

RAILWAY COMMISSION HEARS CARTAGE QUESTION

Regiment of Shippers Enter Protest Against Cancellation of Service.

MEANS CHAOS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR.

Hope of Continuation for Another Six Months Shattered at Hearing—Judgment of Matter Deferred.

Ottawa, Dec. 16.—Fifteen minutes before the Railway Commission adjourned tonight, at a quarter to seven o'clock, after hearing arguments and suggestions about the question of future practices of railway companies regarding cartage facilities since half-past ten o'clock in the morning, it looked as if the officials of the railways would consent to continue the present cartage system for another six months instead of cutting it off at the end of this year as proposed, but the suggestion fell on stormy ground and judgment in the case before the board was reserved.

All day the regiment of merchants, most of them members of the Boards of Trade of Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto, Hamilton and London, and their experts, appeared to the board in one way or the other, that since the railways had decided to make the shippers do their own cartage business as they see fit, to compel the railways to provide proper facilities in and about the freight sheds for handling the incoming and outgoing freight.

J. W. Walsh, of the Canadian Manufacturers Association; N. S. Tilton, of the Montreal Board of Trade; G. Lynch Stanton, E. C. of the Hamilton Board of Trade; R. G. Geary, K. C., corporation counsel of Toronto; Thos. Marshall, of the Toronto Board of Trade, and others, all maintained that the suspension of the present cartage system will mean chaotic conditions on the first of January. What the railways intend to do for the shippers' benefit is yet unknown, they claimed.

Some of the chief things they asked for were: An hour's extension of the time for handling freight at the sheds, which means from five to six o'clock, a one-hour system at the sheds, penalties on the railroads for delays caused to shippers, a maximum of thirty minutes allowed for unloading a wagon at the sheds, good roads in the freight yards, better warehouses, a reduction in the rates equal to the amount paid by the railroads to the cartage companies, etc. It is on these matters the board will give a decision in the course of a few days.

"The elimination of cartage system will mean a difference of \$8,000 alone to my business and an expense of \$150,000 a year for grocery firms in Toronto, Hamilton and London," said Harry Beckett, manager of W. H. Gillard, wholesale grocers of Hamilton. Here Harry Beckett, of Hamilton, jumped into the dispute to inform the board that in American cities where the railroads have nothing to do with the cartage business, the cost to them of sorting and distributing freight in the sheds is fifty cents per ton, against fifteen cents in Hamilton, where, Mr. Beckett intimated, the employees of the cartage companies do a lot of the work. The roads shirked and the Hamilton Board of Trade, remarked that the shippers are willing to pay the cartage expenses, but they want a proper cartage service, and the roads provided at the freight sheds for handling the freights.

Judgment was reserved.

HIS LAST LOOK

Rutland, Vermont, Dec. 16.—Frank E. Harvey, an engineer on the Rutland railroad, was killed today while looking out of the window of his cab, passing through Florence. His head was crushed by contact with an iron bridge.

ARREST FOLLOWS A FATAL FIRE IN INDUSTRIAL HOME

Officer of Salvation Army in Cincinnati Charged With Violating Building Ordinance—Ex its Clogged.

Cincinnati, Ohio, Dec. 16.—Satisfied that there were no more bodies in the ruins of the Salvation Army industrial home, which was swept by fire early this morning, a fireman and policeman tonight ceased to burrow into the tangled mass of debris in the basement of the building. Five are known to be dead, sixteen are more or less seriously injured from smoke, in their attempts to escape from the building, and ten men are still unaccounted for.

A warrant was sworn out today by District Fire Marshal George H. Coleman for the arrest of Major J. L. Sprake, of the Salvation Army, in charge of the building, charging him with violating an ordinance which is part of the building regulations of Cincinnati.

EXPLOSION IN MINE KILLS THIRTY-EIGHT

Rescue of Bodies Impossible at Present—Priest Rushes Into Smoking Mine to Administer to Injured.

Newcastle, Colo., Dec. 16.—Thirty-eight men were killed in the Vulcan mine of the Rocky Mountain Fuel Company today by an explosion of coal dust. Two miners were rescued after the underground workings had caught fire. All the victims were married, and all but six or eight were Americans.

Men in charge of the rescue work asserted tonight that it probably would be a day or two before the bodies could be recovered. Before sundown the mine had been cleared of the smoke and a thorough exploration of the mine, where work had practically been abandoned, most of the dead were found in the east workings, to which the explosion was communicated.

This fall employees of the mine were called out on strike by the United Mine Workers of America, but some of them had gone back to work. The other victims of today's disaster were strike breakers.

Brookfield, Ill., Dec. 16.—Three men were seriously wounded in a fight here today between Frank Roberts of LaGrange, Ill., and Brookfield police. The injured men are Roberts and two non-partisans in the shooting. Roberts, who fired at his pursuers from behind a tree, surrendered after he had been shot through one leg, and received wounds in his right arm and wrist.

Mortier, driving a wagon some distance from the scene, was shot through the thigh and is said to be in a serious condition. The other victim, a laborer, also was hit in the thigh. Roberts had been arrested for disorderly conduct. He broke away from his captor and took shelter behind a tree.

BRITAIN MAY COME IN

London, Eng., Dec. 16.—The Times says this morning that there is some hope that the British government will decide to participate in the Panama-Pacific Exposition.

An American View. (Montreal Star.) New York, December 16.—The New York Sun today says:

"In Canada the Liberal party, led by that accomplished opportunist, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, is preparing to make a campaign for tariff revision downward because the cost of living is too high; while on this side of the international line the Republican party is organizing a campaign to recover control of the House of Representatives because the downward revision of the tariff by the Democrats has not reduced the cost of living.

"Sir Wilfrid is using the same argument that every Democratic orator pattered on the stump when the Payne law was on the statute book: 'If tariff were reduced as I propose, we would take away the cost which weighs upon the poorer classes of the community.'

ONTARIO FRUIT GROWERS AND LIVE STOCK MEN ARE AGAINST TARIFF CHANGE

Enter Strong Protest in Opposition to Request of Grain Growers.

DELEGATES REPRESENT ONLY SMALL MINORITY.

New York Sun Ridicules Laurier's Sophistry—Ontario Farmers Want to Keep Markets by Protection.

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 16.—Special—"Any attempt to make political capital out of this question—the high cost of living—would be false to facts.

"I don't think free food would be a very perceptible factor in reducing the cost of living."

Mr. E. C. Drury, ex-master of the Dominion Grange, threw this cold water over the new Liberal policy in the course of a long hearing of the representatives of the Grain Growers and the Dominion Grange deputation which waited on the government at noon today asking for the removal of the duty on wheat and flour, agricultural implements and the increase of the British preference to fifty per cent, with free trade within the empire in five years. They asked also for a federal law for chartering farmers co-operative associations.

This deputation was made up of some ten or twelve of the leaders and originators of the big deputation of farmers which waited on the Laurier government in 1910 asking for free food, a request which the Laurier government then refused.

(Canadian Press) Ottawa, Dec. 16.—Opposing any interference with the tariff and expressing views quite the opposite to those of the grain growers, a deputation of Ontario fruit and live stock men interviewed the government this afternoon. They were introduced by Senator E. D. Smith of Winona, who held the arguments advanced in the morning, did not represent the views of the farmers who in 1911 had declared emphatically against reciprocity. If there were reasons for rejecting reciprocity then, they were infinitely greater now.

Mr. Erland Lee, the president of the Ontario Grain Growers, urged that the farmers of Ontario wished to maintain their home markets by protection.

Delegation Not Representative. Mr. Bull, of Brampton, a large stock raiser, contended that the morning deputation did not represent one per cent of the policy. The cry came mainly from people who had done well under the tariff as it is. He absolutely opposed any change in the tariff, and urged the maintenance of its stability.

Mr. Daniel Johnston, of Forest, spoke strongly against the tariff on fruit being reduced, arguing that it would lead to extensive dumping of the American products. Last year they had shipped 320,000 barrels of apples to the west.

That the free entry of foreign fruits would be the death knell of the fruit industry in Niagara, summarized the argument of J. R. Hastings, of Winona.

Mr. Robert Miller, a raiser of thoroughbred stock, urged that each country should look after its own tariff. He charged that Americans, by making necessary the expensive registry of pedigrees kept out Canadian competition.

Mr. T. H. Carpenter, of Niagara, said the middlemen, not the growers, got the profits on fruit. The prime minister, in reply, simply stated that the subjects presented would be considered from all possible points by the government. He made no further declaration.

GOVERNMENT WILL MAKE CAREFUL ENQUIRY INTO HIGH COST OF LIVING

Hon. L. P. Pelletier Makes Important Announcement at a Meeting in Montreal—Government Will Act on Facts, Not on Fads or Theories—May Appoint Commission.

Montreal, Dec. 16.—Three Cabinet Ministers, Messrs. Pelletier, Doherty and Codrre were guests of honor at the third annual installation and ball of the St. Lawrence Conservative Association.

In connection with Sir Wilfrid Laurier's announcement that the Liberal party would take up the question of the high cost of living, Mr. Pelletier said:

"As members of the government we are not the people to come before you with fads and theories. We are trying to govern the country, not by methods of opportunism, not by jumping from one catchword to another, but with well-defined policy. Nobody will object to free food, but intelligent people are not going to be led away by mere words."

"I think if you tell the consumer in the towns that he is going to benefit at the expense of the farmer, which class constitutes the majority of the people, you are raising a temper. You have not only to consider the farmer and the consumer but the man between, who makes most of the profit between the two; but you must secure to the farmer his share of the national policy which we call protection."

"This problem of the increased cost of living is one which must be looked into; it is one which this government will, and is anxious to look into; one which they will take advice upon, perhaps to the extent of appointing a commission, so that as a result they will have facts for the people instead of merely catchwords. But it is their duty to see that one class of the community does not benefit at the expense of another class."

The other speeches were mostly political.

THIRTY CENTS FOR EGGS TO BE THE LIMIT

Household Economic Association in Toronto Records Protest Against High Prices—Will Refuse to Buy.

Toronto, Dec. 16.—That we put ourselves on record as protesting against the high price of eggs and ask the women of Toronto to join with us in refusing to pay more than thirty cents a dozen.

The protests and rumors of protests which have been simmering in the minds and clubs of Toronto's women for weeks have been brought to a head and condensed in this motion moved by Mrs. Gurnett and seconded by Mrs. Harwood, and unanimously passed by the members of the Canadian Household Economic Association. The motion will be forwarded to the executive of the Women's Council, which meets on Wednesday of this week, and from them will be passed to the women of Toronto for definite action and co-operation.

CHEAPER EGGS AND POULTRY.

London, Dec. 16.—According to information from local poultry dealers, eggs and poultry prices are coming down and will be lower by Christmas.

WOMEN SOLDIERS IN MEXICO



Women in the Mexican constitutionalists' army are not an uncommon thing. They stand the hardships of marches as well as men, and in the thick of battle they do not flinch. They load and fire their rifles like veterans. After the engagements are over these women take care of the wounded and are greatly appreciated by the soldiers of the sterner sex.

MEXICO'S RICH FAMILIES IMPOVERISHED BY VILLA

DARING HOLD-UP IN MONTREAL BUILDING

Highwayman Overcomes Cashier With the Weekly Pay Roll and Shoots Pursuer in Leg.

Montreal, Dec. 16.—Grabbing with one hand at the revolver in the coat pocket of his victim and with the other at the bag containing five hundred dollars in cash, which was his object, an unidentified hold-up man got away with \$500 in cash in pay envelopes in the Herald building at five o'clock this afternoon.

The highwayman stopped in his attempt to get away with his booty by William C. Hall, shot the latter in the leg and made good his escape.

The hold-up took place in the basement of the Herald building. A. W. Moffatt, cashier for the Herald Company, Limited, was making his weekly rounds of the building with the money for the wages to be paid out in the various departments in his bag. His custom is to leave the amount for the wages with the foreman of each department for distribution.

On the basement floor as Moffatt was proceeding to the mailing room, he was confronted by a young man, said to be known in the building. The highwayman is described as about 19 years old. Moffatt carried for his protection a revolver in his coat pocket when he has charge of large sums of cash. His habit was evidently well known to his assailant, for stopping him in the hall, where no one was about, save the two concerned, the highwayman grabbed first of all the revolver, then the bag. Giving Moffatt a push which sent him against the stair rail in a dazed condition, the thief made his escape by way of the stairway and a side door leading into Alexander street.

Moffatt shouted for help. His call was heard by Hall, an employee, who was standing in the passageway above awaiting an elevator. Hall turned and met the thief at the head of the stairs, and without hesitation flung himself upon him.

"Get out of the road," yelled the robber, and with the words fired. Hall fell to the ground with a wound in his right thigh, and in the confusion the man escaped.

A YEAR IN PRISON ON BIGAMY CHARGE

London, Ont., Dec. 16.—Henry Patrick Green, remanded a week ago on a charge of contracting a bigamous marriage with Miss Lottie Taylor on November 21 before Rev. H. H. Hinsham, while having a wife still living in Bristol, England, was today sentenced to one year in Central Prison by Magistrate Judd. At the end of his sentence he will in all likelihood be deported.

MENELIK AGAIN REPORTED DEAD.

London, Dec. 17.—A despatch from Jibuti, Africa, says that Emperor Menelik of Abyssinia, died on Friday last.

King Menelik, who was born in 1844, has been reported dead on several occasions. Special despatches from Addis Ababa last February announced his death and the succession of Prince Lidj Jeassu, one of his grandsons.

CANCER CURED IN FORTY EIGHT HOURS BY RADIUM TREATMENT

Dr. Kelley of Johns Hopkins University Tells of Cure—A Radium Bank May Be Started in Philadelphia.

Philadelphia, Dec. 16.—Stimulus has been given to the movement for a radium bank in this city by the announcement last night by Dr. Howard A. Kelley of Johns Hopkins University and Dr. Herbert Abbe of New York, that the word cure can now properly be applied to the radium treatment of cancer. Dr. Kelley exhibited photographs of patients before and after being cured and told of the cure in forty-eight hours of a man suffering from malignant cancerous growths on the face and head.

Property Valued at Many Millions Confiscated by Rebel General.

PROCEEDS OF ESTATES TO WIDOWS AND ORPHANS

Chihuahua Refugees Pouring Into El Paso—Villa Prepared to Make Good Damage to Spanish Stores.

Juarez, Mexico, Dec. 16.—All the property of Luis Terrazas, Sr., Enrique Creel, and Juan Creel, including banks, mines, vast areas of land, thousands of heads of cattle and personal effects, were ordered confiscated to the rebels, in an official decree issued by General Francisco Villa today.

Terrazas, now a refugee in the United States, is one of the richest men in Mexico. His holdings of about two-thirds of the State of Chihuahua, are said to place him among the most extensive holders of the world. The combined estates of the Terrazas and the Creel brothers, his nephews, is valued at many millions of dollars. Enrique Creel was formerly ambassador from Mexico to the United States.

General Villa's decree, issued at Chihuahua city, was sent to Juarez and given out officially. It was intended as notice, that should the revolution succeed, neither the Terrazas nor the Creel families will be allowed any indemnity for their losses.

