

# BULGARIANS REPORTED ON GREEK TERRITORY; MORE IMPORTANT CHANGES IN BRITISH ARMY STAFF

### Berlin Paper Announces Beginning of Invasion — Confine Operations to Seizing Saloniki Railway Unless Attacked by Greek Troops — Capture of Varna Prelude to New Effort for Constantinople — French Success in Vosges Brilliant and Opportune Stroke.

Copenhagen, Dec. 22, via London, Dec. 23. — The Deutsch Tages Zeitung of Berlin, a copy of which has been received here, says that Bulgarian troops are entering Greek territory, but that if they are not attacked by Greek troops they will confine their operations to seizing the Saloniki railway.

### CREATES FAVORABLE IMPRESSION IN ATHENS.

London, Dec. 23.—An Athens despatch to Reuter's Telegram Company, dated Tuesday evening says: "News of the landing of Russian forces (at Varna) has created a favorable impression and as correcting as erroneous ideas of the Entente leniency towards Bulgaria."

London, Dec. 22.—The second American note to Austria shared the leading positions in the late London newspapers with the reports of the Russian success at Varna, Bulgaria's chief sea port.

Up to a late hour there was no official confirmation of the report of the Russian occupation of Varna, if true, is, according to the London editors, "one of the greatest moves of the present war."

The same critics believe that the Russian assault on Varna is the prelude to a new effort for Constantinople, which is less than 150 miles distant.

On the western front the success of the French at Hartmann-Wellerkopf, in the Vosges, is regarded in the Allied capitals as not only a brilliant, but a useful, operation at a point where the situation has been most difficult for many months.

The English public takes much pride in the manner in which Australia has taken the withdrawal from Gallipoli. This attitude is summed up by an Australian newspaper in the words of Lincoln's Gettysburg speech: "We here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain; that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom."

The most important developments of the evening in Great Britain were an appeal by the leading bankers to the nation to unite in the task of meeting the war's financial requirements, and a speech by David Lloyd George, the minister of munitions, at Newcastle, to the trade union officials of the county, appealing to them for assistance in obtaining 80,000 skilled workers, which he demanded in his speech in parliament a few days ago.

The reports of the Reichstag discussions have aroused some interest in the Entente capitals, where the Socialist attitude is being closely followed, many believing that some sections of the Socialist group in Germany may prove to be the ultimate channel of peace negotiations. A Copenhagen despatch declares that the Socialist party in Germany is now completely divided, twenty-one members having seceded and formed a new party, with an independent organization.

### Forty Warships in Bombardment of Varna.

London, Dec. 23.—There is still no confirmation of the reported Russian landing at Varna. A Bucharest despatch to the Times, dated December 21, says: "A Russian fleet of about forty vessels appeared yesterday morning (Monday) off Cape Kalliakra, and proceeded in the direction of Varna, whence a violent bombardment was heard. Nothing was visible owing to the fog."

"According to official reports, four large warships and two torpedo boats engaged in the bombardment with heavy guns. The shore batteries replied. The firing lasted from eight to ten o'clock in the morning, then ceased, apparently owing to the fog, and the squadron returned to Kalliakra about noon."

"Simultaneously with the bombardment two Russian gunboats opened fire on the Bulgarian frontier near Ekrene."

On the Italian Front.

Rome, via London, Dec. 22.—The general headquarters today reads as follows: "In Giudicaria Valley on Monday night, our artillery and air craft effectively bombarded Fort Por, of the Ladaro group."

## GERMAN REPLY NOT FOR THE PUBLIC YET

### Because of Possible Bearing Upon Issues Involved in Lusitania and Ancona Cases State Department Withholds Reply on Frye Case.

Washington, Dec. 22.—Because of its possible bearing upon the open issues involved in the Lusitania and Ancona cases, the State Department will not make public the details of Germany's reply to the American note regarding the sinking of the American ship William P. Frye.

A cabled outline of the German reply indicated that it was not completely responsive, and left in doubt the attitude of the German government towards the American suggestion that the requirements of the Declaration of London, that "before the vessel is destroyed all persons on board must be placed in safety," was not satisfied by merely giving an opportunity for escape in lifeboats on the open sea.

The full text of the German note now has been received through the mails from Ambassador Gerard. It was admitted today at the State Department, but officials declined to say what response was made to this important suggestion. It was intimated in some quarters that as to agree to the American view at this time might seem to prejudice the Austrian case in regard to the Ancona, in addition to having a bearing upon the Lusitania negotiations, the German government probably had not conceded the point.

So far as the Frye case is concerned, this point is not directly involved, as the crew of the Frye was taken aboard the German commerce destroyer which sank the ship. Therefore, it is thought that the subject may be discussed as a separate question, or perhaps in connection with the practice of submarine warfare, as involved in the Lusitania case.

### An Important Stroke

Paris, Dec. 22.—The successful action of the French at Hartmann-Wellerkopf was made for the purpose of bringing to an end a situation which the French regarded as intolerable. On the summit of this mountain there had been incessant firing by both sides. The trenches were separated by only a very small distance. The result of this fighting was an appreciable loss of men each day.

The French success resulted from careful artillery preparation and the dash on onslaught of the troops. The Germans have been forced back some distance on the eastern slopes of the mountain.

## ALLOTMENT OF WAR LOAN COMPLETE

### Chartered Banks Cut Down to About Eighty Per Cent. of Their Subscriptions.

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, Dec. 22.—Allotment of the one hundred million dollar war loan is now complete. All subscribers have been allotted their subscriptions in full, with the exception of the chartered banks, who have been cut down to about eighty per cent of their subscription of twenty-five millions.

## LIEUT.-GEN. SIR ARCHIBALD MURRAY TO COMMAND BRITISH AT DARDANELLES

London, Dec. 22.—Lieut. Gen. Sir Archibald Murray has been appointed to succeed Sir Charles Monro as British commander at the Dardanelles, says an official statement issued this afternoon.

Sir Charles Monro has been appointed in command of the first British army in France, in succession to Sir Douglas Haig.

The official announcement follows: "General Sir Douglas Haig having assumed supreme command of the British forces in France and Flanders, Gen. Sir Charles Monro will succeed him in command of the first army."

"Lieut. Gen. Sir Archibald Murray, chief of the imperial general staff, will succeed Sir Charles Monro."

