to do, to the question of the measures to be considered by Parliament at its next session. With reference to the railways mentioned by me, I understand you to say that no applications for assistance have yet been made by any of them. That I need hardly point out to you, is no indication that there will be no such application. In affairs of this kind projects may be in the air and widely discussed before formal applications are filed. The railway situation may be such as to require legislation even if no assistance out of the Treasury would be involved. Any such legislation would be of importance, and in the absence of knowledge of what may come, all members will naturally desire to maintain freedom of action.

The very fact that whilst some measures relating to these railways are widely rehashed in the press, you are not in a position to make any statement concerning them, serves to confirm me in the opinion that, although at a later stage arrangements for some extension of the Parliament

may become expedient, the time has not arrived, when any of us should be asked to come to a settled agreement on the subject. Our Parliament has yet nearly a full year to run. Why should we, at a time when great events are happening, which may change the situation, come to a conclusion today as to what may be done some months hence?

I may here observe that the term of the British Parliament is to expire only a few weeks hence, and no steps have yet been taken towards its prolongation.

I certainly agree with you that the war situation is of extreme gravity, and I will in the future as from the first, to the fullest extent of my ability, facilitate all necessary war measures.

In my judgment the business of Parliament should proceed as usual. It is possible that events may so shape themselves as to give us new light as to what would be the best course to take. But other events are in a notably proceeding line end, the war is still on, we may then consider the advisability of extending the life of Parliament on the lines above set down.

With reference to the by-elections, it seems to me that there is a material difference between the vacancies caused by death and those that have been caused by resignation. In the case of vacancies caused by death, I would count on my friends consenting that contests be avoided by allowing each party to hold that which it has had. The other events are in a notably proceeding line end, the war is still on, we may then consider the advisability of extending the life of Parliament on the lines above set down.

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D. V. LANDRY,
Provincial Secretary-Treasurer.

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A Descendant of Sebastian Cabot To Speak Before Canadian Club.

Dr. Hugh Cabot of Boston, who is to speak before the Men's and Women's Canadian Clubs on Thursday evening...

MALINES THE DEAD.

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CITY SCOUTS TO ASSIST AT DISCHARGE DEPOT

Boys to Have Opportunity of Qualifying for War Service Badge, Announced at Meeting Last Night.

That the Boy Scouts of St. John are to have an opportunity to qualify for the much coveted war service badge...



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Who's Who and What's What in the Picture World and on the Stage--Favorites and What They Say and Do.

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A Dream or Two Ago. Of course to me the prettiest little actress on the motich picture stage and in this Mutual picture she plays her part with spirit and cleverness.

RECENT DEATHS.

Wilfred Fenwick. Wilfred Fenwick, who was stricken with paralysis Saturday night, died at his home, Garden street, yesterday morning...

CAST OF CHARACTERS.

Richard Allen "The Master Mind," Miss Andrew Watkins, Mr. Sidney Toler, Jim Creegan, "The Shadow," Mr. Gus Taper, Willie Blount, alias "Diamond Willie," Mr. Houston Richards, John Blount, alias "Black Hawk," Mr. Louis Albrota, Mrs. Blount, alias "Millwaukee Sadie," Mrs. Veda Croly Sidney, Lucene Blount, alias "Hugsie Pitt," Miss Madge West, Courtland Wainwright, ex-District Attorney, Mr. John L. Laro, Professor Forbes, an Alchemist, Mr. David Munroe, Mr. Marshall, a Detective, Mr. John J. Farrell, Susan, a Servant, Miss Eileen Burns.

REGRETS SIR WILFRID

There will naturally be matters of public interest one of the chief purport of Parliament sessions. But that it will be quite prominent to exercise its functions in this respect...

ROWDIES AT OPERA HOUSE.

I have spoken of St. John and Halifax, but I hope for its own sake that Halifax does not include among its inhabitants so many rude and boisterous persons as almost destroyed the pleasure of those attending the play at the Opera House last evening.