Will Aid Sufferers With Fortune. The decree accuses the Creel and the Terrazas families of "withholding taxation and of fomenting the treason of Orozco and Huerta," and states that the property shall be given to the widows and orphans caused by bloodshed among the Mexicans. All contracts made with the Creels and Terrazas since February 18, 1913, are declared void.

Luis Terrazas, Jr., eldest son of the land owner, is held a prisoner at Chihuahua, and the rebels have appropriated to their use as much of the movable property as they could seize.

Efforts were made by rebel leaders working directly with General Villa today to effect some sort of a settlement in regard to the property of the expelled Spaniards. It was said that a proposal was made to involve all the property in the Spanish stores and shops and to allow the claims to rest against the rebel government. General Villa replied he was willing to pay for the property in so-called Constitutional money, which the Spaniards, before their departure, declared to be worthless.

Refugees at El Paso. Two hundred more refugees, including Americans and Spaniards, reached El Paso from Chihuahua today. Among the arrivals was Mrs. Marion Letcher, wife of the United States Consul at Chihuahua. Mrs. Letcher said if the counsel had been prevented by Villa from sending code messages to Washington, as has been reported, by refugees, she had not heard of it.

"Treated with an attack at Chihuahua by the federals who are reported to have advanced northward from Torreon, Villa dispatched 2,000 rebels as far as advanced troops to head off the advancing troops.

The decision of the federal troops to show aggressive action was believed to have resulted from the fact that the rebels had to scatter their forces in following General Mercado's retreat to Ojinaga on the border.

Villa has about 5,000 soldiers in the vicinity of Ojinaga, and 2,000 in Juarez, which leaves him less than 5,000 in Chihuahua.

With Torreon, an important railroad center, directly south of Villa's present position, the federals have a base from which the rebels believe a movement toward Chihuahua has begun.

element may accomplish in advanced and internal cases is a matter for further experiment, they said. The meeting of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, at which the specialists spoke, was attended by many of the physicians and surgeons of Philadelphia, and they listened in obvious amazement to the addresses. As a result, it is expected that the projected radium bank at which will be on deposit a portion of the much sought after element, will soon be a fact. Then patients can be brought from all sections and subjected to the radium rays for the treatment not only of cancer but of other diseases in which its use has been found to be efficacious. The mysterious

ST. JOHN TO BE SEEN IN THE MOVIES

Motion Picture Men in City Yesterday Secured Fine Views of Beauty Points—At Courtenay Bay Today.

R. L. Cleveland of Boston and Ted Williams of New York, arrived in the city yesterday morning with a motion picture machine. They have been to Charlottetown and Summerside, P. E. I., where their chief work has been taking moving pictures of the forests in the different ranches. Excellent pictures were procured and they will shortly be seen in the different theatres throughout the country.

When the steamship Royal George pulled out from her dock at 3.30 o'clock in the afternoon with the hundreds of passengers crowded on her decks a good picture of the ship was taken. In addition to the three views taken the harbor and its surroundings were also taken in the pictures.

This morning Messrs. Cleveland and Williams will go to Renfrew where they will visit the fox ranch there and take some interesting views. On their return to the city a visit to the West Side of the harbor will be made and they will embark on a tug boat and pictures of the improvements at Courtenay Bay will be taken.

These pictures will be seen in the city early next month and in addition will be shown all over the continent and should prove a great advertisement for the city.

Messrs. Cleveland and Williams say that their tour of the country is principally for the purpose of taking nature pictures and they have been so far most successful.

ONTARIO FRUIT GROWERS AND LIVE STOCK MEN ARE AGAINST TARIFF CHANGE

Continued from page 1. "It is an ill wind that bloweth no man good" in the untoward conditions in Canada, despite the prohibitions tariff law in the United States, Laurier sees the opportunity of his party and natchly sounds the slogan of revision downward. But it so happens that the States are also depressed, that production restricted, and that there are more idle men in the big cities than it is pleasant to think of, while the cost of living goes up instead of down. Conservatives in Canada have only to point to prices in the United States under the lower tariff to refute Sir Wilfrid Laurier."

Waterloo Street Fire. About one o'clock this morning the fire department was called by an alarm from box 66 for a fire in the rear of John Greer's grocery store on Waterloo street. The fire is supposed to have started from a defective chimney and worked along the wall and the ceiling. When discovered the flames had quite a headway but were soon extinguished and the damage was confined to the rear of the premises. The only damage done to the main store was from smoke and the damage is covered by insurance.

An Artistic Calendar. The Standard is indebted to St. Clair McKiel, the well known grocer and general dealer of Coldbrook for a handsome calendar, gotten up in a rather unusual and striking style. Mr. McKiel's enterprise is shown by the useful and picturesque character of his calendar for 1914.

FACTS IN SAN DOMINGO AFFAIR CREATE SENSATION



GENERAL JOSE BORDAS VALDES, PRESIDENT OF THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

The disclosure of conditions in the Dominican republic since the appointment of James Mark Sullivan as United States Minister to that country caused a sensation in Washington. When Mr. Bryan, Secretary of State, was asked to comment on the transfer of Dominican funds to the Banco Nacional without authority from Washington he declined to do so until he could make further inquiries.

SNY RAILWAYS SHOW FAVOR TO AMERICANS

Toronto Fish Merchants to Enter Protest Against Discrimination in Matter of Rates.

Toronto, Dec. 16.—A protest is to be made to the government at the coming session of the parliament by the fish merchants of Toronto and other centres against the discrimination in favor of American merchants by the railways and the provincial government of Quebec and Ontario. The manager of the Doyle Fish Company here states that brook trout that cannot be sold in Toronto except from private ponds at ten cents a pound are shipped by the ton from Quebec to Boston and New York, while they are not allowed to be shipped into Ontario and sold here.

Another protest is against the rates on fish. Halibut is shipped from Vancouver to Boston at exactly the rates that are paid by Toronto merchants and it is several hundred miles further away. They will also ask that the duty, six and one-half cents a pound on lobsters, be removed during the months when lobsters cannot be obtained from Canadian sources.

Over three hundred tons of fish are consigned to Toronto from the east and west for delivery before the end of December. Owing to the high price of meat, fish is going into consumption rapidly.

Y.M.C.A. SENIORS HOLD ENJOYABLE SOCIAL

Lady Friends of Members Participate in Interesting Bowling Match—A Pleasing Programme Rendered

A very enjoyable social was given last evening in the Y. M. C. A. building when the senior members with their lady friends passed a very pleasant few hours. About sixty young people were in attendance. An interesting feature of the evening was a ladies' bowling contest which resulted in a roll off between Lillian Clark and Vera Leonard for first place. Miss Clark led in the final score. Leaders in the guessing contest were Miss Knowlton and W. G. O'Connell. Marion Harding gave a reading.

The evening's programme with music and games continued until eleven o'clock when refreshments were served and the pleasant evening's entertainment brought to a close. Mrs. S. O. Watt and Mrs. C. D. Howard acted as chaperons.

OBITUARY. Mrs. Janet Law.

Apoahqui, N. B., Dec. 16.—Mrs. Janet Law, widow of the late David Law, died today at the residence of her sons at Pleasant Ridge, Kings Co. She was 70 years of age and was a daughter of the late David Schofield of Millstream. She had been in poor health for about four years, but she died peacefully. She is survived by four sons, Herbert, Duffer, George and Fred and one daughter, Mrs. I. P. Gambin of Apoahqui, also one sister, Mrs. J. G. Law of Millstream.

The deceased was a life long member of the Methodist church and took a deep interest in religious work. She was a woman of refined tastes and kindly disposition and will be greatly missed by relatives and numerous friends.

The funeral will be held on Friday at 2 p. m. from her late residence. Rev. Mr. Rowley will conduct the service. Interment at the Millstream cemetery.

FLOTILLA OF AIRSHIPS ACROSS THE SAHARA

Start at Gran, in Algeria, and Land in French Sudan—Stone Pyramids to Mark the Route.

Paris, Dec. 16.—The National Aerial League has completed plans for a flight of a flotilla of aeroplanes across the Sahara, or Great Desert. The aeroplanes will start from Gran, a fortified town of Algeria, and the final landing will be made at Timbuktu, in the territory of French Sudan, a distance of approximately 1,400 miles. Pyramids of stones will be placed at intervals to mark the route.

If the experiment proves successful, the establishment of a regular air mail service will be considered.

Requires a Clear Head "I see you've headed this article: 'One More Veteran Less.' 'Yes; anything wrong with it?' 'I'm not positive; but don't you really mean: 'One Less Veteran More?'"

Where It Stopped Debtor—I want to pay that little bill of yours. Creditor—Very well, sir. Debtor—But I can't.

ROYAL GEORGE TAKES AWAY A RECORD MAIL

Sails on First Outward Trip with Large Passenger List—Nine Carloads of Mail Matter.

There was a large crowd of people at the I. C. R. pier yesterday afternoon, when about 3.30 o'clock the Canadian Northern railway steamship Royal George sailed for Bristol. The big steamer had a capacity load of passengers, numbering in all 1,120. Of this number twenty were first class, 220 second and 700 third. There were about 200 third class passengers who were left on the dock when the steamship sailed, there was not enough accommodation for them. One of the foreign passengers was so anxious to get on board the steamer that he fell between the ship and the pier and was quickly fished out more frightened than injured. The passengers who were left over have been placed in boarding houses at the expense of the steamship company and will leave on the Donaldson liner Saturnia tomorrow.

The Royal George took away a record mail for the old country. There were nine carloads, as well as a large mail that was made up here. In all there was in the vicinity 4,000 sacks. After the ship left the dock two tugs were engaged to convey the remainder of the mail to the ship, which awaited it at Partridge Island.

AMERICAN GIRL SHADOWED BY POLICE

United States Asks for Explanation of Surveillance of Miss Dorothy McVane in Rome.

Rome, Dec. 16.—The American ambassador, Thomas Nelson Page, has requested the Italian foreign office to investigate the circumstances surrounding the surveillance of the Italian police of Miss Dorothy A. McVane, daughter of Prof. S. M. MacVane of Boston, formerly McLean, professor of ancient and modern history at Harvard University, Miss MacVane, who has been making a tour of southern Italy, which included the cities of Lecce, Brindisi and the naval base, Taranto found that she was being shadowed by the police and that her correspondence had been intercepted. It was learned that she was suspected of espionage, and she communicated with her father, who is ill in Rome.

Ambassador Page today sent Arthur Hugh Frazier, secretary of the embassy, to ascertain from her parents the circumstances of the case, and the secretary was informed that Miss MacVane had written a letter to the American consul in Rome. This letter was never received. The report that Miss MacVane has been arrested at Taranto is without foundation. She was in communication today by telephone with a friend in Rome, and it is understood that during the last few days the police surveillance has not been so strictly maintained.

OUTLAW WHOSE BAND MAY CAPTURE MEXICO CITY

Reports from Mexico say that General Zapata's band of outlaws has captured Santa Maria, a town forty miles below Mexico City, and it is expected to storm the gates of the capital even before the constitutionalists, headed by General Villa.



GENERAL ZAPATA

Cold weather lumps of comfort—Consumers' Coal Company's coal.

SCOTT'S CRAZY PRISONERS SAY

He Was Sane at Time of Murder—Insanity Family Trait.

New York, Dec. 16.—The father, the sister, and a boyhood chum of Hans Schmidt swore to the witness stand today that Schmidt had been crazy for years. They were the first witnesses for the defense in his trial for the murder of Anna Sumner. Before they testified Schmidt jumped to his feet and dramatically gave the lie to his own lawyer as his lawyer outlined the case to the jury. "It's a lie," Schmidt shouted, shaking his fist. The lawyer had said he expected to prove that Schmidt was insane now, had been so for years, and always would be. "I protest against that," and Schmidt kept on protesting till court officers quelled him.

Insanity was a family trait among Schmidt's kin, according to Heinrich Schmidt, the prisoner's father. Several relatives hanged themselves; several tried suicide by drowning, and one shot himself. Schmidt's sister said her brother's heritage of insanity came from both parents. When he was a boy, she said, he had religious mania so marked that the neighbors dubbed him, "the little chaplain."

The Rev. Father Mark of Techy, who went to school with Schmidt in Germany, testified that he believed the prisoner to be of infirm mind and that he had been so for twelve years.

INTERESTING LECTURE IN NATURAL HISTORY ROOMS

Prof. L. W. Bailey, the Speaker—Portrait of Dr. Matthew is Donated to the Society.

A very instructive lecture was delivered last evening in the rooms of the Natural History Society by Dr. L. W. Bailey, retired professor of the University of New Brunswick, who discoursed on achiroderms, which include the star fishes, sea urchins, sea lilies and sea cucumbers, all of which are common in the Bay of Fundy and along the Atlantic coast. The lecturer first described the five fingered star fish explaining its structure and mode of living, and continuing discoursed on interestingly on the other sea dwellers which come under the heading of achiroderms.

At the conclusion, a vote of thanks, presented to the society a beautiful portrait of himself which was greatly appreciated, he being an old and active member.

SECRETARY TO POPE IS DEAD

Cardinal Rampolla Was Appointed Secretary of State by Leo XIII.—Mentioned as Successor to Pius X.

Rome, Dec. 16.—Cardinal Rampolla, papal secretary died tonight. Cardinal Rampolla, Marquis Dej Tindaro, was appointed secretary of state by Pope Leo XIII, and at the conclave for the election of a successor to Pope Leo, was the predominant figure. He was 82 years of age and held the office of secretary of state for 18 years. He was a member of the congregation of the Universal Inquisition. Since the conclave, Cardinal Rampolla has lived in retirement in the palace of St. Martha, just behind St. Peter's, and has devoted his time to the departments dealing with matters of doctrine, dogma and international administration of the church, holding aloof from affairs pertaining to foreign relations of the Holy See.

DIED.

HOWE—In this city, on December 15, at his late residence, 418 Union street, Jonas Howe, aged 74 years, leaving his wife, one brother and one sister to mourn.

WHITE—On the 16th inst., James E. White, aged ninety-one years and four days.

Funeral on Thursday at 2.30 from his late residence, 68 Garden street. LOGAN—At 120 Chesley street, on the 16th inst., Elizabeth J. Logan, in the 82nd year of her age.

Boston, Bangor and Portland Papers please copy. FUNERAL—On Thursday at 2.30 from her late residence, 100 North street, at Fenwick, B. C. Norris, daughter of W. J. Norris.

Funeral will be held on the arrival of the Montreal train today from the station at Fairville. No flowers by request.

ROYAL The Standard for Baking Powders the World Over is an Absolutely Pure, Cream of Tartar Baking Powder. CREAM OF TARTAR is the crystallized acid of grapes refined to absolute purity and ground to a creamy flour. It is declared by physicians the most wholesome of all fruit acids, and has been proved by long and universal experience the most efficient and satisfactory for baking purposes. Highly refined products of the grape, properly combined with bicarbonate of soda and a little corn starch to absorb atmospheric moisture, are the sole ingredients of the ideal, high-class, standard baking powder. Many acids have been tried during the last hundred years to find a substitute for the grape cream of tartar which would cost less. In recent years alum, which makes a baking powder at a cost of two cents a pound, has been disapproved by scientific chemists and physicians and is not employed by manufacturers of high-class powders. Cream of tartar powders being healthful themselves, add to the healthfulness of the food.