"Lieut. Gen. Sir William Robertson, now chief of the general staff in France, will become chief officer of the imperial general staff, with the temporary rank of general, with Major General W. Whigham, as his deputy."

"Major General L. Kiggell, now assistant to the chief of the imperial general staff, will become chief of the general staff of Sir Douglas Haig."

## Canada Will Shirk No Sacrifice to Help Bring Victory, Sir Robert Says

### Premier Borden Guest of Honor at 110th Dinner of New England Society in New York, Gives Stirring Address on Canada's Part in the War.

New York, Dec. 22.—Canada, while hoping that events of the next twelve months will lead to an abiding peace, is fully determined to spare no effort and shirk no sacrifice to make triumphant the cause of the Allies—the freedom of the world," declared Sir Robert Borden at the 110th dinner of the New England Society in New York.

Recounting what sacrifices Canada has already made, Premier Borden said it stood ready to make still more, "firm in the conviction that humanity's struggle against the enthronement of force above right will not be in vain."

Premier Borden was cheered enthusiastically throughout his address, which was the first formal speech delivered by him in the United States since the outbreak of the war. The banquet hall was decorated with American and British flags, while the orchestra played the national airs of America and Great Britain.

After a toast to President Wilson, was drunk, amid cheering, President Francis Lynde Steiwer introduced Premier Borden.

After reverting to his own intimate associations with New England life, Premier Borden told how Canada had redeemed the pledge made to the United Kingdom at the outbreak of the present war.

"We take part in this struggle because the destiny of the world-wide British commonwealth is our destiny," said the premier, "because as one of its greatest nations we are determined to preserve its power and its influence; and because we conceive that, as one of those nations, there is for us the highest opportunity to advance the cause of humanity and civilization, to do our part worthily in the world's work."

The premier declared that the Canadian people were determined, with the mother country, "to carry on the struggle to a successful conclusion."

Sir Robert first referred to his qualifications for membership in the New England Club. He believed himself eligible under the requirements, as he was a son of a New Englander, and his ancestors had lived in New England. Chiefly of New England ancestry, he said, were those who colonized eastern Nova Scotia, and the influence of that ancestry is still unmistakable. Their ideals of self-government prevailed in the Annapolis Valley from the time the colonists "settled down in the last half of the eighteenth century" until 1878.

"Between the Maritime Provinces of Eastern Canada and the New England States," Sir Robert said, "there has been, during the past fifty years, a very close relation. Many Maritime Province young people," he said, "came to the eastern states to find employment, and many Nova Scotians came to Harvard or Yale for an education."

### Russian Report

Petrograd, Dec. 22, via London, Dec. 22.—The following official communication from the general headquarters was issued today: "In the Riga district our artillery successfully cannonaded German aeroplanes and captive balloons. Near Shlok, on the island of Dalen, an artillery duel resulted in our favor."

## CHANDLER REPORT CASTS NO SHADOW ON GOVT

### Result of Investigation Into Gloucester County Public Works Shows Paltry Character of Mr. Veniot's Charges—Small Sums of Money Involved and in Most Cases Province Sustained No Loss Whatever—Tangle due to Ignorance and Incapacity of few Minor Officials.

Attorney-General Baxter, last night, handed The Standard a copy of the report of W. B. Chandler, K. C., who was appointed by the Provincial Government as a commissioner to investigate certain charges made by Peter J. Veniot, and having to do with public work in Gloucester county. The report is published in full on pages 10 and 11 of this issue.

The Commissioner dealt with eleven cases, and submitted a detailed report in each case. In his introduction he says: "At the outset of my investigation I made some enquiries into the operations of the Departments of Public Works, of Lands and Mines, of Agriculture and of the Provincial Secretary-Treasurer of the Province of New Brunswick, and into the operations of the said Departments, but I could not find any instances of inefficiency, incapacity, irregularity, dishonesty or wrong-doing on the part of any inside official or employee of the said Departments, or in the administration of these branches of the public service, with this possible exception."

"Soon after my appointment as Commissioner I took the evidence of Thomas G. Loggie, Esquire, Deputy Minister of Lands and Mines, and he called my attention to the fact that steps might, in his judgment, be taken which would promote the efficiency of the Departments of Lands and Mines. Mr. Loggie also told me that he had reported with respect to these matters to the Hon. Mr. Clarke, the head of the Department, and that some of his suggestions had been carried out and that others were being considered by the head of the Department."

"Under these circumstances I do not think it necessary for me to go into details as to the suggestions made by Mr. Loggie. "Mr. Loggie's suggestions dealt with the improvement of the efficiency of the staff of the Department, and he stated that no cases of actual dishonesty or wrong-doing on the part of the Staff had come under his notice."

The first matter required into was a charge made by E. S. Carter regarding the payment of \$2,903.32 by the Dalhousie Lumber Company, Ltd., in the year 1912. Several witnesses were examined and the evidence developed that the cheque for the amount, which was for stumpage due, was made payable to the Miramichi Lumber Company to liquidate a rebate due that company from the Department of Lands and Mines.

The arrangement was made by W. H. Berry, then chief scaler and the Commissioner found that while the turning over of the cheque from the Dalhousie Company to the Miramichi Company was irregular, the province lost no money by the transaction.

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## LLOYD GEORGE NO TIME TO INTERVENE

### Appeals to the Trades Unions To Relax Rules to Facilitate His Task of Speeding up the Output of War Supplies.

Newcastle, England, Dec. 22.—Lloyd George, the munitions minister, to-night addressed a meeting attended by 900 trades union officials. The minister urged the amendment of the trades union rules in order to permit the employment of a percentage of unskilled men with skilled men in the munitions trade. The meeting was private, but the following report of it was supplied to the press:

"Mr. Lloyd George had a most enthusiastic and cordial reception. He pointed out to his hearers the necessity of proceeding with the scheme the labor supply committee had suggested. He explained that only in this way was it possible to get men necessary for the new armaments, which the ministry is building for the supply of guns and projectiles."

"At the end of his speech numerous questions were asked, which Mr. Lloyd George said he was very glad to answer. It was stated that the suggestions of the minister were very well received by the men."