UNIQUE MON. TUES. LYRC. A Continuation of the Mystery Detective Story Reveals Some Startling Incidents and Results in "SUSPECTED" Is the Title of The Second Chapter of "The Purple Mask" UNIVERSAL WEEKLY SPECIAL COMEDY THURS-FRI-SAT. Charlie Chaplin in The Rink 3rd Adventure of Grant, the Reporter

Another Sweet Refreshing Day with Mary Miles Minter The Dearest Star in the Film Sky The Entertaining and Beautiful Story of a Street Waif: "A DREAM OR TWO AGO" OLD FAVORITES: Bud Shepard - Eleanor Ott (Fashion Plate Entertainers) In Songs, Sayings and Pianologues. COMING THURSDAY: WILL ROBBINS The Merry Minstrel Man.

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INFLAMMATORY RHEUMATISM PERMANENTLY CURED. NEW BRUNSWICK LADY GIVES FULL PARTICULARS OF HER RECOVERY. There are many types of rheumatism, but none worse than inflammatory. It was this kind that almost killed Mrs. Edw. Warman, of Kent Jct., N. B. Every known remedy she tried, different doctors gave their advice, but the disease increased. Weak and despairing, she was at her wits end when the remarkable cure of Thos. Cullen was published. This gentleman was cured of rheumatism by "Ferrozone." Consequently Mrs. Warman used the same remedy. Here is her statement: "For five years I have been rheumatic. I tried various forms of relief without success. The disease increased, settled in my joints and muscles; these swelled, caused excruciating pain and kept me from sleeping. My limbs and arms stiffened, my shoulders were lame and prevented me from working. Week by week I was losing strength and despaired of finding a cure. It was a happy day I took Ferrozone. I felt better; it eased the painful joints, gave me energy and a feeling of new life. Ferrozone cured my rheumatism, cured it so that not an ache has ever returned. Even lamp weather no longer affects me." Ferrozone has power to destroy Uric Acid, neutralize and enrich the blood, and therefore does cure the worst cases. Mrs. Warman's statement proves this. By removing the cause of the disease and building up a reserve of energy, Ferrozone is certain to cure. Sufferer, isn't it about time to stop experimenting? Ferrozone is a CURE, order today, 50c. per box, or six for \$2.50, sold by all dealers or direct from The Catarthozone Co., Kingston, Ont.

Funerals. A large number of relatives and friends attended the funeral of Edwin V. Godfrey at Trinity church yesterday afternoon. The solemn service was conducted by Rev. Fr. John V. Young, priest in charge of the Mission church of St. John the Baptist, and a relative by marriage, and Rev. T. McKim of St. Mary's church. A portion of the vested choir of Trinity choir sang favorite hymns of the late Mr. Godfrey. The interment was at Fernhill. Mr. Godfrey was a native of Dochester and for many years was prominent in the shipping industry here. His widow is a daughter of the late Hon. Daniel Harrington of Shediac Cape. Relatives in this city, Roches, Westmorland county and elsewhere attended the funeral. Horse Found. A horse that was found wandering about the Marsh Road yesterday morning by Robert Hayes, was placed in Moore's stable for safety.

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CORRESPONDENCE RE EXTENSION OF LIFE OF PARLIAMENT BETWEEN THE PREMIER AND SIR WILFRID

(Continued from page 7)
 There is a degree of unity between party leaders, that is most gratifying, there is still much freedom of discussion. The Canadian Parliament cannot be expected to abdicate its functions.

There will naturally be enquiry into matters of public interest, that being one of the chief purposes for which Parliament exists. But I feel assured that it will be quite possible for Parliament to exercise its proper functions in this respect, without in any way restricting the Government's freedom of action. In that which we must all agree, is today our paramount duty, viz: to see that Canada puts forth every possible effort for the prosecution of the war to a triumphant conclusion.

Yours very sincerely,
 (Sgd.) WILFRID LAURIER,
 The Right Honourable
 Sir Robt. L. Borden, P.C., G.C.M.G.,
 Prime Minister's Office,
 Ottawa.

Regrets Sir Wilfrid's Attitude.

Ottawa, Ont., November 18th, 1915.
 Dear Sir Wilfrid Laurier:
 Your letter of the 13th instant reaches me on the eve of my departure for Halifax to attend the funeral of Sir Charles Tupper.
 I observe with regret your conclusion that the time has not arrived when a settled agreement should be reached on the subject discussed at our interview and in our correspondence. The acceptance of my proposals involves, as I have said:
 1. The extension of the term of the present parliament for one year.
 2. The avoidance of a general election during the war.