LATE JOHN J. GALLAGHER BURIED AT WOODSTOCK

Woodstock, N. B., Dec. 16.—Special.—The funeral of J. J. Gallagher, barister of Grand Falls, who died on Sunday, took place today, the remains reaching here on Monday night. The funeral was largely attended, including several ladies and gentlemen from Grand Falls, who accompanied the widow to Woodstock. The floral offerings were beautiful. After a brief service in St. Gertrude's church by Rev. F. J. McMurray, the interment was made in the Catholic cemetery. The pall bearers were Premier Fleming, Frank B. Carvell, M. P., Judge Carleton, J. C. Hartley, K. C., Coun. James W. Gallagher and John P. Maloney.

Piping hot coal for your feeder, at Consumers' Coal Company.

SWORE AT HUBBY.



Admitting that when her husband swore at her she swore at him; when he smoked cigarettes she smoked, too, and that once at her husband's suggestion she had become intoxicated. "Just for fun," Mrs. Helen Mantell, one-time artist's model, who is suing John Mantell, son of Robert Mantell, actor, for separation, laughed her way through three hours of cross-examination in the Supreme Court at New York. But before her laughter the tears had flowed as she bowed her blushing face in her hands and told how her husband, known to all his friends as "Jack," had once said to her: "I don't care if you go with every man in New York."

Sale of Dairy Cattle.

By auction at Silver Falls, St. John County, on the 16th inst., at 1 p. m., pure bred Ayreshires and Jerseys. S. Creighton & Sons.

IMPERIAL Bring the Kiddies to the Santa Claus Matinee. "Oh You, Sit Skirt" A Biograph Police Farce. "Phoney Sherlock Holmes" In Another Biograph Holler.

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Kathleen Furlong-Schmidt, Mezzo Seven-Piece Orchestra. EVENING SHOWS THE FAMOUS TROUPE OF ANIMAL IMITATORS. THE TROPICAL TRIO

PATHE WEEKLY Native Fetes in Far-off India. Some Big European Events. News of this Continent on Film. Some Unique Events in the South. PATHE WEEKLY CAN YOU BEAT IT? SURELY SOME SHOW!

"THE DAWN OF A TOMORROW"

THE BEST PLAY YET SEE IT THIS WEEK

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UNIQUE "MAN AND WOMAN"

First of the MARRY XMAS SPECIAL FEATURES WED.—"THE LOST CHORD."—From the Famous Song.

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A BRONCHO DRAMA—"JOE HIBBARD'S CLAIM."

THE MARINE OF THE SIGNAL SERVICE Issued by Authority of Marine St. John, Dec. 17 Halifax, 267—B arrived from Algi Brief Island, north. Point Lepreau, northwest. Partridge Island west. Louisburg, N. S. Str Imperial, trans- phis at 6 p. m. 10 a. m. Cape Race, 720 15—Corlecan 478 Briar Island, northwest. Point Lepreau northeast. One th- inward. Partridge Island west. RED CR Red Cross Cupes called from en a. m. yesterday. Thursday morning. DECKLOAD The schooner V water for New Y violent northwest the Bay of Fund. load of lumber w material damage SEAM The schooner C erpool for Phila heavy gale, when and Cape Cod, wh er, Seaman McR lost overboard a lost portion of WILL B The schooner which completed go of coal, will whiter. Schooner Wm. New Bedford, will the winter month TO DECORATE New York, Dec. David Blair, se Oceanic, is to be King today. He action, when on in plunging overbo to rescue a stoker WINTER C. P. R. line st Liverpool, took a valued at \$180,072 valued at \$7,500 \$187,952. Her w 100,000 bushels. Allan line steam erpool, look away ned at \$15,499, an of cost \$2,508, ma 007. Allan line steam miles east of Cap m. on the 16th, ABANDON A Vineyard dist ton schooner Cla tons of coal, from month, was aban Sunday on Middl was King today. Captain Greenlaw would be full of The captain's w got clear draggag up on the cutter Acushnet to pull her off. STEAMER GO. Portland, Aug. Cobb of the East- peration, which h several weeks un BURNING FITCH On Hands and Fine Rash. H Could Not Re and Ointment Lombardy, Ont. for two years with arms. At first my little faith, but to suffer from the Cuticura Ointment them with soft cloth the Cuticura Ointment soap and used them and they entirely Mrs. Helma E. M. A single case of Cuticura Ointment when all else has fail and dealers everyw each mailed free, a each mail-order. Address post-card, Corp.; Dept. D, Bos

THE LATEST SHIPPING NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MARINE NOTES OF THE WORLD

SIGNAL SERVICE BULLETIN

Issued by Authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries. St. John, Dec. 16, 3.00 p. m. Halifax, 2.47—British St. Montrose arrived from Algiers at 7 a. m. Cape Race, 22—Clear, moderate north.

RED CROSS LINE

Red Cross Line steamer Clothilde Cuneco sailed from New York at eleven a. m. yesterday and is due here Thursday morning at daylight.

DECKLOAD WASHED OVER

The schooner Victoria from Bridge-water for New York, experienced a violent northwest gale on Dec. 8th in the Bay of Fundy; had entire deckload of lumber washed overboard; no material damage was done to the vessel.

SEAMAN LOST

The schooner Coral Leaf, from Liverpool for Philadelphia, reports in heavy gale, when between Cape Sable and Cape Cod, while taking in spunk, Seaman McIlroy of Scotland, was lost overboard and drowned; vessel lost portion of deckload of laths.

WILL BE LAID UP

The schooner Isiah K. Stetson, which completed discharging her cargo of coal, will lay up here for the winter.

TO DECORATE OCEANIC OFFICER

New York, Dec. 16—A Herald cable from London, says: David Blair, second officer of the Oceanic, is to be decorated with the King today. He performed an heroic action, when on board the Majestic, in plunging overboard from the bridge to rescue a stoker in mid-Atlantic.

WINTER SERVICE

C. P. R. line steamer Manitoba, for Liverpool, took away Canadian goods valued at \$180,072, and foreign goods valued at \$7,850, making a total of \$187,922. Her wheat shipments are 160,000 bushels.

ABANDONED AT SEA

A Vineyard dispatch says the Boston steamer Charles Loring, with 300 tons of coal, from New York for Falmouth, was abandoned by her crew Sunday on Middleground Shoal. She was leaking badly and her master, Captain Greenlaw, said she probably would be full of water by morning. The captain's wife was not ashore in a water boat earlier in the day. The schooner fouled a mooring on Saturday night and before she could be got clear dragged her anchor, bringing her up on the shoal. The revenue cutter Acushnet tried unsuccessfully to pull her off.

STEAMER GOVERNOR COBB

Portland Argus—Steamer Governor Cobb of the Eastern Steamship Corporation, which has been at Bath for several weeks undergoing general en-

BURNING AND ITCHING ECZEMA

On Hands and Arms. Broke Out in Fine Rash. Had to Give Up Work. Could Not Rest. Cuticura Soap and Ointment Cured.

Lombardy, Ont.—"I had been suffering for two years with eczema on my hands and arms. At first my hand broke out in a fine rash with a burning and itching that was hard to bear. The itching and burning were so bad I had to scratch till my hands and arms bled and were so sore I could not stand to put them in water. I also had to give up my work. Then I spread all over my skin. I could not rest at night as the bed clothes would irritate the eruption every time I would stir or move my hands. I tried two treatments giving each a fair trial but they failed to cure me. Then I saw the advertisement in the paper about Cuticura Soap and Ointment so I sent for a sample and I began to use them with very little faith, but to my surprise I found relief from the very first. I washed my hands in warm water with Cuticura Soap and dried them with a soft cloth, then I put the Cuticura Ointment on and bandaged them with soft cloth. I used two boxes of the Cuticura Ointment with the Cuticura Soap and used them steadily for two months and they entirely cured me." (Signed) Mrs. Helena E. McCall, May 17, 1913.

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DOMESTIC PORTS

Halifax—Arrd Dec 15, stmr Iontan, Portland; Kanawha, London. Cld Dec 15, stmr Iontan, Glasgow; Dominion, Portland; Boston (Nor) Jamaica.

BRITISH PORTS

Glasgow—Arrd Dec 15, stmr Cassandra, St. John. Plymouth—Arrd Dec 15, stmr President Lincoln, New York. Pastnet—Passed Dec 13, stmr Manchester Exchange, Adamson, Philadelphia for Manchester.

FOREIGN PORTS

New York—Sld Dec 15, schrs Catharine, Digby; Fred B. Balano, Lubec.

LARGE NUMBER LIVES SAVED

The annual report of Captain E. P. Berthoff, captain-commandant of the United States revenue cutter service, shows that during 1913 327 lives were saved, 2,755 persons on board vessels in distress were assisted, 264 were cared for on the cutters, and vessels valued at \$10,607,710 were assisted in time of need. The cutters removed or destroyed thirty-one derelicts and recovered and returned to owners others valued at \$18,900. All this was done for \$2471,632, about \$3,000 less than congress appropriated, although twenty-five cruising cutters and eight harbor vessels were employed.

REPORTS SEVERE WEATHER

Portland, Dec. 16—After a week's arduous cruising in the eastward the revenue cutter Woodbury came into port yesterday and will go to the Portland company's wharf today to effect repairs on her windlass. She started out on Monday last to render assistance to the schooners Julia A. Berkeles and Bessele, both of them being reported ashore at Bass Harbor, but on reaching the scene found they had been floated and were all right. While off Petit Menan on Thursday morning a wireless was received in reference to the three-masted schooner Laura M. Lunt, which had been reported in a disabled condition. The location of the vessel as given in the message was very indistinct, but the cutter at once started in pursuit only to find that the craft had made Owl's Head under her own sail and had then been towed to Rockland. The officers of the cutter report the weather conditions along the coast the past week as having been most severe.

MINIATURE ALMANAC

Table with columns for Sun Rises, Sun Sets, Moon Rises, Moon Sets, and various astronomical data for December.

VESSLS IN PORT

Table listing ships in port, including Sun Rises, Sun Sets, Moon Rises, Moon Sets, and other details.

PORT OF ST. JOHN, N. B.

Arrived Tuesday, Dec. 16th, 1913. Schr Fred and Norman, 32, Cheney, Eastport, J. S. Smith, bal. Schr Margaret May Riley, 241, Granville, New York, A. W. Adams, 311 tons soft coal, 141 tons hard coal, R. P. & W. Starr.

SCANDAL FEARED AS CANAL NEARS COMPLETION

Despatches from Panama state that the great ambition of Colonel George W. Goethals and his subordinates in the mighty organization which has brought the Panama Canal almost to completion to end the work as it was begun, without a suspicion of scandal or politics, seems likely to be thwarted. For three months now the construction organization, the work of which is rapidly drawing to a close, has been facing embarrassments the magnitude and seriousness of which are little understood in the United States.

IN THE COURTS

Supreme Court. At the monthly sitting of the Supreme Court, Chancery Division, Chief Justice Barker yesterday morning gave judgment in the case of Elizabeth Cheesman and Fred J. Cheesman vs. Louis Corey Co. and Herbert J. Smith. This was a case which arose over the sale of a farm at Musquash. The purchase price was paid by Corey & Co. by an order on the Lancaster Sewerage Board for 1912, which order was handed to the solicitor, who got it endorsed by the plaintiff, Mr. Cheesman. The suit was brought to enforce the payment of \$912, the balance due on an agreement between the plaintiffs and Corey for the sale of the farm in question, which has never reached the plaintiff's hands.

HOTEL ARRIVALS

St. Fyfe, Sam Gilcom, M. Fyfe, P. Stevens, Calgary; H. Weer, Whilpoe, Sask; R. S. Givan, Moncton; D. Rogers, Toronto; W. H. Marvin, Water, side; J. G. Gunn, Toronto; A. J. Gregory, Fredericton; P. H. Gilbert, Ouse, Oak, Bangor; W. P. Jones, Woodstock; Geo. T. Deany, W. F. Guery, Portland; M. F. Pearson, Houlton; W. G. Hiltz, Truro; Alex. Craigie, Halifax; A. MacKenzie, A. K. Kempton, A. W. McCallum, W. C. Elliott, Montreal; J. R. Eyer, Toronto; F. C. Miller, London; Mrs. N. P. Murray, Mrs. J. B. Crane, Sussex; Henry Meservy, New York; A. Blandard and wife, Montreal; W. W. Robinson, Sussex; J. W. Godfrey, Boston; W. A. Cowan, Brownville; J. A. Hoeremans, Montreal; A. C. Jefferson, Providence, R. I.; C. W. Parker and wife, J. W. Carruthers, R. W. Stewart, J. D. McIntyre, J. J. Johnson, Montague; C. W. Nordin, Miramichi; R. C. Holman and wife, Hamilton, Ont.

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One Hundred and Fifty-eight Dollars the Top Price Paid for Blue Fox Skin.

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 16—Two hundred buyers from Europe and the United States attended the government auction of Alaskan seal furs, which began here today.

The auction was conducted by a St. Louis firm, acting as agent for the government.

The skins were sold in lots of eighty to ninety, graded according to size, as all the lots had been open for inspection previously, all bidding was by number. The total number of skins offered was 1,823.

Fox skins were sold in lots of six to thirty-four. The total number was 431.

The total amount paid for seal and fox skins was estimated this afternoon at \$750,000 to \$800,000. Of this amount about \$600,000 was for seal skins. The top price for fox skins was \$158, paid for a perfect lot of blues. From this the prices ranged down to \$12 a skin.

E. Lester Jones, of Washington, acting United States Fish Commissioner, who attended the sale, said the auction was satisfactory to the government, as the prices were five to ten per cent. higher than those realized at London last year.

Crisis Past

Mrs. Recently Wed—Did I appear nervous at all during my marriage ceremony, Clara?

Fried (cautious)—A little at first, but not after George had said "I will."

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Notice is hereby given that the Bell-Buoy-Boat has been replaced temporarily by a Trinity bell buoy. The necessary repairs will be made as soon as the Bell-Boat and replaced as soon as possible.

Agent, Dept. Marine and Fisheries, St. John, N. B., Dec. 16th, 1913.

NOTICE TO MARINERS

The light of the Bell Buoy Boat, anchored off the eastern end of Partridge Island, has been reported not burning. It will be relighted soon as possible.

Agent, Dept. Marine and Fisheries, St. John, N. B., Dec. 15th.

NOTICE TO MARINERS

Notice is hereby given that the bell on Hospital Reef buoy has been reported not sounding. It will be replaced as soon as possible.

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Notice is hereby given that the Bell on Peases Island Fairway Buoy, described in List of Lights as No. 215, has been reported lost. It will be replaced as soon as possible.

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NOW TIME TO FIGHT.