### 200 to 600 Women Killed when Powder Mill Was Wrecked.

London, Dec. 22.—According to advice to the Amsterdam Telegram, forwarded by Reuters correspondent, a powder factory and several ammunition depots at Muenster, Westphalia, have been blown up.

Great damage was done to the town, the newspaper adds.

Later advices from Amsterdam state that according to accounts received there, 300 of the 600 women employed in the Muenster Powder Mill were killed.

### Inopportune for Swiss Government to Offer Good Offices for Peace Negotiations, Member of Parliament Declares.

Paris, Dec. 22.—The Swiss federal council believes that this is not the proper time to offer its good offices to belligerents for the negotiations of an armistice, or preparations for peace negotiations, according to a declaration made in the Swiss parliament today by M. Hoffman, head of the political department of the federal council, as quoted in a Havas despatch from Berne.

M. Hoffman's declaration was made in reply to an interpellation by M. Greulich, representing the Socialist group, who said he was satisfied with the answer of the federal council, adds the despatch, and there was no debate.

M. Hoffman, according to the correspondent, said, that the course of events would be followed with the greatest attention.

"We will be glad," his quoted remarks continue, "if, moved by sympathy for the belligerents, and faithful to its traditions of neutrality, our little country, can, if only in a small measure, contribute with complete disinterestedness to the re-establishment of a durable peace, so much desired. As long, however, as the belligerents themselves have not expressed a desire for peace all intervention on the part of strangers will not only be sterile, but inopportune, and considered unfriendly interference. A peace proposal could thus prejudice the cause of peace."



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## CASUALTY LIST

Ottawa, Dec. 22.—The following casualty list was issued at midnight:

Third Canadian Infantry Brigade Headquarters.

Wounded—Captain E. Bristol (no particulars).

First Battalion.

Died of wounds—Henry Stacey, England.

Wounded—Wm. A. Scott, England.

Second Battalion.

Wounded—Thomas G. Alexander.

Ottawa: Corporal George W. Hefsh, England.

Wounded but has returned to action—Ole Stevenson, Norway.

Twenty-Fifth Battalion.

Wounded—Reginald Culton, Stollerton, N. S.

Twenty-Sixth Battalion.

Wounded seriously—Vaughan I. M. Henshaw, New York City.

Third Battalion.

Suffering from shock—Jan. B. Fenwick, Horton Poor Farm, Greenwich, Horton, N. S.

Fourth Battalion.

Wounded—Christopher W. Hall, Humboldt, Sask.

Seventh Battalion.

Wounded—Geo. Upward, England.

Twenty-First Battalion.

Severely wounded—Harry Sutton, Sand Point, Ont.

## Mettle of Nation Will Be Tested as Never in Century, Bankers Say

### Manifesto to People of England by Financial Leaders Regarding Meeting of Financial Burden—All Luxuries Should be Dispensed with and Economy Practiced.

London, Dec. 22.—A manifesto to the people of the country was issued tonight, over the signature of a score of leading English bankers and financiers, on the subject of the country's financial position. The signatures are headed by George Anderson, treasurer of the Bank of England. The manifesto is in part follows:

"As this is a time of great national danger, it is imperative that every citizen realize the vast necessity Great Britain has to perform. In a long war success depends mainly upon the respective financial resources of the combatants, and the consequent power of one of them to maintain or add to its fighting strength, while the other is declining.

"It is not in doubt that the Allies' financial resources, when fully mobilized and wisely controlled, will be vastly greater than the enemy's. The Allies success in defeating the enemy's efforts to cripple them in men, munitions and money before they could assemble their full strength has now brought the war near to its final stage. Indeed, only one thing is now needed to command a victory, namely, to provide all the money needed to support the vast armies of new men, and pay for the vast quantities of arms and munitions being manufactured in all parts of the world.

"The task of finding the greater part of the immense sums of money needed by the Allies is the special duty of the British people, for they, in particular, possess the necessary financial resources. Their manufacturing power is undiminished by invasion; their cities undestroyed; their ports not shut off. The income of the British people has been maintained at a high level. Exports, though not so great as before the war, are greater than in 1916. The income from the great army's mobilization has been reduced but little; the earnings of shipping are greater than ever, and the factories are working full time.

"Moreover, the effect upon production of the great army's mobilization has been largely neutralized by the more vigorous and effective work of the civilian population, particularly the women. The average individual income is much in excess of any total heretofore reached.

Will Test Mettle of the Nation

"The nation must avoid the consumption of all non-essentials, and even restrict the consumption of essentials to the limits of efficiency. Individuals possessing securities marketable abroad must sell them to pay for goods and munitions for which no other means of payment can be provided. Only by all classes aiding and carefully husbanding their income, by selling foreign securities, by creating foreign credits, will it be possible to provide the vast sum needed by the nation and its allies."

## GERMANY'S LOSSES IN MEN SINCE THE STRUGGLE BEGAN

### A French Writer's Estimate of the Casualties and Future Resources of the Teutons.

Paris, Dec. 20.—An episode which is already among the classic stories of the war stands revealed in a new and remarkably interesting light in an article which M. Maurice Barres, a well-known French writer, contributes to the "Echo de Paris."

The episode referred to was briefly as follows:—The Germans had swarmed into a certain French trench and broken down the resistance of the defenders, whose bodies covered the ground. Suddenly a man rose and setting a sack of grenades, shouted "Debout les morts!" (Up with you, dead men!) At this summons the wounded in the trench made a supreme effort, and, staggering to their feet, drove the enemy out.

The hero of a affair, who has been mentioned in the Army Orders, is Lieutenant Perleard, a man of thirty-eight, but whose hair is white. He told M. Barres the following story of what occurred:

My section, with three others from different companies, was ordered to attack a German trench. It was a stiff fight, and we had many killed and wounded; all night through we kept up the action with bombs under a torrential downpour of rain which drenched us to the skin, but we held the trench and I experienced a great exaltation of spirit. I felt that life was extraordinarily intensified and I had a laugh on my lips. On two occasions a torpedo knocked me over, covering me with earth and wreckage, and I picked myself up laughing as if at a good joke.

Panic.

In the morning we were alerted, so that we might have a rest, and we went into a second-line trench and tried to sleep. Towards midday we woke in a hurry. The Germans had just counter-attacked with an avalanche of grenades and torpedoes. They were repulsing us. It was panic. Not only had they retaken their own trench, but they were reaching ours.