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What may afterwards happen in respect of the fortunes of any political party is in comparison of little moment. For these reasons I must repeat my regret at the conclusion which you announce.

Yours faithfully,
 (Sgd.) R. L. BORDEN,
 The Right Honourable
 Sir Wilfrid Laurier, P.C., G.C.M.G.,
 Ottawa, Ont.

Asks that Correspondence be Published
 Ottawa, Ont., December 30th, 1916.
 Dear Sir Wilfrid Laurier:

The correspondence which took place between us last year respecting the extension of the parliamentary term was not made public at the time. This was due to your desire expressed in your first letter that its publication should be withheld although you agreed that it must eventually be made public. I feel that time for publication has now arrived but before taking that course I think it proper to bring the subject to your attention in order that I may have the benefit of any observations which you may desire to make.

Believe me ever,
 Yours very sincerely,
 (Sgd.) WILFRID LAURIER,
 Right Honourable
 Sir Robert L. Borden, P.C., G.C.M.G.,
 M. P., Ottawa.

Dear Sir Robert Borden:
 In answer to yours of the 30th of December, I see no objection to the publication of the correspondence exchanged between us last year on the subject of the extension of parliament.

Believe me ever,
 Yours very sincerely,
 (Sgd.) WILFRID LAURIER,
 Right Honourable
 Sir Robert L. Borden, P.C., G.C.M.G.,
 M. P., Ottawa.

UNIQUE RECORD OF ROYAL BANK'S STAFF OVERSEAS

(From our own correspondent, Montreal.)

A touching reference to the record of the staff of the Royal Bank overseas was made at the annual meeting by Mr. C. E. Noll, the General Manager, in replying to the vote of thanks to the General Manager and staff.

In this connection Mr. Noll said: "The number enlisted from our ranks is now 762, and we have heard of 92 casualties—45 wounded, 38 killed or died of wounds, 1 missing and 8 prisoners of war. I take this opportunity of expressing publicly our sense of loss, and our sympathy for the relatives of those who will not return."

"To those who are fighting our battles unflinchingly in the midst of inconceivable hardship, we owe a heavy debt of gratitude; and we feel that this is realized by none more keenly than the men who bear the brunt of their departure to a great extent. I refer to the many officers who are putting forth splendid efforts with unflinching cheerfulness under increasing duties. It is not easy to conduct the business without so many of our trained men. The depleted ranks must be filled almost entirely by junior clerks and by girls without banking experience and the labors of our trained men are thus intensified. Had we not been able to secure the services of a large number of capable girls as clerks, the staff situation would have been serious indeed. The total number of girls employed on all posts has grown to 715.

"As for the Executive officials, your approval is naturally a matter of importance and an added encouragement. We endeavor to use our best efforts at all times in the interests of the Bank, and it is pleasant to know that we enjoy your confidence. "In connection with the staff, one thing above all others must be borne in mind—our moral obligation to do the very best we can for men returning from the front. This war is wearing down the line edge of our feelings in some respects, but it must not be allowed to so dull our sensibilities that we could ever accept the sacrifices of our men as a matter of course. There are problems ahead for us in dealing with them as we wish to deal, but we are fully prepared to give the future of these men our most serious consideration."

wanteak, Boston for Owls Head (and old); John J. Perry, Boston; Herman F. Kimball, Goulishboro.
 Sid Jan. 12, schr Flora Condon, Norfolk.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.
 Portland, Jan. 11, 1917.
 East Penobscot Bay, Me.
 Fox Islands Thorfare Bell Buoy, PS, properly adjusted, having been found not working properly January 10, 1917.

Carvers Harbor (Vinahaven) from Westward, Me.
 Channel Rock Buoy, 4, replaced January 10, 1917, having been found broken off.
 West Penobscot Bay, Me.
 White Islands Ledge Buoy, 1, spar, found not watching properly was put in proper condition January 10, 1917.

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 Mothers should give a whole Cascarbals anytime to cross, sick, bilious or feverish children because it will act thoroughly and can not injure.

FORMER KING'S COUNTY MAN KILLED IN MASS.