Largely for partisan political purposes the Chronicle and Echo, the mouthpieces of the Liberal party in the city of Halifax, are conducting a vicious and false campaign against St. John. What is St. John going to do about it? In the past we have expressed entire satisfaction with the government plan by which the steamship companies performing the trans-Atlantic mail carrying service have been allowed to choose their own terminal. We still believe in that policy. How has it worked out? The Canadian Pacific Empress steamers, to quote the Halifax papers, have gone to Halifax because there was not sufficient accommodation in St. John for them. From reports reaching us the officials of the Canadian Pacific, who were responsible for the change, now regret that they left this port, because they have received but indifferent service in Halifax. Their present feeling is that they will never go to Halifax after this winter, and if reports are correct, even in the face of official denials, there is a possibility that they will still be here this year.

The Royal liners are coming to St. John, and the Captain of the Royal George is authority for the statement that his ship was coaled and handled with greater despatch in this port than in any other on the Atlantic coast. The over-seas mails, which came here on the Allan liner Victorian, on Saturday and Sunday last, were handled at a rate of speed which Halifax has never even approached and, under favorable conditions, the postal authorities are confident of making a record through the port of St. John that Halifax cannot equal. These are the facts in favor of St. John. Now what can Halifax show?

We admit that the Halifax harbor, taken as a sheet of water, is one of the finest in the world. They have no tides to speak of, and are not troubled to any extent by adverse currents—but that is all. Wharves, trackways, warehouse room and all facilities for the transaction of the trans-Atlantic business are better in St. John than in Halifax.

The people of St. John built their own wharves, and equipped their own port, with the exception of what assistance has been given by the Borden government. The greatest benefactor of Halifax was a beneficent Creator who, in the shaping of the world, placed an excellent harbor there. But a harbor should be more than a sheet of water. St. John has improved her opportunities in Halifax has not, and the result is that in all other respects except what nature has done for the sister city we outclass her as a port. St. John has long been noted as the Canadian winter freight port. In future we must have an opportunity to become the mail and passenger port as well.

It is regrettable that any section of the Halifax press, for partisan reasons, and in the hope of making their readers believe that the Borden government has favored St. John at the expense of the sister city, should attempt to set one city against the other. There should be the best of feeling between the two, and it is gratifying to know that to date, at all events, the false campaign in favor of Halifax has not found echo in the conservative papers of that city which are content to print the truth.

St. John and Halifax should line up side by side in the search for business and act fairly one toward the other. That is the situation as St. John people would like to see it. Apparently that section of the Halifax population represented by the Chronicle and Echo would prefer to see the two cities in opposition. Very well, so be it, but in friendship to the fair minded people of the Nova Scotia capital, and there are many such, it must be said that whatever happens after St. John energy and St. John brains get fairly started, Halifax is largely responsible for, and the responsibility comes back on the shoulders of the Grit newspapers.

If it becomes necessary to oppose Halifax in order to get for St. John the business to which we are entitled the sister city must take care of itself. It is time for action. The first step must be to spread broadcast the true facts in connection with the two ports in order that St. John may be placed in a correct position before the world. The Chronicle and Echo campaign cannot be fought too strongly, or too quickly. When that is done our business men must unite for St. John. The government is absolutely neutral, and it is right that it should be so, for this is not a government fight. It is, or, from the attitude of the Chronicle and Echo, it promises to be, a contest between the two largest cities in the Maritime Provinces.

Halifax has a fine sheet of water for a harbor. St. John has the better facilities for handling the traffic, plus

the splendid prospects of growth and advancement. It is time to take our coats off and impress upon all Canada that St. John is not only the freight port, but also the mail and passenger port of Canada. We have already got a good share of the business. Now, even at the risk of being considered selfish, let us go after all of it. There is no sentiment in business, and Halifax has the consolation of knowing that the Grit papers of the sister city started the trouble. It is now time to fight.

HERE ARE SOME FACTS.

The distance from Bristol to Halifax is 2,773 miles, and the distance from Bristol to St. John is 3,063 miles, a difference in favor of Halifax of 290 miles.

The distance from St. John to Montreal by C. P. R. is 482 miles, and the distance from Halifax to Montreal by the I. C. R. is 836 miles, a difference in favor of St. John of 354 miles.

The distance from Halifax to Montreal is figured over the Intercolonial Railway, because that is the route over which the mail trains are taken. No one but the Halifax Chronicle or Echo advocated using the other route.

This shows a net difference in favor of St. John of 59 miles. But the Halifax papers, incorrectly assume that vessels bound for St. John would take the same course as if bound to Halifax until the coast of Nova Scotia is reached, when the divergence would be made around the south shore to St. John.

Such is not the case. Vessels bound to St. John direct go far out to sea and in a course that would cut many miles off the course adopted if they had to call at Halifax.

Sea captains state that the difference between St. John and Halifax on the water route is from four to five and a half hours. Cargo, freight, passengers and mails can be handled more quickly in St. John than in Halifax by reason of our superior facilities, and there is no need to use lighters.

The saving in time consumed by the extra and needless rail haul from Halifax over the I. C. R. is about ten hours. This gives St. John in its nearness to Montreal a net advantage over Halifax of about four and a half to six hours.

St. John is the natural and logical passenger, mail and freight port, and this fact will be demonstrated by tests during the present season.

THE TARIFF AND FRUIT.

Those engaged in the fruit raising industry in the Province of New Brunswick, who have read the Telegraph's unqualified endorsements of the Laurier plan to strike off duties in order to reduce the cost of living, will be interested in the opinion of the Ontario fruit men who interviewed the Government yesterday, and were emphatic in their declarations that to reduce the duty would mean the dumping into Canada of tons of American fruit, and would prove the death knell to the industry in Ontario.

In the fruit raising industry, as in most other lines of endeavor, conditions are pretty much the same all over Canada. If a lower tariff would be injurious to the Ontario apple growers it would also be injurious to the New Brunswick apple growers and if Sir Wilfrid's plan would have the effect of striking a blow at Ontario it would most certainly strike a blow at New Brunswick.

The Times, last evening, made much of the fact that certain grain growers in the West had demanded that Premier Borden should abolish duties on grain and other articles of food, practically following the lead of Sir Wilfrid Laurier in his sudden conversion. The foundation for the Times' spread was the meeting in Ottawa yesterday morning. Had the Times waited a few hours it would have learned that prominent men in the ranks of the Ontario grain growers and the Ontario grange were just as strong in their demands that the tariff should not be interfered with, as the earlier speakers were that it should be reduced. The climax came when Ontario fruit growers, of years of experience, openly stated that to remove the duties on fruit would have the effect of ruining that industry.

Apparently there are two sides to this question as to every other. There is no doubt that the cost of living is the big question confronting the working man. There must be a solution, but it is most evident that it is not to be found in anything Sir Wilfrid Laurier has enunciated to date. The most reasonable answer would seem to be the statement of the Minister of Labor that more food, and not free food, is Canada's real need. When the supply more nearly meets the demand much will have been accomplished in the way of solving the present problem.

DIARY OF EVENTS

HISTORIC DAYS IN CANADA

The first parliament of Lower Canada was convened in Quebec 121 years ago today, Dec. 17, 1792, by Maj. Gen. Sir Alured Clarke, the lieutenant Governor of the province. The legislature of the Upper Province had been opened by Lieut. Gov. J. Graves Simcoe at Newark just three months before. While the Upper Province was populated largely by British Loyalists, Lower Canada was essentially a French Province, and in consequence only a sprinkling of the hundreds of members of the first parliament were of English origin. M. Panet, a prominent French-Canadian barrister, was elected Speaker of the House. One of the first acts of the House was to pass an act of gratitude to the King for the new constitution, which had been proclaimed at Quebec the previous December, with ceremonies in which the royal family was represented by H. R. H. Prince Edward, afterward Duke of Kent, and father of Queen Victoria. The announcement of the Lieutenant Governor that France had declared war on Great Britain was greeted with the passage of a declaration of loyalty to the English Crown. The first session of Lower Canada's first parliament lasted four months and a week, and was fruitful of great events. It laid the basis of the working of constitutional doctrine and a fuller appreciation of the advantages of an elective assembly.

December 17 is the birthday of the Hon. William Lyon Mackenzie King, former Minister of Labor and authority on economic and industrial topics, at Berlin, Ont., 1874. On this date in 1875 Montreal was the scene of violent bread riots.

THE HUMAN PROCESSION

FAMOUS RECTOR 63 TODAY.

Perhaps the most famous religious edifice of its size in the world is the Church of the Transfiguration in Twenty-ninth street, New York, known to the theatrical fraternity and the public as "the Little Church Around the Corner." The rector of this cathedral is the Rev. Dr. George H. Houghton, who was born in New York sixty-three years ago today, Dec. 17, 1850, and succeeded his uncle, Dr. George H. Houghton, as rector of the "Little Church" in 1897. Dr. Houghton graduated from the General Theological Seminary in 1879, and in the same year was ordained a deacon, and a year later a priest, of the American branch of the Anglican church. His first work was as curate of Trinity parish in this city, and he was rector of a church in Hoboken for several years before taking up his residence in the rectory of the far-famed "Little Church."

The recent death in Cleveland of E. M. Holland, the actor, for whom funeral services were held in the Church of the Transfiguration, has revived memories of the incident which gave the "Little Church" its popular name. Mr. Holland's father, George Holland, was also an actor. When he died in 1870 Joseph, the elder Holland, was an Episcopalian, and when in New York attended services in a church at Madison avenue and Twenty-eighth street, an edifice since torn down. Mr. Jefferson went to Dr. Sabine, the rector, and made the arrangements for the funeral. The elder Holland was an Episcopalian, and when in New York attended services in a church at Madison avenue and Twenty-eighth street, an edifice since torn down. Mr. Jefferson went to Dr. Sabine, the rector, and made the arrangements for the funeral. The elder Holland was an Episcopalian, and when in New York attended services in a church at Madison avenue and Twenty-eighth street, an edifice since torn down. 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MORE PRAISE FOR STANDARD'S CHRYSTMAS EDITION

Communications from all Over Province Contain Complimentary References.

Orders for the Christmas Number of The Standard are still pouring in by wire and by mail, and since Saturday afternoon there has been a steady stream of callers at this office seeking additional copies.

The Standard is also receiving numerous congratulations on this first effort. Hundreds of persons have called up or come in to express their appreciation of the paper, and among the letters received have been the following:

"I received my regular copy and a special copy of the Christmas edition of The Standard, and must congratulate you on this issue. Usually these are full of a great deal of reading matter uninteresting to the ordinary person, but anyone interested in the province could read all of this—St. Stephen."

"Allow me to extend my hearty congratulations on your splendid Christmas number. From an advertiser's standpoint it is one of the finest editions I have ever seen. The paper is beautifully printed, and the advertisements are well set and arranged. The Standard is certainly forging ahead.—Halifax."

"Allow me to congratulate your staff on the special Christmas number of The Standard. It is fine in every way and full of interest from top to bottom. Let me also take this opportunity to say that I think your regular numbers are steadily improving. I wish you all success in your efforts to make The Standard the leader.—St. John."

"Please send copy of your Christmas Number to me. I would like to show the Yankees that we can get up as nice a paper in St. John as they can anywhere in the United States.—Young's Cove."

"We offer congratulations on the success of your Christmas number. It is a product worthy of your staff. We are also pleased to observe the illustrations from so many points in the Maritime Provinces, as well as the wide range of advertisers.—Amherst."

"Christmas Number great, only you should have had something about this island in it.—Grand Manan."

"Received your Christmas number today and it certainly is a corker. Of course there is a little east wind in that article about New Brunswick being equal to Prince Edward Island in the fox business.—Charlottetown."

"Splendid paper on Saturday.—Halifax."

PRISONERS GOT TOBACCO FROM GUARDS

Keepers Received Money to Purchase Supplies from Relatives of Convicts in Report to Commission.

Kingston, Ont., Dec. 16.—It is reported that the prison reform commission is going after the guards who are alleged to have received money from relatives of prisoners in exchange of tobacco and other little delicacies.

At the investigations, convicts testified the guards received money in this way and that was what they secured their supplies of tobacco. Some times as much as \$50 a year would be sent through guards, so witnesses said.

The commission, in order to get to the bottom of this matter is having the records of the registered letter department searched to see what persons registered mail to guards of Portsmouth prison. If letters were not registered there will be no trace.

It seems that a certain amount of this tobacco might find its way into the hands of other prisoners as some times sewer workers do not chew the stuff and are likely to hand it over to their comrades who have none.

WEDDINGS

MacLean-Froude. Announcements have been received from Mafeking, South Africa of the marriage there, on October 31st, of Charles Murray MacLean, M. D., L. R. C., M. R. C. S., to Miss Isabel Margaret Froude, matron of the Royal Victoria Hospital, Mafeking. Dr. MacLean is a native of Cambridge, Q. Co., and at one time practised at Norton and St. John. After taking a post-graduate course in London, Eng., he located at Mafeking, four years ago where he enjoys an extensive practice.

Thompson-Mann. A quiet wedding took place last evening at the home of the officiating clergyman, Rev. B. H. Nobles, pastor of Victoria street Baptist church, united in marriage James A. Thompson, of Mill Cove, Queens county, and Miss Anna Bella Mann, of Waterbooth, Queens county. They were attended. Mr. Thompson is a well to do farmer of Queens county. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson will reside at Mill Cove.

PRISONERS SHOULD BE EMPLOYED

Necessary from Humane, Moral and Physical Point of View.

PRODUCTIVE LABOR ENDORSED BY ALL

How the Scheme is Working Out in Ontario, where Prisoners are Kept at Congenial Employment.

The following article on prison reform in Ontario has been prepared by Hon. W. J. Hanna, provincial secretary of Ontario and published in the Canadian Municipal Journal:

"It may not be amiss to refer briefly to the origin of prison labor and its introduction into Ontario. Within living memory society dealt with its criminals as a class only to be punished and, if necessary, exterminated; idleness was enforced; torture was substituted for reform. Then it was recognized that the merely punitive policy had completely failed, and that torture should be abandoned and enforced idleness was as cruel as bodily torture. At first as a remedy resort was made to labor merely as a means of punishment. Prisoners were set to exhaustive work without regard to its being productive. This was the age of treadmill, of loaded cranks, of shot drills and the carrying of heavy loads from place to place. In time the failure of those as a reformatory measure was admitted and the necessity of productive labor was advocated.

"Today only extremists say that prisoners should not be employed at productive labor. Everybody else agrees that from every point of view physical or moral, practical or humane, prisoners must be kept at productive labor. The problem has been ever present since productive labor was advocated.

"Because prison labor in this province, as well as elsewhere has been a difficult problem, the provincial government in 1907 appointed a committee of the legislature whose report was adopted in 1909 and as a result early in 1910 we purchased the farm at Guelph and in April moved up our first lot of prisoners and put them to farm work without lock or gun or prison garb.

"The fall of 1910 found us with 180 men and the winter saw teaching for a couple of hours a night established in the institution.

"How have the men been employed? From the very first there has been more work than men. There were the lands to clear, fields to cultivate, ditches to open, drains to put down, roads to build, bridges to construct, fences to build, temporary promises to erect and quarries to open.