Man's Grief.

Their artillery rages. A lieutenant who has come to support me, and who is smoking a cigarette, laughing at the projectiles, is struck by a bullet above the temple. He leans against the parapet, both hands behind his back, his head slightly bowed. His head droops more and more, than his body bends, and, more sharply falls. The grief of his men, who throw themselves weeping on his body is terrible.

Unable to move a step without treading on a corpse, I am suddenly conscious of the precariousness of my fate, my exaltation abandons me; I am afraid, and throw myself behind a heap of sand bags. Only a soldier

those who lay there, living and dead. One man alone could not find that account. It wanted the collaboration of several souls, aroused by circumstances, and some of them already floating in eternity.—Central News.

**CAMPBELLO**

Campbello, Charlotte Co., Dec. 20.—On Friday evening the young people of the village assembled at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Lank in honor of Mr. Chester Hazler who has for the past two years been a faithful teacher in the public school, and having studied some time ago has now gone to serve his King and country. The evening passed off very pleasantly, games and refreshments were indulged in and an evening spent that will linger for a long time in the memory of all present.

Mrs. James A. Calder returned home last week after a visit of several weeks with relatives and friends in Massachusetts.

Mr. Arthur Calder went last week to visit relatives in Boston, Mass.

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**GIVES AUSTRIA NO CHANCE TO DODGE ISSUE**

Second American Note On Ancona Affair Brief But To The Point.

**CULPABILITY PROVED BEYOND DOUBT**

Rules violated by the act so universally recognized U. S. does not consider points debatable.

Washington, Dec. 22.—The United States will not argue with Austria any points involved in the sinking of the Ancona. In the second American note to the Vienna government, made public by the State Department today, when it was delivered to the Austrian foreign minister, Count Von Burian, in Vienna, this government states that it must "renew the definite but respectful demands made in its communication of the sixth of December."

This second note, extremely brief, is friendly in tone, but leaves no doubt of the determination that Austria shall make full reparation for American lives lost and punishment of the Austrian submarine commander whose culpability is in any case established. And whose act, details of which were given in the Austrian admiralty statement, is held to be "a wilful violation of the rules of international law and the principles of humanity."

The text, addressed to Ambassador Penfield, the note follows: "Department of State, Washington, Dec. 19, 1918.

"You are instructed to address a note to the Austro-Hungarian minister of foreign affairs, textually as follows: "The government of the United States has received the note of Your Excellency relative to the sinking of the Ancona, which was delivered at Vienna on Dec. 15, 1918, and has given the note immediate and careful consideration.

"On November 15, 1915, Baron Zwiernitz, the charge d'affaires of the

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Imperial and Royal government at Washington, transmitted to the Department of State a report of the Austro-Hungarian admiral with regard to the sinking of the steamship Ancona, in which it was admitted that the vessel was torpedoed after her engines had been stopped and when passengers were still on board.  
"This admission alone is, in the view of the government of the United States, sufficient to fix upon the commander of the submarine which fired the torpedo the responsibility for having wilfully violated the recognized law of nations and entirely disregarded those humane principles which every belligerent should observe in the conduct of war at sea.  
"In view of these admitted circumstances the government of the United States feels justified in holding that the details of the sinking of the Ancona, the weight and character of the additional testimony corroborating the admiral's report, and the number of Americans killed or injured are in no way essential matters of discussion.  
"The culpability of the commander is in any case established, and the undisputed fact is that citizens of the United States were killed, injured, or put in jeopardy by his lawless act.  
Not Debatable.  
"The rules of international law and the principles of humanity, which were thus wilfully violated by the commander of the submarine, have been so long and so universally recognized, and are so manifest from the standpoint of right and justice, that the government of the United States does not feel called upon to debate them and does not understand that the Imperial and Royal government questions or disputes them.  
"The government of the United States therefore finds no other course open to it but to hold the Imperial and Royal government responsible for the act of its naval commander and to renew the definite but respectful demands made in the communication of the sixth of December, 1915.  
"It sincerely hopes that the foregoing statement of its position will enable the Imperial and Royal government to perceive the justice of those demands and to comply with them in the same spirit of frankness and with the same concern for the good relations now existing between the United States and Austria-Hungary which prompted the government of the United States to make them."  
(Signed) LANSING."

**SOLDIER INJURED  
AT WOODSTOCK WHILE  
PLAYING BASKET BALL**  
Special to The Standard.  
Woodstock, N. B., Dec. 22.—Private Mooney of Company "D" while playing basketball in the armory this afternoon slipped and, falling on the concrete floor, seriously injured his knee cap

He was taken to the hospital and was attended by Dr. Grant.  
Dealers today are paying \$2 per barrel for potatoes. They reached \$2.25 for a few days. Farmers generally are holding for higher prices.  
It is said that two other parties were concerned in the break in the police magistrate's office last night in an attempt to steal liquor stored there under the Scott Act seizure. The colored man, McCarty, now under ar-

rest will be brought before acting magistrate Atherton tomorrow afternoon.  
Over a hundred members of Company "D", 154th Battalion, left for their homes tonight to spend Christmas.  
**CAUGHT IN ATTEMPT TO  
STEAL VALUABLE PAINTING**  
Paris, Dec. 22.—As he was embarking for America, Adolphe Cramer was arrested on a charge of theft of bonds, preferred by a Belgian broker.  
In Cramer's baggage was found a picture thought to be a Murillo. The canvas represents the Virgin Mary seated, and holding the infant Jesus on her knee. It is unsigned, but is dated 1632. The canvas, which was insured for 15,000 francs, was, according to Cramer, received from an Italian monk, who claimed to have taken it from a monastery.

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Don't think you cannot afford to give a Diamond because you've heard Diamond prices are continually increasing. That's all the greater reason why you should buy one now, for the longer you delay the higher will be the cost of a Diamond the size and quality you want.

But Diamonds are not so high as most people think. In our stock you will find Diamond Rings priced at \$20 to \$100 in the sizes most people want.

Single Stone Diamonds from \$8.00 to \$275.  
Combination Rings, containing Diamonds, with Sapphires, Pearls, Rubies, Emeralds and other gems, from \$12 to \$80.