Apoquoit, Jan. 15.—Mr. and Mrs. John McMillan of Head of Millstream, Mass., having been summoned there by the tragic death of Mrs. McMillan's brother, Dudley B. Sheak, who met his death in a runaway accident when his team of horses became unmanageable. Mr. and Mrs. McMillan remained till after the funeral which took place in Somerville.

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Canadian Northern Railway System

COMPANY DURING FIRST YEAR OF OPERATION AS TRANSCONTINENTAL LINE MAKES TREMENDOUS STRIDES IN BUSINESS HANDLED. SYSTEM NOW A FACTOR IN SOLUTION OF TRANSPORTATION PROBLEMS OF THE COUNTRY

The Board of Directors of the Canadian Northern Railway System, in submitting to shareholders their annual report for the past fiscal year, draw attention to many of the general features that have contributed towards the expansion of the Company's traffic and business.

The Gross earnings for the year 1916 amounted to \$35,476,275, compared with \$25,912,106. in the previous year. Of this amount revenue from passenger traffic amounted to \$6,128,476, as compared with \$5,411,224, in the previous year. Revenue from freight traffic \$26,540,213, as compared with \$18,207,300. Revenue from express, mail, telegraph, interest and profits from elevators and other subsidiary companies, investments, etc. \$2,787,591, as compared with \$2,293,081. The working expenses, including taxes, etc., totalled \$26,162,744, as compared with \$19,268,814, leaving the net earnings for the year \$9,273,530, as compared with \$6,223,291 in the previous year. From this amount had to be deducted the total fixed charges which amounted to \$9,621,667 as compared with \$8,253,574 in the previous year, bringing the net loss or deficit for the year to \$248,137, compared with \$1,640,283 in the previous year.

The Company had under operation an average of 8,048 miles in 1916 as compared with an average of 7,269 miles in 1915.

The total operating revenues, as compared with previous year, showed a total increase of 36.91%; Passenger traffic an increase of 13.25%; Freight traffic an increase of 45.87%; Mails an increase of 6.06%; Express an increase of 30.27%; Miscellaneous traffic 19.96%. The Company carried 131,978,809 bushels of grain in 1916, as compared with 58,575,520 bushels in 1915, an increase of 7,408,289 bushels or a gain of 125.31%.

While a portion of the increased earnings is due to an increased mileage a substantial improvement has been made in the Company's business. This is indicated by the fact that earnings per mile of road for the year were \$4,408 as compared with \$3,554 for the previous year, an increase of 23.66%. The Company's new mileages on the Pacific Coast and the Northern Ontario divisions have not yet come into their full earning power, as operation on these divisions was only commenced in the late Autumn of last year.

When it is recalled that the Company's system was in operation as a transcontinental line during only seven months of the twelve months of the fiscal year, the excellent showing made by the mileage in British Columbia after seven months of operation may well be considered an outstanding feature in the year's operations. It must be considered fortunate that the Canadian Northern System and the country tributary to it were sufficiently developed to take an important part in supplying the Empire's food requirements. The System's passenger and freight earnings during the year were affected by the lack of two important terminals which were under construction at Montreal and Vancouver but which were not completed in time to take care of transcontinental business. The station at Toronto, which the System will occupy in conjunction with another railway, has been completed.

An agreement of great importance in the development of the System's freight and passenger traffic was made with the Cunard Steamship Co. Under the terms of the agreement the Cunard Co. has taken over the Atlantic steamers controlled by the Canadian Northern Railway and a close working alliance is in effect between the two companies, and in future the Cunard Line and the Canadian Northern Railway will be, in fact, a single transportation unit between Europe and Canada.

The possession of such favorable grades as those on the System's lines has given the Canadian Northern an already important advantage in the economy of operation, particularly in carrying the two commodities offering in largest volume, viz.: lumber and grain. The main line of the Canadian Northern Railway from Quebec to Vancouver is superior to any line crossing the continent of America in points of grade and curvatures favoring traffic. Although the company's transcontinental line has been in operation for only a few months, its superior economies has established the fact that the road must assume a commanding position when traffic has grown to dimensions making general the use of heavy train loads. The lines of the company's system are now serving 75% of the aggregate population of the cities and towns of all Canada, having 5000 inhabitants and over.