"This was followed by the construction of our lime kilns, lime hydrator, brick and tile plant, sand and gravel pit, temporary sewage system, followed by the permanent one (the effluent from which will be as harmless as human excrement), water-works, concrete and roads, and the construction of permanent buildings as far as possible with our own materials and with the work of the prisoners themselves.

"Then there were the field crops, hoo crops, vegetable garden, dairy, hogs and hens. There is a lot of useful work in growing 6,000 bushels of potatoes, 3,000 bushels of grain, 300 tons of ensilage with 20 acres of mangels and turnips for upwards of 100 head of cattle, and enough table vegetables to meet not only our own requirements but with considerable to spare for other institutions.

"The dairy is essentially our own material dug from our own quarries with brick manufactured by the men, with some of the best work in the way of floor and manger construction supervised by a prisoner who took as much interest in the work as any other man in the institution. This dairy with its eighty cows takes the work of seven or eight prisoners.

"In our northwestern country (William and Fort Arthur) we have an average gaol population of 65 prisoners with accommodations for thirty.

"When we took up this question of moving back to the lands the Minister of Crown Lands found unlocated some 1,000 acres of fertile land with all timber standing. Last summer we established a camp on these thousand acres of 50 prisoners.

"The men set to with a will and in five or six days cleaned up five or six acres which were immediately planted in turnips and potatoes with the result that last year we grew some several hundred bushels of roots of splendid quality.

"In the last six months they have chopped and windrowed about 300 acres, cut roads through and have built themselves permanent quarters. They have also sunk wells. They have been fed well and have given good returns. All have worked on with an interest most encouraging. More than once a prisoner, whose time was up on Saturday asked to remain until the following Monday.

"There are only four paid men in charge. There is but one man as guard over the whole lot of forty-five or fifty men who form our average population and who frequently operate over an area of 200 to 250 acres. There is a watchman but he himself is a prisoner. We had at Fort William some three or four escapes but the work should not be abandoned because three or four out of a population of about 2,000 have failed to live up to the trust reposed in them. Extensive plans for the enlargement of the system are underway. These men prisoners have given for the confidence we reposed in them a full efficiency of work, just as full as we could have purchased for \$2.00 per day and we have yet to have the very

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"UPSIDE DOWN" BOY WHO INTERESTS DOCTORS

JOSEPH W. DARLING READING UPSIDE DOWN AND SAMPLES OF DRAWINGS BY BOY WHO DOES WORK UPSIDE DOWN



No one could possibly take a more upside down view of life than does Joseph W. Darling, a little boy who lives in Detroit, Mich., who has furnished what appears to be an unanswerable puzzle for physicians. He writes, draws and copies everything upside down, and can only make out the subject of a picture when it is held reversed before him. His peculiar vision is even more remarkable since he can see animate and inanimate objects in their normal position at a distance, and manifests his "reverse" only when something is held close to his eyes.

GERMANY HAS HAD NO OFFICIAL WORD OF VISIT

Newspapers Took it for Granted Churchill's Trip in Interest of the Naval Holiday Scheme.

Berlin, Dec. 16.—Considerable discussion was aroused in Germany today by the report, since denied, that Winston Churchill, first lord of the British admiralty, was about to visit Berlin. Official quarters declared they had no information as to the object of Mr. Churchill's visit, if it was to take place, but assumed that it would be merely a sightseeing trip of the same kind as that of Viscount Haldane in 1912.

The German newspapers took it for granted that Mr. Churchill was coming to France, and Germany to discuss the question of a "naval holiday," and inferred that he would be faced with equally great difficulties in Paris, as in Berlin, since, they pointed out, a reduction of Germany's naval expenditures would permit her to increase her pressure on France's land frontier.

These papers which may be considered as scarcely sympathizing with the advocates of a big navy, the Lokal Anzeiger and the Kreuz Zeitung question the plan and also Mr. Churchill's good faith, while the Tagblatt, although favoring a reduction of armaments, doubted whether Mr. Churchill would meet with success.

"So we have at Guelph 320 men; at Fort William, 50; at Whitty, 70, and all working in the open. That is to say 440 men, giving full percentage of efficiency, everyone of whom four years ago would have been confined in the old time prison with all that it entailed."

Lumps of comfort for cold weather—Consumers' Coal Company's coal.

REFUSES TO DIVORCE IN TWO CASES

Husband Showed Wife Picture of "His Soul's Delight", Plaintiff Tells Court.

Special to The Standard. Fredericton, Dec. 16.—Judge McKewen this afternoon declined to grant divorces in two cases which he had had under consideration: One case is that of Lillian E. Hawthorne vs. William M. Hawthorne, the plaintiff residing at Maplehurst, Carleton County, and the defendant at St. John, while the other is that of Alexander L. Leaman vs. Angelina Leaman, the parties residing at Moncton. Both cases were undefended and decisions were based largely on a question of evidential value of confessions alleged to have been made by a defendant to a plaintiff and of which no other witness speaks.

Further evidence was heard in Edgar Case's action against his wife, Eva Case. The parties in this suit reside in Burton, Sunbury County, and the plaintiff is a practicing physician in that county who was called in this afternoon as one of the co-respondents in the evidence of Mrs. Prudence Martin. Greater than that of some of the other co-respondents, denied that there had been any improper relations existed between himself and Mrs. Case. Court considers.

William Magee of Harvey Station, who had been named by his brother, Alexander Magee, C.P.R. section foreman here, as co-respondent in his action for divorce from his wife, Adelaide Magee, appeared in answer to a special summons issued by the court. He was examined by Judge McKewen and the witness stand advised that there had been any improper relations between himself and his brother's wife. The court will consider application on behalf of defendant to enter a defence at this stage.

Decision in the case of Alberta Amelia Fenwick for divorce from her husband, G. Burton Fenwick, of Sussex, will also be given when court sits again on Jan. 21st.

Divorce and alimony, the latter to the extent of \$700 or \$800 per annum, were granted by Mrs. Fenwick, who had for her principal witnesses her husband's brother, who is a railway official, and also a young friend, who testified that they had seen the defendant with a woman in a questionable resort.

In her own evidence the plaintiff claimed she had during the 25 years of her married life helped her husband in all his business transactions as well as in the household work, he being a travelling meat vendor. Her plea was a plea of desertion, which Mr. Fowler claimed was worse than physical cruelty. Through neglect of business on the part of her own supply the military camp at Sussex, which the Fenwicks had had for a long term of years, lapsed and she had to invoke his legal aid to have it restored.

Her husband had frequently shown her pictures of the woman who was, he claimed, "his soul's delight." She had no money or income of her own, but her husband's estate amounts to about \$10,000, made up of a \$4,500 property near Sussex, a \$2,500 double lot in Swift Current, and a mortgage of property of \$1,500 clear value in Coal Branch, Kent County, and cash, out of their joint earnings which were from \$2,000 to \$3,000 net per year.

HON. MR. McLEOD RECEIVES BASKET OF GAME FROM LORD STRATHCONA

Skating Season is Opened.

Special to The Standard. Fredericton, Dec. 16.—The ice skating season at the Arctic rink opened this evening with a fine sheet of ice. There was a big crowd and Donovan's brass band was in attendance. This is said to be the earliest opening in the history of the rink.

Hon. H. P. McLeod received a hamper of pheasants from England today, a gift from Lord Strathcona.

Word has been received by Mrs. C. H. Burns of the death of her father, George H. Sewell, aged 72 years, at Butte, Montana. The late Mr. Sewell was formerly a resident of this city. He suffered a paralytic stroke in Mexico about a year ago, and was then taken to Butte. He is survived by a widow and two daughters, Mrs. C. H. Burns of this city and Mrs. P. J. Kelley, of Butte, Montana, and one son, Walker J., of Butte. Mrs. John Moore of this city is a sister of the deceased. The late Mr. Sewell was prominent in the Masonic order.

HEART WAS SO BAD COULD NOT DO HER HOUSEWORK

Many women get run down and are unable to look after their household duties owing to the heart action becoming impaired or the nervous system unstrung.

To all such sufferers Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills will give prompt and permanent relief.

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FIFTY MILLION DOLLAR REAL ESTATE DEAL

Unionist Member Buys Nineteen Acres in Heart of London — Drury Lane Included in Purchase.

London, Dec. 16.—One of the biggest private real estate deals on record was completed today in the purchase of the Duke of Bedford's block of London for something like \$50,000,000 by Harry Mallaby-Deeley, a Unionist member of the House of Commons.

The exact figures were withheld by the agents, but experts basing their calculations on the cost of acquiring the property for the Aldwych and Egway improvement, which amounted to \$22,500,000, estimate the sum which changed hands today at \$50,000,000.

The estate covers nineteen acres east and roughly speaking stretches east and west from Ingham to St. Martin's Lane, near Trafalgar Square, and north and south from Longacre to the Strand. It includes the Royal Opera, the Drury Lane, the Aldwych, the Strand and the Lyceum Theatres, several hotels, and a number of great houses, including the Covent Garden, Bow Street Police Court, the National Sporting Club, and a number of great printing establishments.

The ground has been in the possession of the Bedford family since 1540 when it was granted to them by King Henry VIII. at the time of the dissolution of the Roman Catholic religion communities and the construction of their property.

The income from the estate in recent years is known to have been greater than that of some of the principalities of Europe. The Covent Garden market alone brought the Duke \$85,000 yearly.

The purchase makes the previous deals of Mr. Mallaby-Deeley pale into insignificance, although in July, when he acquired the St. Georges Hospital site, opposite Hyde Park, for \$2,500,000 he caused a sensation, and he had previously bought a Piccadilly hotel for \$2,500,000.

This means that one of the great estates in London is being broken up. The Metropolitan is practically divided among nine peers—the Duke of Portland, Bedford and Westminister, the Marquises of Exeter, Salisbury, Northampton and Camden, the Earl of Craven and Viscount Portman.

LOOKING INTO ALLEGED VIOLATION OF THE FAIR WAGE SCHEDULE

Complaints Received In Connection with Work on New Warehouse — Shed Ready for Use Soon.

Good progress has been made with the work of constructing the new warehouse on the Pettingle wharf, and the contractor's work should be completed next week. The warehouse was built mainly with the idea of providing accommodation for the Red Cross Line which has instituted a service between St. John and New York with small boats.

Complaints have been made to the city that the contractor has not carried out the conditions of the fair wage clauses inserted in his contract. Reports made to the mayor by the city officials are the effect that the contractor has been observing the eight hour day. In regard to the complaints that some of the men employed on the job have not been paid the wages specified on the fair wage schedule, the city authorities have not yet obtained evidence to say whether these complaints are well founded or not. At a recent meeting of the council it was decided to enforce the fair wage resolution in connection with the contract for the warehouse if a way could be found to do it. In dominion contracts let under the fair wage schedule, any employee who do not receive the wages specified in the contract, have only to make an affidavit to that effect and the government instead of paying the contractor in full retains sufficient money to settle the claim of the workmen, if after investigation it is shown that they have not been paid the fair wage schedule. It is understood that the city is prepared to follow the same procedure, is any employee of the contractor for the warehouse submits an affidavit stating that he has not been paid the rate of wages the city specified should be paid.

START GRAND FALLS PULP MILL IN SPRING

A passenger to the city last evening on the Boston express was H. A. Powell, K. C., who has been appointed the newly organized Grand Falls Company, Limited, Pulp and Paper Mill.

In conversation with The Standard last evening Mr. Powell said that preparations were under way for the commencement of operations and that it was the intention of those interested to have the new mill running in early spring.

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The Customs Officials Object to the Leak in Tank in Sand Point Boiler House.

The city is putting a new water tank in the boiler house at Sand Point. The old tank was immediately over the quarters of the customs officials and when it leaked the water dripped down on the heads of the officers. Some of His Majesty's customs officials did not like this sort of thing, and it got on their nerves as well as fell on their heads. "The water drop plan of torture might do very well in the dark ages," they said to the city. "But St. John is supposed to be a modern city, and this thing of having water dripping, dripping down on our heads is a relic of a barbarous age. Is the city in league with Laurier that it wants to drive the customs officers out of their minds and their jobs?" The city found the old tank not worth much, so decided to build another.

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THE WRIGHT BROTHERS' AEROPLANE AT KILL DEVIHILL, N. C.

December 17 marks the tenth anniversary of one of the greatest events in the history of the world. It was then that Messrs. Orville and Wilbur Wright, young mechanics of Dayton, Ohio, made their first flight above the yellow sand dunes of Kitty Hawk, N. C., in an aeroplane propelled by a motor. They had conquered the mysterious air.

Before that memorable 17th of December any one suggesting a flight in a heavier than air machine was laughed at. Now men are contemplating crossing the great Atlantic.

Back in 1898 the Wright brothers tried to solve the problem of flight. They built an aeroplane kite and their joy was unbounded when it flew to their expectations. They then went back to their little machine shop and soiled night and day making an enlarged model of their kite that would

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carry a man. They knew no such word as doubt. At last, in the year 1902, they constructed a gliding machine. This was a success.

They would carry it to the crest of a

GLENN'S FIRST GLIDING MACHINE AT KILL DEVIHILL, 1902.

hill, one of the brothers would sit on the lower plane, with his hands on the controlling device, the helpers would run down the hill with the machine and suddenly let go—the motor.

From then on to the present time the

GLENN'S FIRST GLIDING MACHINE AT KILL DEVIHILL, 1902.

improvement of the aeroplane is but a step.

The New York Herald played an important part in the aeroplane drama. It was the first paper to publish the photograph showing the Wright aeroplane at Kill Devil Hill, the first one ever taken by a newspaper correspondent or by any one outside of the Wright family. It was snapped by Mr. Byron Newton, then the New York Herald's special correspondent, but now the Assistant Secretary of the Treasury. This photograph is reproduced above.

LIDLAW & CO'S CLOSING STOCK LETTER

(J. C. MACKINTOSH & CO.) New York, Dec. 16.—The recent liquidation in the stock market appeared this morning to have eliminated some important weak spots and prices rallied with some buoyancy during the morning hours and the market preserved a fairly steady undertone throughout. The ruling of the Interstate Commerce Commission on Oregon short lines freight rates stimulated some favorable speculation as to the result of the pending plea for increased rates by the eastern roads, but it was not taken as anything like a certain indication. The statement of President Vail relating to the physical value of the American Tel. and Tel. Co. also had a reassuring effect upon the holders of that stock. The Redfield report outlining the contemplated anti-trust legislation was rather favorably interpreted as foreshadowing no very drastic action in that connection. The market as a whole, looked to be well liquidated. Sentiment, however, is still very much unsettled and while there is a large measure of investment demand the street as a whole is waiting for some definite initiative from the larger interests before taking a bullish stand.



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CLOSING LETTER ON MONTREAL EXCHANGE

(F. B. McCURDY & CO.) Montreal, Dec. 16.—The selling of C. P. R. continued today and affected the entire list of securities. In a number of cases, however, a weak opening was followed by a steady advance and one or two stocks made a net gain of one or two points. C. P. R. opened slightly lower at 218, but rounded north to 218 3/4. In the afternoon, however, it weakened and sold down to 215 7/8 and closed at 215 1/2. The view is now held by a considerable number of local brokers that the recent issue of note certificates is preparatory to a further separation of other departments of the company's business. The rights continued very active being mostly traded in at 4 1/2.