**WATCHES.**  
The present your son or daughter wants most is a Watch—it's the finest present you can give your child. Good Watches are not expensive. You can get a good watch from our stock at the price you feel you can afford.

Bracelet Watches, Gold Filled ..... \$11 to \$25  
Bracelet Watches, Gold ..... \$22 to \$60  
Wrist Watches ..... \$3 to \$25  
Longines Watches, specially priced ..... \$5 and \$7  
Decimal Watches ..... \$13 to \$55  
Howard Watches ..... \$40 to \$125  
Waltham Watches ..... \$10 to \$85

Don't forget that Father would appreciate a Howard Watch Christmas morning than any other thing you can think of to select.

Come in and see our Watches and Diamonds. You will find excellent assortments and reasonable prices.

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<p><b>Liggett's</b> "The Sweetest Story Ever Told" \$1.00 per lb.</p> <p><b>Corona's</b> Every bite a delight. 25c. to \$8.00</p> <p><b>Ganong's</b> The finest in the land. 30c. to \$5.00</p> <p><b>Moir's</b> Always welcome.</p>	<p><b>Bulk Candies</b> Christmas Mixture . . . 20c. lb. Assorted Chocolates 35c. lb. Creamed Almonds . . . 25c. lb. Fruit Drops . . . . . 40c. lb. Cream Caramels . . . 40c. lb. White's Hard Mixture . . . 25c. lb. White's Soft Mixture 25c. lb. Riley's Toffee . . . . . 40c. lb. Salted Peanuts . . . . 25c. lb. Turkish Delight . . . 25c. lb. Toasted Marshmallow . . . 33c. lb. Assorted Chocolates and Creams, 5-lb. box . . . \$1.75 White's Hard Mixture, 5-lb. box . . . . . \$1.00 G. B. Chocolates, 5-lb. boxes . . . . . \$2.50</p>	<p><b>Neilson's</b> The chocolates that are different.</p> <p><b>Rowntree's</b> Made in England.</p> <p><b>Huyler's</b> Chocolates and Bon-Bons.</p> <p><b>Willard's</b> Forkdip, sure to please.</p>
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<p>Men's Sweaters from 98c to \$6.50 Boys' Sweaters from . . . 75c to 3.50 Men's Caps from . . . . . 50c to 1.75 Men's Hats from . . . \$1.00 to \$2.50 Boys' Hose from . . . . . 25c to 75c Men's Silk Hose from . . . 25c to 50c Men's Wool Hose from 25c. to 50c. Men's Shaving Sets. Men's Dressing Sets Men's Travelling Sets Men's Neckwear from . . 25c to 75c Men's Suit Cases Men's Club Bags Men's Pocket Books Men's Fur Lined Gloves from \$1.00 to \$6.00 Men's Kid Gloves from . . . \$1.00 to \$1.75 Men's Fur Lined Gloves from 75c to \$3.50 Men's Mocha Gloves from . . . 75c to \$1.75 Men's Leather Working Gloves from . . . . . 50c to \$1.50 Men's Underwear from 75c to \$2.50</p>	<p>Men's Braces from . . . . . 25c to 75c Men's Handkerchiefs from . . . . . 5c to 75c Men's Fancy Shirts from . . . . . 75c to \$1.75 Men's Suits from . . . \$5.50 to \$22.00 <b>ALL AT SPECIAL CUT PRICES FOR XMAS SHOPPERS.</b> Boys' Suits from . . . \$2.98 to \$10.50 Boys' Overcoats from 3.75 to .11.00</p> <p><b>MEN'S OVERCOATS</b> \$28.00 for . . . . . \$22.00 22.00 for . . . . . 18.00 17.00 for . . . . . 13.00 14.00 for . . . . . 9.98 11.50 for . . . . . 7.98</p> <p><b>MEN'S RAINCOATS</b> \$15.00 for . . . . . \$11.98 12.00 for . . . . . 7.98 9.50 for . . . . . 5.98 6.50 for . . . . . 3.98</p> <p>Men's Black Rubber Raincoats worth \$5.50 for . . . . . \$2.98 Boys' Black Rubber Raincoats worth \$5.00 for . . . . . \$2.98</p>
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<p>Ladies' Sweaters from 98c to \$9.50 Girls' Sweaters from 75c to \$3.50 Ladies' Wool Gloves from . . . . . 25c. to 75c. Ladies' Kid Gloves from . . . . . 75c to \$1.50 Ladies' Silk Hose from 25c to \$1.00 Ladies' Curl Cloth Sets from \$2.98 to \$6.00 Ladies' Plush Cloth Sets from \$3.50 to \$7.50 Girls' Imitation Fur Sets from \$1.50 to \$3.75 Ladies' Velle Shirt Waists from \$1.00 to \$3.50 Ladies' Lawn Shirt Waists from 75c to \$2.50 Ladies' Silk Underskirts from \$2.50 to \$6.50 Ladies' Silk Waists from . . . . . \$1.25 to \$5.50 Ladies' Crepe de Chine Waists from . . . . . \$2.98 to \$4.00 Ladies' White Underskirts from 75c to \$4.50 Ladies' Corset Covers from . . . . . 25c to \$1.25 We have a full line of whitewear of all kinds put up in Xmas boxes. Ladies' Fancy Collars from 25c to \$1.75 Ladies' Silk and Linen Handkerchiefs put up in Xmas boxes.</p>	<p>Ladies' Suit Cases Ladies' Club Bags Ladies' Manicure Sets Ladies' Travelling Sets Ladies' Brush and Comb Sets Ladies' Jewel Cases Ladies' Jewel Boxes Ladies' Umbrellas from 75c to \$6.50 Ladies' SILK DRESSES from \$7.50 to \$14.00 Ladies' Serge Dresses from \$5.00 to \$12.00 Ladies' Velvet Dresses from \$8.50 to \$13.00 LADIES' SUITS from \$7.98 to \$22.00 LADIES' COATS from \$3.98 to \$25.00 Girls' Coats from \$1.98 to \$7.50 Ladies' White Dresses from \$2.98 to \$8.50 Girls' Dresses from 98c. to \$6.50 <b>SOMETHING FOR THE LITTLE ONES!</b> Teddy Bears, Dolls, Cannon Toys and Games, Poodle Dogs, Wool Sheep, Unbreakable Dolls, and lots of other fancy toys for the little ones.</p>
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**GIFTS TO BRITISH RED CROSS  
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Contributions received by His Honor the Lieutenant Governor from the people of New Brunswick, for the British Red Cross Society, towards their movement of October 21st last in aid of a fund for the relief of wounded soldiers and sailors.