The present situation emphasizes the fact that the railway is not as dependent upon grain crop movements as in the past and in becoming transcontinental has acquired a highly diversified traffic.

The following statement of the comparative traffic earnings for the first four months of the present fiscal year is evidence of this contention.

GROSS EARNINGS			
	1916	1915	Increase
July	\$3,334,200	\$1,961,700	\$1,372,500
August	3,684,900	1,983,600	1,701,300
September	3,187,900	2,757,000	430,900
October	3,716,800	3,678,500	38,300
Totals	\$14,423,800	\$10,380,800	\$4,043,000

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MINIATURE ALMANAC.
 January—Phases of the Moon.
 Full Moon, 8th.....3h. 42m. a. m.
 Last Quarter, 16th.....7h. 42m. a. m.
 New Moon, 23rd.....3h. 40m. a. m.
 First Quarter, 29th.....9h. 2m. p. m.

Date	W. of W.	Sum Rises	Sum Sets	H. Water a.m.	H. Water p.m.	L. Water a.m.	L. Water p.m.
16	10.4	5.03	5.03	17.28	11.05	1.11	
17	W	8.03	5.05	5.59	18.25	11.59	13.01
18	T	8.03	5.06	6.58	19.24	0.26	14.94
19	F	8.02	5.07	7.58	20.24	1.27	15.95
20	S	8.01	5.08	8.54	21.23	2.32	16.92
21	Sn	8.00	5.09	9.47	22.17	3.32	16.56

FOREIGN PORTS.
 Pensacola, Jan. 11.—Sld schr Maud H. Dudley, San Juan.
 Boston, Jan. 12.—Ard schr Ella F. Crowell, Rockport, Me.
 Sld Jan. 12, schr Mary Langdon, Belfast.
 Ocala, Jan. 12.—Ard schr Nellie Eaton, New York.
 Newport News, Jan. 12.—Ard schr M. D. Cressy, Bath.
 New York, Jan. 12.—Ard schr Abenaki, Stockholm.
 Rockland, Jan. 12.—Ard schrs Cata-

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THE WEATHER.

Forecasts.

Maritime - Fresh westerly winds, fine and cold. Washington, Jan. 15 - Forecast: Northern New England - Fair Thursday and probably Wednesday; not much change temperature; moderate north-west and west winds.

Toronto Jan. 15 - A pronounced area of high pressure covers the whole of Canada and the United States. The weather is fine and cold throughout the Dominion, with the lowest temperature in Manitoba.

Temperatures.

Table with 3 columns: Location, Min., Max. Includes Vancouver, Victoria, Kamloops, Barkerville, Edmonton, Battleford, Prince Albert, Medicine Hat, Saskatoon, Regina, Winnipeg, Parry Sound, London, Toronto, Kingston, Ottawa, Montreal, Quebec, St. John, Halifax.

ST. JOHN DOES WELL FOR NAVY

Has Sent Thirty-five Men to Halifax for Training - Ranks Fifth in Point of Recruits.

Since active recruiting for the Royal Navy was first started in the Dominion the seaport city of St. John has managed to send as many men to Halifax or other point of embarkation, as other cities whose population is much larger.

PROVINCIAL PLAN MEETS WITH SUCCESS

Royal Colonial Institute of London Taking Up New Brunswick's Colonization Proposals.

Advices from London are to the effect that the Royal Colonial Institute has taken steps to bring before Canadian and British soldiers in France and in hospitals in England the details of the Canadian Pacific Railway and the New Brunswick Government plans for opening land in connection with after-the-war colonization.

NINETY-TWO MEN FOR THE PAST WEEK

Province Did Very Well, but Hardly Up to Last Week's Figures - Five Counties Blank.

The chief recruiting officers' report for the week ending Saturday, 13th, shows 92 men. This number does not represent the total secured by the 165th Battalion were recruited the week intervening Christmas and New Year's.

Carpenters' Tools advertisement featuring an image of a hand plane and text: 'Carpenters who know good tools will tell you that Stanley's and Sargent's Planes, Chisels, Spoke-Shaves, Try Squares, Bits, Braces, Etc.; also Diagon's Gaws represent the highest attainment in the art of toolmaking.'

TRIMMED HATS advertisement with an image of a hat and text: 'Yesterday we added to our already large showing of Trimmed Hats, a number of very stylish hats in white and the wanted colors, to be sold at very moderate prices.'