Montreal Power opened weaker at 213, but rapidly recovered, selling up to 215 at the close of the morning session. In the afternoon it sold off to 214 1/2. The recent decline in this issue was undoubtedly due to the selling of C. P. R.

Dominion Steel which sold down to thirty-eight and one-fourth yesterday opened unchanged this morning. Its recovery was as rapid as that of Power Montreal and at the close of the morning session it was selling at thirty-nine and one-eighth. In the afternoon it was affected by the break in C. P. R. and declined to thirty-eight and three-fourths.

Scotia was firm at seventy-five. The firmness of the iron and steel list in the face of a heavy decline in C. P. R. was regarded on the street as particularly satisfactory.

Cement Common showed pronounced weakness, selling down to twenty-eight. Mr. F. P. Jones, general manager of the company, states, however, that business is quite satisfactory and that the company is likely to make as good a showing this year as last. Cement is now being used in a variety of ways unheard of a few years ago and the combined output of all the company's plants is in the neighborhood of seventy per cent of capacity.

The annual meeting of Consolidated Mining and Smelting Company was held in Toronto today. There is an inclination on the part of some shareholders to take the ground that the directors should place the stock on a definite ten per cent basis, but no action was taken at this meeting.

MacDonald was a little firmer at sixteen and one-fourth. It is stated that arrangements carried out recently have resulted in the standing obligations to Mr. MacDonald in connection with the MacDonald Company being now down to the \$200,000 mark. The big reduction is due to the amount of short term notes which Mr. MacDonald took in addition to the cash payments already made. The remaining payments are spread out from now till February.

R. & O. was about steady at 110 2/8 and Brazilian at eighty-four. Detroit was stronger at seventy and one-eighth as compared with sixty-nine and three-fourths.

The directors of the Ottawa Light and Power Company have declared the regular quarterly dividend of two per cent and a bonus for the half year of one per cent. This is the second half year bonus. This puts the stock on a ten per cent basis. It is also announced that 7,000 new shares will be issued to shareholders. The present capital is \$2,500,000 and the new stock will therefore be offered to shareholders in the proportion of one to four.

GENERAL TENDENCY TOWARDS HIGHER LEVEL YESTERDAY

New York, Dec. 16.—A better feeling prevailed today in the stock market. Although selling of investment stocks was continued with sharp declines in spots, there was no recurrence of liquidation on a scale such as has unsettled the market recently. The general list hesitated for a time, but ultimately broke away from the influence of weakness in a few stocks, and sought a higher level. The market experienced setbacks from time to time, and operations for the rise were conducted with no great confidence. The tendency nevertheless was definitely upward, and the close found the popular issues near the best prices of the day.

Reports from the steel trade, which have furnished much ammunition for the bears in recent weeks, were more encouraging. It was said new orders were slightly heavier, and that manufacturers were looking for the appearance of the railroads in the market after the holidays. The fortnightly statistics of European copper supplied showed a decrease. New Haven, New York Central, American Telephone and American Sugar, recent weak features, made up some of the lost

ground. President Theodore N. Vail, of American Telephone, commenting upon the recent slump in the stocks, said that he saw no reason for apprehension regarding the future of the company's business. These developments tended to revive the drooping spirits of the bulls, and there were signs of better buying at times. To all appearance, however, the principal demand for stocks came from the shorts. Attempts to cover disclosed a scarcity of stocks, and it was apparent that selling had been overdone on the recent decline.

Illinois Central was the only stock of prominence to reach a new low level for the year. Canadian Pacific continued to decline, the day's low price of 213 3/4 representing a drop of fourteen points since the announcement last week of the new note issues. Hill shares, General Electric, Harvest, and Pullman were other investment stocks which were heavy at times.

Bonds were higher, with distinct firmness in several popular issues. Total sales, par value, \$1,890,000. United States two's registered declined one-quarter on call.

NEWS SUMMARY AFFECTING MARKET

(F. B. McCURDY & CO.) New York, Dec. 16.—Mexican rebels are fighting within 15 miles of Mexico City. The Mexican congress adjourns to April 2nd. Redfield outlines his scheme of trust reform legislation. People's Gas holders allege conspiracy to freeze out small shareholders. 1913 crop reports show the value of grain and cotton to be the greatest ever produced. A resolution is presented in the house to stop gambling in food stuffs on exchanges. Small rail orders are expected for 1914 delivery. The Hitchcock amendment to the currency bill if defeated by the administration adherents is to be re-appointed.

The immigration bill is to be reported favorably. Assets realization interests are said to have been put in sound condition. Deaver convenes to take up coal mine strike, and United Shoe Machinery suit hearing today. The market may be irregular again today, but it is due to harden on the late trading nearly 3 points above last night's close. Amalgamated Copper was another strong feature and Union Pacific responded well to the strength in these issues. St. Paul, however, continued heavy and Canadian Pacific decidedly weak. In the afternoon it sold down to almost 2 points below last night's close, the stock being offered for sale continuously by two commission houses with London and Berlin connections. Illinois Central on moderate transactions declined sharply on the theory that as a five per cent stock it was selling out of line with other similar issues.

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(F. B. McCURDY & CO.) Opening—Aitch 92; Bo 91 1/4; CPR 221; Erie 96 1/4; Gq 123 1/4; Kt 19 1/4; Cen 91; Nk 102 1/4; Np 106 1/4; Pa 106 1/4; Rg 161 1/4; Rl 13 1/4; Sp 85 1/4; Sr 21 1/4; St 97 1/4; Union Pac 160 1/4; U S Steel 65 1/4; Acq 69 1/4; Brazilian 83 1/4; Cement 29 1/4; DI 37 1/4 to 38 1/4; last Ca 22 1/4.

HAVANA ELECTRIC EARNINGS. (F. B. McCURDY & CO.) New York, Dec. 16.—Havana Electric (Railway Department), week ending December 4th, increase \$3,170. From January 1st Inc., \$247,000.

DOW JONES CO'S SUMMARY OF NEWS

(J. C. MACKINTOSH & CO.) New York, Dec. 16.—Legislative plan for government owned telephone and telegraph lines contemplates acquisition of lines of American Bell and independent companies. Equipment orders of last week show fairly good improvement. Total value of 1913 crops \$4,940,301,000 shows increase of \$182,418,000 over 1912.

Minority stockholders of Wheeling and Lake Erie, expect hearing begun in Federal Court at Cleveland will lift receivership from the property. United Wireless Telegraph Co. trustees in bankruptcy will soon declare \$500,000 dividend.

President Underwood of Erie says commissioner Prouty has said nothing prejudicial to rate increase now before the commission. Albany and Sagadahoga railroad declare special dividend of \$3.45 payable Jan. 5th. Secretary of Commerce and Labor in annual report recommends further legislation for regulation of large corporations through bureau of corporations.

Twelve industrials declined 62 per cent. Twenty active railroads declined 79 per cent. American stocks in London generally steady 1/2 to 3/4 up, CPR off 1/2.

PRODUCE PRICES IN CANADIAN CENTRES

Montreal, Dec. 16.—CORN—American No. 2 yellow, 61 @ 61 1/2; Canadian Western No. 2, 41 1/2 @ 42; No. 3, 40 1/2 @ 41. FLOUR—Manitoba spring wheat patents, Brts, \$5.40; seconds, \$4.90; strong bakers, \$4.70; winter patents, choice, \$4.75 @ \$5.00; straight rollers, \$4.50 @ \$4.60; straight rollers bags, \$2.00 @ \$2.10.

MILFEED—Bran, \$20.00 @ \$21.00; shorts, \$22.00 @ \$23.00; middlings, \$25.00 @ \$26.00; monillie, \$27.00 @ \$31.00. HAY—No. 2, per ton, car lots, \$14 @ \$16.00. POTATOES, 75 @ 90.

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CHICAGO GRAIN AND PRODUCE LETTER

(F. B. McCURDY & CO.) Chicago, Dec. 16.—Wheat—The government report issued after the close yesterday was rather surprising inasmuch as it increased the yield of winter wheat 13,000,000 bushels over the preliminary figures and reduced spring about 3,000,000 bushels. The trade will forget the report by this afternoon and expect to see values work gradually higher from these reactions. Corn—Somewhat lower due to the large increase in receipts and the drop in cash prices. The eastern call is slow. Cash interests claim it is possible to dry November corn down to No. 3 and deliver it on car at a penalty of five cents bushel and still make a profit.

Oats—But slightly firmer after opening decline. Market awaits some incentive. Provisions—Notwithstanding the bearish hog news, offerings in provisions are light and market holding almost steady under small scattered demand. A. O. SLAUGHTER & CO.

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FOOTBALL ATHLETICS

BASKET BALL IS TO BOOM THIS SEASON

Prospects for fast basketball for 1914 are very bright. The Y.M.C.A. senior team which had so successful a season last year expects to be ready for outside games by New Year's. Practices are being held weekly and as all of last year's players are available a fast team is assured. The team will probably open the season by playing U.N.B. on New Year's afternoon. McGill College team, which promised to come last year, will probably be induced to come in January. This year arrangements are on foot to secure teams from Nova Scotia. The game is very popular in that province and Dalhousie club and Halifax Y. M. C. A. have very fast teams. The Y.M.C.A. management will assure the public that none but fast teams will be brought and no doubt will be well supported by large attendance to the games. An inside Y.M.C.A. league will be formed of five teams, and time for practice of each team will be allotted so that team work will be a feature of this league. The first game will be played on New Year's night. Another league, in which an attempt is being made to bring out senior players, is to be formed shortly. The St. James Athletic Club, Y.M.C.A. second team, of St. John Athletic Club and Company No. 2, 3rd Reg. Artillery, of Carleton.

The St. James team, although they played intermediate last year, gave such a good account of themselves, that they are considered fast enough for senior company. The St. John Athletic Club from their large membership can produce a fast team, while Company No. 2 Artillery of Carleton have been promised a good team will also be well represented by a from the Y.M.C.A. will be picked from the following men: Swetka, Peniston, Latham, Melrose, Somerville, Johnston, Harper, Wetmore and others, who are players in the inside Y. M. C. A. league. The intermediates will also be well represented by the league composed of the following teams: St. James, Stone Church, St. Andrew, Trinity, St. Stephen and St. Paul. A meeting was held Tuesday night and a league was declared to be formed in January. With three leagues and the Y.M.C.A. team bringing outside teams this popular game is bound to make 1914 its banner year. A couple of changes of the basketball rules for 1913-1914 are announced. The first, when the ball is tossed up at centre or anywhere else during the game, it must not be caught by the player with both hands, but must be batted with either hand, the other players when jumping at centre or elsewhere must face the basket with feet towards the basket also, not allowing the side jump as used by many local players. The referee may call a foul for delaying the game if either of these rules are violated. These rules, although Spaulding's Guide claim were always in force, were misinterpreted by the players and referees and are more plainly stated this year.

REFUSE TO PAY THE RACE FINES

New York, Dec. 16.—A war between prominent bicycle riders and the National Cycling Association was begun today as a result of the fines imposed on several riders in the six-day races last week.

They refused to pay and defied the N. C. A. to suspend them. The riders who escaped suspension declared their sympathy with their fellow riders and said that if any of them were suspended the rest would suspend themselves.

Among those fined were Joe Fogler and Alfred Goulet. Fred Hill and "Grassy" Ryan, Percy Lawrence and Jack Magin and Applehaus and Packebusch.

When Fogler appeared today for his money for having won the race he was notified that there was a fine of \$25 standing against him. When informed that he must pay this he sought the advice of the other riders. All who participated in the race were questioned and every one other voted against the payment of the fines.

Fogler refused to pay and so did the others. All the riders said they were satisfied with the money they received from the promoters. Fred Hill "kicked" at first, but when shown his contract he said he had cheated himself and was perfectly satisfied with the amount he received.

While no official figures were given out, it was said that the riders received close to \$25,000. Of this sum \$5,000 was prize money. Fogler and Goulet each received \$1,000, besides the \$1,000 prize they won by finishing first. Clarke, the little Australian, who failed to finish, received the largest bonus. His contract called for \$1,100. Jimmy Moran of Boston, who rode only three days, received \$600.

Totals were not made public, but it was stated that the race ranked third among events of the kind in this city.

TY COBB THE HITTER.

Notwithstanding Ty Cobb says that instinct and not eyesight makes a great batsman, we are strongly of the opinion that a good eye as well as instinct plays an important part in making a great hitter. We are great believers in Dr. Frank Senter's theory that vision and courage are the two qualities that make a good hitter. When we say a man is a natural hitter, he has Ty Cobb's batting instinct, and I have known valuable batsmen who by constant practice became "made" hitters. In other words, they trained their eyes.

PAIR TO FLY 1,234 MILES TO SET PASSENGER CARRYING RECORD



On December 10 two men will leave New York city for a flight of 1,234 miles to Jacksonville, Fla., in an attempt to set a new American passenger carrying record in an aeroplane and to collect \$20,000, a part of which will be used to purchase a duplicate of the monoplane in which they make the flight as a gift to the United States Army Aviation Corps.

The flight is to be made by J. Guy Gilpatrick and J.R. Hall in a one hundred horse power Sloane Deperdussin monoplane of the military passenger carrying type.

They expect to reach Jacksonville on December 17, the anniversary of the day ten years ago when the Wright brothers managed to get their first aeroplane off the ground for the hesitating little flight that started the world and presaged the mastery of the air.

SPORTOGRAPHY Edward Payson Weston— "GRAVY" Begins 76th Year.

Edward Payson Weston, the prince of pedestrians, will begin his seventy-fifth year tomorrow, having been born in Portland, Me., Dec. 18, 1839. At last reports the venerable walker was chipper and active and still able to make his pedometer reel off the miles at a lively gait. Weston first broke into the limelight in 1867, when he hoofed it from Portland, Me., to Chicago, a distance of 1,234 miles, in thirty days and seventeen hours. Forty years later, in 1907, he turned the same trick in about twenty-nine days. When the veteran walker started his career the pedestrian game was very popular both in America and England, and rich prizes were hung up for the professionals. In 1874 Weston took part in a 500-mile walking race at Newark, N. J., and covered the route in five days, twenty-three hours and thirty-four minutes. He then went over to England, and in 1876 was matched with William Perkins, a crack British professional, at Agricultural Hall in London. Perkins covered 115 miles, and Weston 109. A little later he engaged to walk 500 miles in six days, but fell short by fifty miles. At Manchester he walked 111 miles in twenty-four consecutive hours. On his thirty-seventh birthday Weston started another six-day walk, doing 460 miles before a large crowd in London Agricultural Hall. In 1877 he engaged in his famous match with the Irishman, who stepped off 520 miles in six days, while Weston covered only 510. Dan O'Leary was one of Weston's foremost rivals. In 1875, at Chicago, he did 100 miles in 18.53.40. O'Leary was the first winner of the Astley belt, capturing that trophy in London in 1876 by walking 520 miles in six days. Three years later Weston annexed this trophy, doing 550 miles. In the same year Weston attempted to walk over England 2,000 miles in the ten days of the Eastern High School team. Apropos of the claims for Spirel, the Detroit boy, as champion point maker of the year, he having in ten games scored twenty-one touchdowns and kicked one goal for a total of 127 points on the Washington and Jefferson College team, "Pat" (nicknamed Smith's admirers show his record for the season—Ten games, twenty-nine touchdowns—174 points.