City of St. John, per Mayor Frink (This includes \$1,000 contributed by the St. John Branch of the Red Cross Society, also St. George's Society, St. John, \$50; N. B. Graduate Nurses' Association, St. John, \$25, and Loyalist Chapter, I. O. D. E. St. John, \$25) .....	\$7,408.93
City of Fredericton, per I. O. D. E. .....	819.89
Provincial Red Cross Societies, through their treasurer, Lady Tilley .....	11.00
St. Andrew Sunday School, McKintyreville .....	5.00
Anaconda Ladies' Aid .....	17.25
Collection at Baptist church, St. Martins .....	5.10
Collection at Trinity church, St. Martins .....	206.00
Hartland Red Cross (including church col.) .....	13.50
Bellefleur Red Cross Aid .....	25.00
Sallsbury Red Cross .....	50.00
Honeydale Red Cross .....	32.30
River Road Red Cross, Woodstock .....	26.00
Bayside, Charlotte Co. .....	225.00
Tabusintac Red Cross Aid .....	560.00
Miltnow Red Cross .....	50.00
St. Andrews Red Cross .....	240.21
Woodstock Red Cross .....	106.00
Newcastle Red Cross .....	290.00
Jaquet River Red Cross .....	10.00
Passosag Red Cross .....	29.90
Chatham Red Cross (including church col.) .....	235.60
Oakville Red Cross Aid .....	48.00
Chipman Red Cross .....	65.25
Jacksonville Red Cross .....	40.00
Brockway Red Cross Aid .....	27.50
Bedell Branch Red Cross, Woodstock .....	29.50
Town Council, Sunny Brae Red Cross, Sunny Brae, Lewisville and Humphrey's Mills .....	55.00
Weston Red Cross .....	16.70
Grafton Red Cross Aid .....	82.25
Lindsay Red Cross Aid .....	47.40

Bala Verre Red Cross .....	12.00
Sussex Red Cross .....	445.00
Mt. Whately and Westmoreland Point Red Cross .....	10.00
Barnesville Red Cross .....	5.00
Gagetown Red Cross Aid .....	5.00
White Glen Red Cross Aid .....	20.25
Cambridge Red Cross .....	52.45
Debec Junction Red Cross .....	39.60
Burnt Church Red Cross .....	6.00
Smithtown Red Cross .....	10.00
Beaver Harbor Red Cross .....	30.00
Bloomfield Station and Central Norton Red Cross .....	31.00
Dorchester Red Cross (including church col.) .....	74.00
Minto and Newcastle Bridge Red Cross .....	35.00
Long Settlement and Good Corner Union R. C. Aid .....	16.85
Petitcodiac Red Cross (including church col.) .....	87.50
Apoahqui Red Cross Aid .....	20.40
River Charlo Red Cross .....	42.35
Kilburn Red Cross .....	25.00
Canterbury Red Cross .....	12.43
St. Marys Red Cross .....	20.00
Logisville Red Cross (including church col.) .....	105.62
Tower Hill Red Cross .....	25.00
Jacksonville Red Cross .....	15.00
Miss McCarthy, St. John .....	1.00
Parish of Hammond River .....	17.55
Welsford Tag Day .....	42.10
Rexton Red Cross Aid .....	15.80
Whitney, Stratham and South Oak Red Cross .....	57.00
Petitcodiac (to be added to former amount) .....	7.52
Sussex (to be added to former amount) .....	7.50
Posterville Red Cross .....	25.00
Campobello Red Cross Aid .....	41.00
Rothsay Red Cross, \$200, church col., \$120 .....	320.00
Baptist and Presbyterian Union S. S., Lakeville .....	3.00
Moncton Red Cross .....	300.00
Forest Glen Red Cross .....	6.00
Andover and Perth Red Cross .....	120.80
Plaster Rock Red Cross .....	50.00
St. Martins Red Cross .....	39.80
Pennfield .....	25.00
Hampton Red Cross .....	20.00
Shediac Red Cross .....	135.00
Aroostook Jct. Red Cross .....	22.50
Knoxford Patriotic Society .....	15.00
Pett Rocher Red Cross .....	50.00

Other contributions:

Proceeds of lecture in Fredericton by Rev. Alfred Hall	12.50
Pupils and teachers of Newcastle schools .....	20.20
Bathurst .....	458.24
Sackville .....	238.17
Edmundston Star Hall concert .....	75.50
Fort Moncton I. O. D. E. ...	25.90
Dalhousie Women's Institute	25.90
Grand Falls Women's Institute .....	162.58
A Friend .....	34.65
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>\$14,212.88</b>

Remitted to Marquis of Lansdowne, President British Red Cross Society—

On November 12th .....	\$2,000
On November 23th .....	1,000
On December 9th .....	50
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>\$3,050</b>

—Equalling \$14,212.88

**THE CANADIAN PATRIOTIC FUND**

Single payments: MacRae, Gertrude \$3.00; MacRae, Donald, Edith, George and Alexander, \$2.00; Brown, R. A. C. \$5.00; Wilcox, Mrs. Howard, 8 Birch Hill Road, Newtonville, Mass., \$50.00; proceeds of concert given by the young people of Albert Mines, Hillsborough, N. B., \$21.24.

Monthly subscriptions: MacIntyre, Adam P., \$5.00; Hurder, A. Scott, (two months), \$2.00; Drinan, H. S., (three months), \$6.00; Hunt, Donaldson (two months), \$4.00; Lee, John H., \$2.00; Magee, Miss M. O., \$5.00; St. John Railway Co., \$100.00; Bank of Commerce staff, \$3.50.

**LOCAL BOWLING**

In the City League on Black's alleys last night the Nationals won from the Tigers. The scores:

Tigers.	
Linnay .....	109 84 95 238-96
Bebera .....	83 85 93 271-90 1-3
Howard .....	97 101 95 293-97 2-3
Coughlan .....	93 96 103 255-97 1-3
Batley .....	89 89 86 255-85
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>472 455 472 1899</b>
Nationals.	
Olive .....	90 91 98 279-93
Gilmore .....	94 95 98 287-95 2-3
Moore .....	101 92 91 284-94 2-3
Howard .....	86 112 97 296-98 1-3
Cosgrove .....	92 125 94 311-103 2-3
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>463 535 478 1866</b>

Three points for Nationals, one for Tigers.