Sleds and Framers advertisement with an image of a sled and text: 'Cold Weather Means Good Sport - Are You Ready? SPEEDWAY SLEDS (Strong and Serviceable) ... \$1.75, \$2, \$2.50 and \$3.'

Manchester Robertson Allison Limited advertisement with logo and text: 'STORES OPEN AT 9 AND CLOSE AT 6 O'CLOCK KING ST. GERMAIN ST. AND MARKET SQUARE'

Special Shirts for Cold Weather advertisement with an image of a shirt and text: 'These designs are all made with heavier fronts, giving extra warmth where protection is needed most. The New Cordulay Shirt Not a pleated front, nor a starched bosom, but a new corded effect, comfortable and dressy.'

The Tweed Business Suit advertisement with an image of a man in a suit and text: 'Is the secret of the growing popularity of The Tweed Business Suit Beside being Fashionably Correct. The extra service Tweeds give, without impairing their appearance in any way, has made them the Business Man's Favorite.'

Around the City

For the Fire Relief. Chief Engineer Blake wishes to acknowledge the receipt of a cheque for \$25 from A. & I. Isaacs for the Firemen's Relief Association.

Bricklayers Meet. At the meeting of the Bricklayers' Union held last night plans were discussed relative to the pensioning of about twenty of the older members of the union.

Half Dozen Drunks. The total number of drunks gathered in by the police yesterday was six. They will all appear in the police court this morning as none were allowed out on a deposit.

Entertainment Repeated. The Shakespeare Twelfth Night entertainment which was such a success at the Natural History Society rooms on January 6th was repeated at the St. Stephen's church last evening.

Will Face Four Charges. John Doyle, who was arrested last night on Union street by Police Constables Biddiscombe and Gorman, will have to face four charges when he appears in the police court this morning.

No Meeting. The common council did not meet in committee yesterday as there was not a quorum present. Those who were there talked over the proposed assessment act and decided to take up the matter at next Monday's meeting.

Inquest Thursday. Coroner W. F. Roberts has empaneled the following jury: Fred Lynch, C. Dwyer, L. H. Belyea (foreman), Robert Finnigan, A. F. Belding, J. Perley Lunney and A. J. Machin to officiate at an inquest to be held in the court house on Thursday evening at eight o'clock into the circumstances surrounding the death of Frank Lane, who passed away in the General Public Hospital on Saturday as a result of an injury sustained in McAvity's laundry. The jury viewed the body at noon yesterday in Power's undertaking parlors.

A Correction. The report published in yesterday's issue of The Standard of a complimentary dinner to H. W. Woods, M. L. A., at the Royal Hotel on Friday evening was incorrect. The information was furnished this newspaper by Kenneth Raymond of the Royal Hotel staff who insisted at the time that it was correct but who now states he was in error. The affair was a little gathering given by the management to a few citizens and marked the opening of the new private dining room. The Standard regrets the error made, but published the information at the time in good faith.

Special Serges. Fine all wool Serges can still be had at F. A. Dykeman & Co.'s at 25¢ old prices. They are selling this week a 48-inch all wool suiting serge at \$1.59, in Black, Russian Green, African Brown and Navy Blue. Another special in the suiting department is a 56-inch Russian Green Cloth Suiting for \$1.25 per yard. This cloth would be good value at \$1.75 per yard. This firm still has a quantity of that famous all wool 64-inch serge at \$1.25 per yard. The only color now in stock are African Brown, Navy Blue and Black.

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When considered thoroughly grounded in elementary lessons on seamanship he is drafted to a man-of-war to enter upon his duties. The number of men enlisting at the different cities throughout the Dominion are as follows: Sydney ... 18, Charlottetown ... 20, St. John ... 35, Halifax ... 31, Quebec ... 7, Ottawa ... 15, Montreal ... 53, Toronto ... 200, Winnipeg ... 7, Regina ... 39, Edmonton ... 47, Vancouver ... 100, Esquimaux ... 12.

HOSPITAL TO BE READY IN FOUR WEEKS

165th Battalion Vacates Army Today to Permit Hospital Commission to Start Work - Telegraph Wrong Again.