Smith's brother, Carmen N. Smith, Jr., is a sophomore at Ann Arbor, and an athlete of great ability.

MATT WELLS ENGLISH HEBREW FOOTBALL LIGHTWEIGHT HE CLAIMS POINT RECORD

The University of Michigan football enthusiasts see something good coming their way in the person of Cedric Smith, the eighteen-year-old "185 pound and all muscle" full back of the Day City Eastern High School team. Apropos of the claims for Spirel, the Detroit boy, as champion point maker of the year, he having in ten games scored twenty-one touchdowns and kicked one goal for a total of 127 points on the Washington and Jefferson College team, "Pat" (nicknamed Smith's admirers show his record for the season—Ten games, twenty-nine touchdowns—174 points.

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HOCKEY CHAIN FROM EAST TO WEST

Montreal, Dec. 15.—There will be a hockey chain from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

President T. Emmett Quinn is only awaiting the letter from the new or resurrected Maritime Hockey League to forge the last link in the chain.

The president of the National Hockey Association has been notified by wire that the letter may arrive any hour, and that with one or two very small changes it will contain an agreement to abide by a Hockey Commission to rule the teams in the N. H. A. and the Coast and Maritime Leagues for a period of four years.

NOTABLE SWIMMERS.

At the Victoria Batts in Manchester Bay, Dec. 8, Jack Hainell and H. E. Armitson met in a special match race of 230 yards and swim to beat P. C. V. Lane's English record of 2m 35.4. Hainell was in 2m 39.1.56.

It is interesting to note that Daisy Curwen, the English woman champion, attempted at the same bath to break the 100-meter world record for women, held by Fanny Durack of Australia, of 1m 19.9.36. Curwen's time was 2m 4.56.

BOWLING ON LOCAL ALLEYS YESTERDAY

TWO MEN LEAGUE.

In the two men league on the Victoria alleys last night Gardner and Carleton took five points from Baxter and Evans. Ferguson and Roxborough won four points from Duffy and Davis. The scores follow:

Duffy	94	96	90	78	91	449	89-45
Davis	89	96	90	122	72	466	93-15
Ferguson	180	193	180	200	163	915	
Roxborough	85	115	84	93	107	484	96-45
Baxter	112	85	95	90	82	464	92-45
Evans	187	200	179	183	189	948	
Gardner	91	76	83	79	84	413	82-35
Carleton	91	89	99	82	79	440	88
McDonald	182	165	182	161	163	853	
Stevens	89	97	88	93	76	443	83-25
Peatherson	108	91	77	73	94	443	88-15
Labbee	197	188	165	165	170	875	
Peatherson	108	91	77	73	94	443	88-15

ON BLACK'S ALLEYS.

In the City League on Black's alleys last night the Tigers took three points from the Imperials. In the Commercial League the W. H. Thorne & Co. team won three points from Ames Holden McCready Co. The following are the scores:

CITY LEAGUE.	
Tigers.	
Belyea	85 108 93 289 96-13
Gilmour	91 91 87 269 89-23
Johnson	75 81 96 252 84
Harrison	84 80 99 263 87-23
Moore	79 105 88 272 90-23
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Tonight's Games.	
In the City League tonight the Nationals and Wanderers will play, while in the Commercial League Emerson and Fisher will bowl against the T. McAvity team.	

ST. JAMES DEFEATED CARLETON

St. James' Maple Leaf second team defeated the basketball team of the Carleton Methodist church last evening by the score of 23 to 17. The contest took place in St. James' gymnasium. The teams lined up as follows:

St. James.	Forwards.	Carleton.
Armstrong	.....	Clarke
Allen	.....	Smith
Murray	.....	Fullerton
LeCain	.....	Peacock
Scott	.....	Wetmore and Henderson.

A WINNING JOCKEY.

To get rich quickly, be a winning jockey. Frank Waagen, the Australian rider, who is Danny Maher's great rival on the English turf, has retired at the age of 21, the possessor of a large fortune. Waagen once received a present of \$10,000 from M. Achilles Fauris for winning the Grand Prix de Paris on Houll. Danny Maher's income is reported to have averaged \$25,000 for a number of years.

WORLD'S HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMP.

New York, Dec. 15.—A cable from London to the Herald says: Bill Ladbury, holder of the world's flyweight boxing championship, was knocked out by "Jim" Berry, of Newcastle, at Newcastle, last night in the tenth round.



FIRST TO SWIM PANAMA CANAL

Captain Alfred Brown, the famous swimmer, has the distinction of being the first one to swim from the Atlantic Ocean to the Pacific through the Panama Canal.

THIS DATE IN RING ANNALS

1897—Kid McCoy defeated Dan Creedon in 15 rounds at Long Island City. In a battle for the middleweight championship of the world. When Bob Fitzsimmons relinquished the middleweight title to enter the ranks of the heavies, Creedon, who was an Australian and had held the middleweight championship of that country, claimed the title and offered to meet all comers. The Hoosier boxer accepted the challenge. The Australian was defeated in a battle for the title as slow as a freight train in comparison with the Kid. In the tenth Creedon landed a knockout, but McCoy recovered, and from that time on was the master. In the fifteenth McCoy had his opponent at his mercy, and Creedon was all but out when the bell sounded. His seconds threw in the sponge, realizing that he had no chance, and McCoy became the middleweight champion of the world.

1907—Sax Langford outpointed Jim Barry in 10 rounds at Los Angeles.

1906—Billy Papke knocked out Kid Farmer in 6th round at Peoria.

RUGBY CHANGES.

Montreal, Dec. 15.—Four amendments were proposed at the annual meeting of the Quebec Rugby Union Saturday, and will be recommended for adoption to the Canadian Union. They have been published at various times, and the first was turned down by the Canadian Union last year. They are to reduce the number of players on a team from fourteen to twelve men to do away with the three-yard rule, and substitute a fair catch; to put the ball in play by smothering it back in place of putting it in motion with the foot as at present; to abolish points scored by a ball kicked over the dead-line.

There were also some suggestions made, apart from these amendments, that goal judges be abolished, and that teams qualifying for finals be required to furnish a list of players to the C. R. F. U. The Q. R. F. U. will instruct any of its officials to punish any player striking or holding an opponent by putting them out of the game, but allowing a substitute and that any player put out of the game three times during the season be barred from participating in the league. The C. R. F. U. will also be asked to define the qualification of a senior player.

ROOSEVELT STILL HANDY WITH HIS FISTS

The boxing game, decently conducted, has few firmer friends than Col. Theodore Roosevelt. Although he has passed his fifty-fifth milestone, the chief of the Bull-Mooseers is still handy with his fists, and likes nothing better than to put on the gloves for a friendly bout. While the Colonel is fond of nearly all athletic sports, he believes that boxing is the best of all for building up the body and conserving the health. As a young Col. Roosevelt was delicate and "spindling," and at Harvard he took up boxing under competent direction and was transformed into an athlete. Not long ago the former president sent a message to the Olympic Games Congress advocating the inclusion of boxing contests in the Olympic programme. He laid great emphasis on the benefit he had personally derived from boxing, and asserted that if it were not permitted to become brutal and if the betting element were excluded boxing was one of the finest of sports. The Amateur Boxing Association of England has waited a campaign to have boxing included in the Olympic programme, and King George is in thorough sympathy with the movement.

ALFRED DROWN.

Col. Roosevelt's attainments as a boxer are largely due to the instruction he has received in the "manly art" from Prof. Mike Donovan, the veteran instructor in boxing at the New York A. C., and a long professional pugilist in the bare-knuckle era of the game. Prof. Mike has declared that he has never had a more proficient pupil than "Teddy." Col. Roosevelt is also a good wrestler, having taken lessons in the mat game from Billy Muldoon and others. If the Colonel should be forced to defend himself against an attack, however, he wouldn't have to depend on boxing and wrestling. He knows the Japanese art of Jiu Jitsu from A to Z, having been the pupil of John O'Brien, at one time a police official in Nagasaki, Japan. He is also an expert in the ancient exercise of single stick, thanks to the instructions of Gen. Leonard Wood.

POWDERHILL HANDICAP.

There are 150 entries for the Powderhill 130-yard handicap to be run at Edinburgh, Scotland, January 1 and 2. Hans Holmer is down to run in the Marathon on January 2, and so is George Dunning, who beat Billy Quail in this event last year.

THE KEEL A PERFECT SPECIMEN

Bristol, R. I., Dec. 15.—The newly cast lead keel of the cup-defender to be built by the Vanderbilt syndicate, with all vestiges of its covering of wood and dirt removed today in the Herreshoff boat shops, reveals a perfect specimen of the moulder's art, even the centerboard well being free from stray protuberances.

The first thing accomplished, once the lead keel was laid bare, was to mark off the upper surface for the frame stations, which showed the center of gravity to be pretty well forward of the midship section and backward frames 31 and 22.

Outside smoothing was started by the mechanics. The frames to be used in setting up on the lead keel are not on hand, although those for other parts of the yacht are ready for use. The frames and other of the units of construction of the yacht are remarkably light in weight compared with those introduced in the 90-foot defenders.

UNUSUAL INCIDENT.

An unusual incident in amateur rowing happened in the recent Australian Henley, rowed on the Yarra Yarra river at Melbourne. E. T. J. Kerby of the Civil Services Rowing Club and Alma Cox of the Balmalm Rowing Club were the contestants in the final heat for the Australasian senior single sculls championship, and they raced three times before the title was won. In their first attempt and again in the second, Cox by poor steering, fouled his rival, but the latter declined persistently to win a championship that way. A third heat was then rowed, and Cox won by only half a length. Very naturally Kerby was the real hero of the race.



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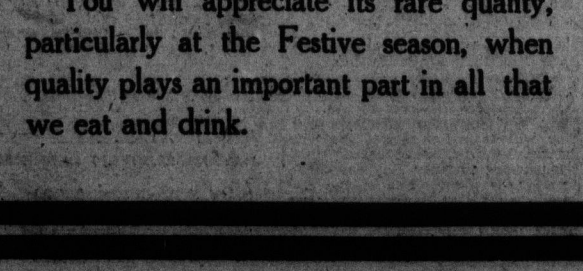
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An Effort Brunswick Seed Potato Hartland.

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POWDERY SCALE IN CORN MARKET Talk of 'Powdery Scale' on N. B. Crop Exaggerated.

AMERICAN DEALERS PREFER OUR ARTICLE An Effort to Hit New Brunswick on Matter of Seed Potatoes—Music for Hartland.

Hartland, N. B., Dec. 15.—It developed at the meeting of the potato shippers at Florenceville on Friday that the excuse made by the American growers for the embargo placed on New Brunswick potatoes was that there was a form of powdery scab on them, which they wished to prevent being introduced into their crops.

Speaking of the matter, H. H. Hatfield, of the firm of Hatfield and Scott here, showed the correspondent a letter from a large produce firm in Brockton, Mass., stating that the goods they have received from here were the best they had from any source, and they instructed the firm to send forward as many as possible.

There also seems to be an effort to hit this province hard in the matter of seed potatoes, as our only competitor that has any chance along this line is the south is the Aroostook farmer, the foreign product coming to this side of the water not counting to any appreciable extent.

Interesting revival services are being held at Bannon by Rev. Mr. Giberson, and many take advantage of the fine weather and good roads to roam from here and other points to attend. Many conversions have been the result of the meetings so far.

There is every prospect that Hartland will soon have a brass band to entertain the residents. A number of public spirited young men have signed their wills to go into the matter and in a few days it is expected the band will begin rehearsals.

A FRIEND OF THE POLICEMAN. Continually on their feet, the "Policemen" are invariably troubled with corns and bunions—but not for long, because they know of a quick cure, Putnam's Corn Extractor. It cures painlessly in 24 hours; try Putnam's 25c. at all dealers.

Jubilee Souvenirs. Attractive souvenirs of the silver jubilee of the Mater Misericordiae Home are being sent out by the Sisters of Charity in charge. They are in the form of a pretty booklet in ivory and silver colors, bearing tidings of remembrance for the past good wishes for the present, and happiness for the future from the Sisters of the Mater Misericordiae Home. The anniversary is tomorrow.

LOW PRICES LEAD TO SLUM CONDITIONS Montreal Moral Reform Speaker gives Address on Evils, Physical and Moral, of Poor Pay.

Newcastle, Dec. 15.—Rev. W. J. Smith, of Montreal, field secretary of the Methodist Temperance and Moral Reform Committee, gave a powerful address here last night, giving the history of the department and mercilessly arraigning the conditions that produce the slums. He claimed that if not checked slums in Canada would dominate over cities and through them poison our whole social and political life.

Slums did not grow alone from the fault of the poor, he said. The average worker in a Canadian factory was not paid enough to support a man and wife and family, and he had nothing to look forward to but a pauper's old age. He should have a living wage, and a living wage meant for each man enough to support a man and wife and family, and to care for his children and provide for old age.

His Honor honorably discharged the prisoner and roundly accused the judge who signed the warrant for the arrest of the accused on the unsupported complaint of the colored boy. He further observed that the accused was arrested almost a month ago and had been unnecessarily kept in gaol all this time.

OBITUARY. John Douglas. The death of John Douglas took place on Monday afternoon at the residence of his son-in-law, William Walsh, 1014 York Road. Mr. Douglas was in the 62nd year of his age and is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Joseph Williams, Mrs. Charles Connors and Mrs. William Walsh, and one son, John Douglas, all of St. John.

SEVERE GOLD ON LUNGS AND CHEST QUICKLY RELIEVED BY Na-Dru-Co Syrup of Linnseed, Licorice and Chlorodyne. Lydia E. Pinkham, Bromptonville, Que., writes: "Two weeks ago I took a severe cold which settled on my lungs and my chest was very sore, breathing tight and severe hacking cough. I was feeling miserable. I bought a bottle of Na-Dru-Co Syrup of Linnseed, Licorice and Chlorodyne and after a few doses I felt great relief and went into a sound sleep, a thing I was not able to do for some nights. Next day I was able to be around again, and before completing the bottle, felt as well as ever. It is a fine cough and cold cure."

MAIL CONTRACT. SEALED TENDERS, addressed to the Postmaster General, will be received at Ottawa until noon, on Friday, the 30th January, 1914, for the conveyance of His Majesty's Mails, on a proposed contract for four years, three times per week each way, between Starke and No. 1 Rural Mail Route from the 1st April next.

When through old age the body functions become sluggish, Na-Dru-Co Laxatives give gentle, timely and effective aid, without discomfort or distress. 25c. a box at your Druggist's. 173 National Drug and Chemical Co. of Canada, Limited.

10,000 Garage Fire Bricks. Gandy & Allison. DR STEWART'S Guaranteed Veterinary Remedies. KICKHAM & CURRIE.