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**OBITUARY.**

The death occurred yesterday morning, at his home in Paddock street, of William M. Fraser after a short illness. He conducted a carriage manufacturing business in Brussels street for the last thirty-one years and was well known and respected. He was in the sixty-eighth year of his age, and is survived by his wife, two sons, William of Boston, and Ernest of Winnipeg, and one daughter, Mrs. Frank T. Coleman of this city. His funeral will take place on Saturday afternoon.

In London on Leave.

Recent callers at the office of the agent-general for New Brunswick, in London, include the following officers: A. Major, of St. John; Lieutenant D. H. Balmah, of Woodstock; Lieutenant, on leave from Bramshott, F. D. Foley, of St. John; and Lieutenant J. Findlay, of Montreal; Lieutenant J. Murray

Lamb, of St. John; Captain Herbert E. Thomas, of St. John, who is captain of the battalion; Lieutenant R. A. Major, of St. John; Lieutenant D. H. Balmah, of Woodstock; Lieutenant, on leave from Bramshott, F. D. Foley, of St. John; and Lieutenant E. B. McLean, 50th Battalion, of Moncton.

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**BARNESVILLE**

Barnesville, Dec. 20.—Mr. and Mrs. James Armstrong are rejoicing over a little son which arrived in their home on Sunday morning.

Miss Beatrice Reid, our popular teacher, held her semi-annual examination on the afternoon of last Thursday. The children were examined in all the branches taught in a country school. They acquitted themselves in such a manner that the teacher observes a great amount of praise. All are pleased to know that Miss Reid will take charge next term after spending the holidays with her mother in Uplam.

Miss Hattie Baxter, who has had charge of the school, Lake View, left on Saturday for her home, Lands End, Kings County.

Miss Lillian Curry of the King Edward School staff, St. John, is spending her vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Curry.

Miss Belle Kilpatrick, who has spent the year in Clover Hill, returned to her home on Saturday.

Miss Jennie B. Rodgers, who has been attending F. N. School arrived home on Friday and will spend the holidays with her mother, Mrs. Theresa Rodgers.

Mrs. Joseph McElhinney whose husband has been at the front, received word that he was dangerously wounded with no hopes of his recovery. His wife and three small children reside in this place.

**ST. GEORGE**

St. George, Dec. 21.—Miss Ella McVicar left on Thursday for Chicago where she will be engaged at her occupation as professional nurse.

Miss Laura Meating who has been attending the Edgell School, Windsor, arrived home on Thursday to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Robinson, Robinson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. S. McKay.

Mrs. Harold Lambert returned to her home in Lambertville, N. B., on Monday, having been called here a few weeks ago on account of the illness of her sister, Mrs. G. E. McCaffery.

Mr. George Bothwick, after an absence of six years, is visiting his sister, Mrs. John Little.

Mr. Nicholas Melting left for Moncton on Wednesday where he will be employed during the winter.

Among the recent holiday arrivals are the Misses Agnes Crickard, Margaret Duffy, Helen Grearson, and Mr. Joseph C. Spear.

The members of the St. George L. O. Lodge invited a few friends to witness the installation of officers on Monday, Dec. 20th. Following installation some excellent addresses were made, after which refreshments were served.

**GREAT BRITAIN PERMITS SHIPMENT OF LOGWOOD TO U. S. FROM JAMAICA**

Washington, Dec. 22.—In notifying the State Department that Great Britain would permit the immediate shipment of 4,700 tons of log wood dyestuffs, from Jamaica to the United States, the British embassy has indicated that the shortage of the extract of log wood in Canada must be relieved as a condition of the embargo's modification. In addition, it appears that there is contemplated a much larger movement of this important dye base under certain restrictions.

"It is hoped that the shortage of dyestuffs in Great Britain will shortly be met, when the issue of licenses in Jamaica will be renewed, provided that reasonable margin is left in the island for any emergency that may arise," reads a note from Sir Edward Grey, transmitted today to the State Department.

**MUCH ADLER-IKA USED IN ST. JOHN.**

It is reported by J. B. Mahony that much Adler-Ika is sold in St. John. People have found out that ONE SPOONFUL of this simple buckthorn bark and glycerine mixture relieves almost ANY CASE of constipation, sour or gassy stomach. It is so powerful that it is used successfully in appendicitis. ONE MINUTE after you take the glasses rumble and pass out. It is perfectly safe to use and cannot grip.

Orders will be received up to and including 30th December, 1918, for the Bluff and Weir fishing privileges, Binali Shore, from 1st January, 1919, to 1st December, 1919. Terms cash on acceptance of tender. Highest or any bidder not necessarily accepted. Tenders addressed A. O. H. Wilson, Chesley street.



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KIDNEY DISEASE WAS KILLING HIM

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Hagerstown, Ont., Aug. 6th, 1913.
"About two years ago, I found my health in a very bad state. My kidneys were not doing their work and I was all run-down conditions. Having seen 'Fruit-a-tives' advertised, I decided to try them. Their action was mild, and the result all that could be expected.

My kidneys resumed their normal action after I had taken upwards of a dozen boxes, and I regained my old-time vitality. Today, I am as well as ever."

Hotel Arrivals.
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J. M. Lyons, Montreal; G. E. Halfpenny, Sister C. A. M. G. Orlawa; P. Patterson, Capt. J. O'Grady, Lanark, Newfoundland; J. W. Margeson, Capt. Bridgetown; A. B. Connell, Woodstock; J. A. Morrison and wife, J. H. Crockett, A. B. Wilmut, Fredericton; S. Phillips; Miss A. C. Ostry; A. G. Robinson and wife, Boston; Mrs. A. R. Verill, Portland; L. F. Moore, Montreal; J. H. Westerman, J. G. O'Brien, D. P. Malcolm, Boston; T. H. Harrison, Providence; S. F. McKenna, Victoria; F. Collins, Glasgow; W. G. White, Bathurst; A. S. White and wife, Sussex; A. H. Webb, Halifax; S. W. Burgess and wife, Montreal; W. R. Vinnias, Toronto; H. S. Patton and wife, Pittsburg; J. A. Patton and wife, Medicine Hat; W. U. Homfray, C. R. Margaret L. Corbett, Dennis Corner; J. V. Erb, Gagetown; Miss Sprague, Seckville; Mrs. G. W. Fowler, Miss Fowler, Sussex; D. H. McLean, Sydney; W. W. Moore, Ottawa; B. M. Payne, P. M. Phannery, B. B. McDonald, P. M. Dayton, Montreal; A. H. Rider, Exeter; T. Tracey, Boston; J. T. Halliday, Truro; N. Renton, Montreal.