The army will be officially taken over by the Dominion Hospital Commission this morning. Engineer J. H. W. Bower reached the city yesterday and registered at the Royal Hotel. He has completed arrangements for the taking over of the army and expects to place a large crew of men at work on the alterations and improvements to fit the building as a discharge hospital.

Mr. Bower said last evening that he had no announcement whatever to make in regard to the new building, but The Standard learns that it is the intention to push the work both night and day and that the building will be in readiness in four weeks. It is learned that a large number of cot patients will arrive in the near future to be cared for at the Toronto, Halifax and St. John hospitals. The appointments of the large staff for the local hospital will shortly be announced.

The taking over of the army as a discharge hospital makes it incumbent on the officers and men of the 165th Battalion to seek quarters elsewhere. For the present it is understood they will be stationed in the Agricultural Hall and the other exhibition buildings. It has not been announced whether the battalion will be permanently stationed in these quarters, but the statement is authoritatively made that the 165th will remain in the city until their departure for overseas service. The Telegraph yesterday made it appear that there was some doubt that the army would be taken over to be equipped as a discharge hospital. Head officials of the Hospital Commission state that there was absolutely no foundation for this report. As originally stated in The Standard the army is being taken over. This is the second blunder that the Telegraph has made in connection with the new hospital, as an announcement in that newspaper that negotiations had been in progress for the purchase of the Y. M. C. A. building for use as a discharge hospital was emphatically contradicted by officials of the Hospital Commission.

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IMPORTANT MATTERS FOR COUNCILLORS

Improvements at General Public Hospital and Patriotic Fund Amount Will be Discussed.

The Municipal Council will meet at the Court House this afternoon at 2.30 o'clock in annual session. Several important matters are on the taps for discussion at this meeting. The most important question that will occupy the attention of the municipal representatives when Warden McLellan calls the meeting to order will be the recommendations of the finance committee to the erection of a nurse's home at the General Public Hospital. The opinion is expressed that in view of the lack of accommodation at the hospital this expenditure will be absolutely justified. The matter of the establishment of a maternity ward at the hospital will also be discussed at the meeting.

At today's session the council will take action in regard to the patriotic assessment which has been apportioned to the county for patriotic purposes. The four parishes of the county are required to contribute \$21,000 towards the maintenance of the Dominion Patriotic Fund. The act provides that this amount shall be raised either by direct assessment or bond issue. The impression seems to prevail that direct assessment will be the most expedient course to pursue in the matter. The city representatives will not vote on the question in view of the fact that the city's assessment of \$150,000 for patriotic purposes will be paid independently of the county.

New Motor Truck. The water and sewerage department had a new two-ton motor truck put into commission yesterday and it attracted no little attention.

OUR LUMBER IN BIG DEMAND IN UNITED STATES

Cannot Get Enough, Says Mr. Blanchard, Who Thinks High Prices Will Prevail for Entire Winter.

"We can handle more Canadian lumber than we can get. The prices are highest in the history of the American lumber market and I think they will remain as good as they are at present for the whole winter," said Wells Blanchard of Boston, a member of the Blanchard Lumber Company, extensive manufacturers and dealers who operate a large eastern plant at Portage Lake, Maine.

Mr. Blanchard was in the city yesterday, a guest at the Royal Hotel. He told a reporter that the price of lumber, cut to order, at the present time was \$32 per 1,000 board feet, while last June the price was \$24.50. While the price has declined as low as \$22.50 during the past eight months, the normal figure is about \$25. "Of course we are glad to get good prices," said Mr. Blanchard. "But then we need them as the expense of operations has greatly increased. Just at present we are paying \$40 for woodmen as against \$30 in previous years, while there has been a corresponding increase in food and an increase of more than a hundred per cent. in machinery."

"We cannot meet the demand for lumber. The great difficulty lies in the scarcity of cars which has operated to reduce shipments. During November and December it was impossible to get any lumber at all. The big demand is caused by the fact that in many of the states building operations are considerably above the normal. In the case of the State of Connecticut houses are being erected by the thousands to accommodate the munition workers there." The Blanchard Lumber Company are the big Boston agents for Fraser, Ltd., the big New Brunswick and Quebec operators, who have a large number of mills and who employ thousands of men in the various branches of the industry.