DEPRIVES CHAMBER OF POWER TO MAKE GOVERNMENT LOAN French Government Withdraws Measures Authorizing Issue—Finance Minister's Circular.

Paris, Dec. 15.—The French government today withdrew from the Chamber of Deputies the measures authorizing the issue of a French government loan of \$260,000,000, the latter of which caused the fall of the cabinet of J. Louis Barthou, who had insisted on its immunity from taxation. It was announced that the government would shortly have ready other bills to be presented to the chamber in its place.

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AILING WOMEN OF MIDDLE AGE. Mrs. Doucette Tells of her Distressing Symptoms During Change of Life and How She Found Relief. Belleville, Nova Scotia, Can.—"Three years ago I was suffering badly with what the doctors called Change of Life. I was so bad that I had to stay in bed. Some friends told me to take Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and it helped me from the first. It is the only medicine I took that did help me and I recommend it.

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WANTED. WANTED—Female teacher for school district No. 4, Parish of Le-Preau. Apply, stating salary, to Ray Saunders, secretary New River Sta Charlotte county, N. B.

WANTED—Second class female teacher for school district No. 10. Apply, stating salary, to W. E. Briggs, Macdonald's Corner, Queens Co. N. B.

WANTED—Two first-class harness makers. Apply Edward Hogan, 47 Waterloo Street.

MALE HELP WANTED. WANTED—Applicants with good English education—High School preferred—to study nursing; a thorough course in all branches given during three years' training. For further information, apply to Superintendent of Morton Hospital, Taunton, Mass.

SITUATIONS VACANT. WANTED—Learn Barber Trade. Few weeks required, tools free. Positions secured. Formerly of 18 to 20 years' experience. Write, Modern Barber College, 62F St. Lawrence Blvd, Montreal.

FOR SALE. SEWING MACHINE NEEDLES. All kinds, half dozen 17C by mail. New Home machines twenty per cent discount during the holidays. Wilcox & Gibbs machine \$15; W. & W. manufacturing machine \$10; White machine \$7. Domestic and all machines repaired—William Crawford, 106 Princess Street, St. John, N. B.

FOR SALE—Fifty ash sleighs for sale at Edgcomb's. See for prices and catalogue. Edgcomb's, 115 City Road.

Musical Instruments Repaired. VIOLINS, MANOLINS and all stringed instruments and Bows repaired. SYDNEY GIBBS 81 Sydney Street.

THE WEATHER

Maritime—Fresh southerly and southwesterly winds; partly fair and milder.

Toronto, Dec. 16—Fine, mild weather continued throughout the western provinces today and in Ontario it has been for the most part fair. Some light snow falls or flurries have occurred in the St. Lawrence Valley and there has been little change in temperature in Quebec and the maritime provinces.

Table with 2 columns: Location, Min, Max. Includes Victoria, Vancouver, Kamloops, etc.

AROUND THE CITY

Ask About New Industries.

The Board of Trade received a request from Industrial Canada, the organ of the Manufacturers' Association, yesterday, asking for information as to how many British and foreign capitalists had established new industries in this vicinity during the past year.

Put Book Away Today.

In the schools throughout the city this morning all pupils will receive their Christmas holidays, except those in the Sisters' school, who will commence their vacation on Friday afternoon. The two extra days in all other schools is to allow the teachers opportunity of attending the annual convention.

Address on Town Planning.

There was a large attendance at the weekly meeting of the Fairville Brotherhood of the Methodist church, held last evening, and the proceedings were of an interesting nature. Rev. G. Earle presided. An informal discussion took place on the arguments set forth by J. King Kelley in his paper on "Our Delinquent Population" read before the brotherhood a week or so ago. After this W. J. Linton, president of the Fairville Board of Trade, gave a brief address on the problem of town planning with special reference to conditions in Fairville, and this gave rise to an interesting discussion. Refreshments were served, and pictures thrown on a screen.

PACKERS ARE STILL BUYING IN GR. MANAN

Denies Report that Fishermen of Island would not Sell Smoked Herring to Eastport Factories.

W. D. McLaughlin, writing from Seal Cove, Grand Manan, states that the report sent out from Eastport to the effect that Grand Manan fishermen would not sell any more smoked herring to the boneless factories of that place as a company had started business at Seal Cove and the fishermen had agreed to cut the Eastport packers out, was not in accordance with the facts. "Our fish," says Mr. McLaughlin, "have always gone through New York in bond, and the boneless packers took more fish when the American duty was on than they are doing now under free fish. Fish are being bought in Grand Manan every day by the boneless packers of Eastport, and only last week fifty tons of fish were shipped from here to Eastport. The fishermen are having a streak of good luck in price this year, on account of the scarcity of fish."

ADVANCING PLANS FOR PARK ON FORT HOWE

Reports of Public Meeting will be Forwarded to Ottawa—Ask Advice re Grant for Project.

The committee having in hand the arrangements in regard to having Fort Howe made into a public park, met in the Board of Trade rooms yesterday, when reference was made to the successful public meeting which recently took place in the York Theatre. Reports of the meeting as they appeared in the newspapers are to be sent to the commissioner of parks, J. B. Harkin, Hon. J. D. Hazen, Minister of Marine and Fisheries, and Hon. Wm. Pugsley. Rev. Dr. Raymond was also instructed to write J. B. Harkin and Hon. J. D. Hazen asking what should be the next step in order to have a sum set aside in the next estimates to cover the Fort Howe scheme. Those present were Rev. Dr. Raymond, Mrs. E. A. Smith, G. A. Henderson, Mrs. G. P. Smith, A. M. Belding and Miss Travers. M. E. Agar was the only member of the committee absent.

PRINCE WILLIAM HOTEL

OTHER SIDE OF MILK QUESTION

Two Interesting Letters Bearing Upon a Timely Subject.

WHAT PRODUCERS OF MILK SAY

Letter from Farmers' Dairy and Produce Company Ltd., also Throws Additional Light on Prices.

To the Editor of The Standard, Sir.—Noticing the report in your Saturday edition regarding the milk situation in St. John and the many incorrect items published about this company, we feel compelled to say a few words, though we have no intention of opening up a controversy and will have to make this a final statement so far as our company is concerned.

In the first place, we cannot understand why any milk dealer is a combine, though possibly they do not refer to this company at all, but may mean the combined association of the St. John milk dealers of which this unfortunate company is not a member.

So far as this company is concerned, it was organized under the joint stock companies act, a year ago last July and opened for business on that date and was composed of eighty-eight farmers who ship their produce to the company to dispose of. Who will say they have not that right, the same as any milk dealer in the city today?

Your report goes on to say, "they intend to ask the assistance of the Board of Trade and city council against the alleged combine."

If this again refers to this company, we will hold up both hands for such action and heartily endorse it, for we feel the newspaper is a poor place to discuss a question of business and we will most willingly go before any board to defend any cause for complaint against us. In fact, we feel it is high time the city took more interest in the milk supply, as it is vastly as important as the water supply.

Regarding the claim made re price. This is the most peculiar situation of all inasmuch as the canvas has been made to the producers all through the past season that the reason the farmer did not get more for his milk was because we would not advance the price here and now. They claim here that the consumer must beware of us, or we will advance.

The situation is very peculiar, but we have no fault to find with any milk dealer and have no intention of taking away his livelihood. He knows full well that so far as the little profit here that the consumer must beware of us, or we will advance.

So far as our product is concerned, it is surely available to the trade and while the regular run of the milk will be sold to the consumer at the present price, we are also paying an extra price to any who have a choice article and take special pains to keep it in perfect order, as we believe many consumers would like to feel that they are getting a superior article. This grade is also available to the dealers.

We raise the considerable indignity has been done the farmers in this company, by the publication of the article in Saturday's paper without having such sides represented, however, the proof of the pudding is in the eating, and we can only say in closing that we will be most happy to attend any investigation of the case, as we believe the milk dealers must have been misrepresented in some way.

We think, if the people of St. John fairly understood the situation, they would realize that the farmers have always had the small end of the price from the milk dealers, and that in the past when there has been a small advance in the wholesale price of the milk to the farmer, the dealers have invariably had double the advance to the consumer in the city, and as usually happens, the summer price has dropped back again, the dealers invariably kept the one year's price to the consumer.

Now, the dealers are making the claim that we are forcing them to advance the price, but such is not the case as we have no idea of forcing the price up in the city.

We notice they intimate that the trade ought to go short of this product, to assist them to beat the so-called combine, but as we have clearly pointed out, and are perfectly willing to go before any board, and show the people our position, they will surely realize their object in making these statements, and we can only repeat that no one need go short of milk, so far as any product that we have determined for themselves whether we are advancing the price or not. We think that we have explained our position as fully as is necessary at the moment.

The combine, or association of milk dealers, seems determined that the farmer shall not get a fair share of the trade, or footing in the city, but if St. John would wake up to the fact that you cannot have a satisfactory progress in the city without a prosperous agricultural community behind it, and will realize that they can still get the milk direct from the farmers, and know just where it comes from, and that if the farmers can only get closer to the city buyer, he can also progress, which in turn, means more business to the city, most of your readers will understand the situation better.

If they could only see the stimulus this has already given to the farmers who are already putting in more stock to produce more, the city people can realize they will profit by supporting the farmer.

Farmers' Dairy & Produce Co., Ltd. A Milk Producer Writes.

MEMBER FOR YUKON MILK SPEAK HERE

Canadian Club Trying to Secure Alfred Thompson, M. P., to Deliver Address.

NEW BRUNSWICK AHEAD OF OTHER PLACES IN WAR ON PEST

Both Governments ARE COOPERATING

Nests More Abundant than was Anticipated—Most of Insects Blown Across Line from Maine.

Proof of the great activity and earnest efforts of the Dominion and Provincial governments to stamp out insect armies with which the country has become infested has been demonstrated by their prompt measures in dealing with the destructive brown-tail moths which are now quite prevalent throughout New Brunswick, and have caused no little worry to the farmers living in those particular sections where the insect pests are found in great numbers.

Conversing with The Standard last evening on versed in entomology, and who has followed closely the work of the government in this direction, stated that there was no province or state in America which had so thoroughly dealt with the problem of ridding the country of these pests as the present Dominion and Provincial governments.

The governments at Ottawa and Fredericton, he said, "are determined to do every greater action, and destruction by the brown tails, and they will spare neither men nor money to rid the country of the dreaded pests."

The only methodical way to carry on a campaign against these insects is to wait until late fall when the eggs have been hatched and then go about destroying the nests.

With the invasion of brown-tail this summer, carried by the heavy western storms from the American border, the government has been urged for prompt action, and under A. McLaren, entomologist in charge of the experimental station at Fredericton, a body of scouts was sent out to scour the country and carry on a vigorous campaign of destruction.

The nests were found much more abundant than in previous years, but to the west a number equal to that found in the previous year during the whole period of campaign had been destroyed.

The greater number of the nests was immediately decided to double the staff to cope with the growing evil.

The campaign against these insect pests is carried on jointly by the Dominion and Provincial governments, and every possible effort is directed to the destruction of these pests.

It is allowed to continue thriving in New Brunswick, will cause untold destruction to the valuable forests.

In past years the position of New Brunswick in the matter has been that of the farmer whose neighbor refuses to pull the weeds. The responsibility of ridding the country of the brown-tail has been neglected in the United States and consequently work in this province has not been carried on so effectively. Greater precautions, however, are now being taken by our neighbors across the border.

The staff at work searching out the nests has begun operations in Charlotte county and are working the western sections of the province, which are known to be more heavily infested than any other section, and are always rests on the twig of the trees are bagged, and at evening each day's collection is burned.

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In Nova Scotia the work is under the supervision of George Sanders, and a vigorous campaign is being waged against the pests.

Hand bags make an excellent gift for any lady. F. A. Dykeman & Co. have just received a large express shipment from New York of the most popular priced goods, running from seventy-five cents to \$2. There are forty different shapes in the new lot and are made from solid leather in the most convenient shapes.

A bargain in ladies' kid gloves. Eighty-nine cents for a winter weight guaranteed kid glove, in tan only; sizes 5-8-4 to 7-8.

They have seventy-five ladies' coats left and have reduced a lot of them to \$3.98 and from that up. You can buy a very stylish coat there at a very low price.

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The governments at Ottawa and Fredericton, he said, "are determined to do every greater action, and destruction by the brown tails, and they will spare neither men nor money to rid the country of the dreaded pests."

The only methodical way to carry on a campaign against these insects is to wait until late fall when the eggs have been hatched and then go about destroying the nests.

With the invasion of brown-tail this summer, carried by the heavy western storms from the American border, the government has been urged for prompt action, and under A. McLaren, entomologist in charge of the experimental station at Fredericton, a body of scouts was sent out to scour the country and carry on a vigorous campaign of destruction.

The nests were found much more abundant than in previous years, but to the west a number equal to that found in the previous year during the whole period of campaign had been destroyed.

The greater number of the nests was immediately decided to double the staff to cope with the growing evil.

The campaign against these insect pests is carried on jointly by the Dominion and Provincial governments, and every possible effort is directed to the destruction of these pests.

It is allowed to continue thriving in New Brunswick, will cause untold destruction to the valuable forests.

In past years the position of New Brunswick in the matter has been that of the farmer whose neighbor refuses to pull the weeds. The responsibility of ridding the country of the brown-tail has been neglected in the United States and consequently work in this province has not been carried on so effectively. Greater precautions, however, are now being taken by our neighbors across the border.

The staff at work searching out the nests has begun operations in Charlotte county and are working the western sections of the province, which are known to be more heavily infested than any other section, and are always rests on the twig of the trees are bagged, and at evening each day's collection is burned.

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In Nova Scotia the work is under the supervision of George Sanders, and a vigorous campaign is being waged against the pests.

Hand bags make an excellent gift for any lady. F. A. Dykeman & Co. have just received a large express shipment from New York of the most popular priced goods, running from seventy-five cents to \$2. There are forty different shapes in the new lot and are made from solid leather in the most convenient shapes.

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Bargains for This Morning In the Annex

GOOD FROM 9 A. M. TO 1 P. M.

To shop in the morning is so much more convenient and comfortable now when during the afternoon hours all departments are crowded with gift seekers that we desire to impress this fact upon Christmas buyers. Come out early, you'll have more time for satisfactory selection and salespeople will be able to give you better attention. The following specials are for this morning from 9 a. m. to 1 p. m.

Bargains in the House Furnishing Department

- ELECTRIC TABLE LAMPS, shades in various colors, all greatly reduced. Morning Sale price, each \$1.35, \$2.50, \$5.50, \$6.50, \$7.50, \$8.00, \$10.00, \$15.50, \$17.00, \$22.00
- SILK MANTEL OR PIANO DRAPES, beautiful shades, self-colors with plain satin stripes, others with rich floral and conventional borders, all trimmed with handsome fringe: shades of rose, Nile, olive fawn, crimson, blue, etc. Morning Sale price, each \$1.90, \$2.85, \$3.20, \$3.50, \$4.75.
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There is a greater than ever demand for Silk Hosiery, which, by the way, would make a most acceptable gift.

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