El Paso, Texas, Dec. 22.—Francisco Villa has agreed to come to the United States but will not pass through Juarez, according to Gen. Manuel Blandin. This information was contained in a statement by Bands made at the conclusion of a conference of former Villa officers today in Juarez.

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Mr. George Bothwick, after an absence of six years, is visiting his sister, Mrs. John Little.

Among the recent holiday arrivals are the Misses Agnes Crickard, Margaret Duffy, Helen Greason, and Mr. Joseph C. Spear.

Washington, Dec. 22.—In notifying the State Department that Great Britain would permit the immediate shipment of 4,700 tons of log wood dyestuffs, from Jamaica to the United States, the British embassy has indicated that the shortage of the extract of log wood in Canada must be relieved as a condition of the embargo's modification.

MUCH ADLER-KA USED IN ST. JOHN.
It is reported by J. B. Mahony that much Adler-Ka is sold in St. John.

Tenders will be received up to and including 30th December, 1915, for the Bluff and Well fishing privileges, Strath Shore, from 1st January, 1916, to 1st December, 1916.

Headquarters for Horse Blankets, Fur Robes, Harness, Horse Clippers and Horse Furnishing Goods
Power Horse Clippers from \$9.50 to \$15.00 each
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Sleigh Heaters from 1.75 upwards
Lined and Unlined Mitts and Gloves
to clear .25 to 1.25 pair
Shawl Belts, Nickel Plated .50 to 3.50 pair
Body Belts .125 to 3.25 each
Back Belts, Nickel Plated, 50c. to \$1.00 each; Nickel Mounted Driving Harness, 12.50 set, upwards; Orelide and Rubber Mounted Driving Harness, \$18.00 set, upwards. Also a full line of Horse Furnishing Goods which we are offering at Lowest Prices.

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Public Notice

Tenders for the construction of the uncompleted sections of the Saint John and Quebec Railway.
Tenders, addressed to the undersigned, will be received for the construction and equipment (without rolling stock) of the uncompleted sections of the line of the Saint John and Quebec Railway Company, in the Province of New Brunswick, at the office of the Company, Fredericton, N. B., up to twelve o'clock noon on Thursday, the thirtieth day of December, instant. Plans, profiles and specifications may be seen at the office of the Company, Fredericton, N. B. Tenders are to state the cost per mile for a complete line of railway, without rolling stock, ready in every respect for operation by the Lessee in accordance with the said plans, profiles and specifications. Tenders are to be accompanied by a certified cheque on a chartered bank, payable to the order of the Company, or cash deposit, in the sum equal to five per centum of the amount of the tender, and in case of non-acceptance of any tender, said cheque or deposit so accompanying such unaccepted tender will be returned to the tenderer. In case of the acceptance of any tender said cheque or deposit will be retained as a guarantee for the due completion of the contract. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

THE UNDERSIGNED having been appointed by the Common Council of the City of Saint John a committee of the said Council for conducting the sale of the Fisheries for the ensuing year, pursuant to law, hereby give notice that certain Fishery Lots along the Eastern side of the Bay and Harbor, heretofore enjoyed and possessed by the inhabitants on the East side of the Harbor, with those in and surrounding Navy Island, and also certain Fishery Lots on the Western side of the Harbor, will be sold at Public Auction on TUESDAY, the FOURTH DAY OF JANUARY NEXT, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at the Court House, in the City of Saint John, for the fishing season of the ensuing year, to end on the 15th day of December, 1916.

James V. Russell, James H. Frink, Harry R. McEellan, Rupert W. Wigmore, Frank L. Potts.

SYNOPSIS OF CANADIAN NORTH-WEST LAND REGULATIONS
The sole head of a family, or any male over 17 years of age, may homestead a quarter-section of available Dominion land in the Territories, Saskatchewan, Alberta, and the Northwest Territories, in person at the Dominion Land Office, or by proxy (but not Sub-Agent), on certain conditions.

SYNOPSIS OF COAL MINING REGULATIONS
Coal mining rights of the Dominion, in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, the Yukon Territory, the Northwest Territories and in a portion of the Province of British Columbia, may be leased for a term of twenty-one years renewable for a further term of 21 years at an annual rental of \$1 an acre. Not more than 2,500 acres will be leased to one applicant.

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REWARD
A suitable reward will be paid for any information leading to the discovery of the whereabouts of MR. A. B. SMALLEY who was last seen on the evening of December 10th, 1915.

Wanted.
MAN WANTED for refreshment counter at Y. M. C. A. quarters, Armo. One who can cook preferred.

Wanted.
Wanted—A capable woman wants to buy or rent a small place at some of the summer resorts along the St. John River, where she can sell home-made cooking to the cottagers. Address E. L., care of Standard office.

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Wanted—Second Class Teacher for School District No. 2, New Horton, Albert Co. Apply stating salary to Willard Wilbur, Sr.

Wanted.
Wanted—Superintendent of Agencies and Agents for well established Life Insurance Company. Apply stating qualifications to Box "N" St. John, N. B.

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Wanted—One Second Class Teacher for the Primary Department of Jaquet River School. Apply stating salary, to W. E. Lutes, Secretary.

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Partition Sale.
Pursuant to a decree of the Supreme Court, Chancery Division, made in an action between Henry B. Peck and others, plaintiffs; and Frank McHugh and others, defendants, for the partition of the land and premises in the said decree mentioned, and fully described and being the lands and premises hereinafter referred to, there is offered for sale with the approval of Edward T. C. Knowles, Esquire, a Master of the Supreme Court, at Chubb's Corner (so called) being the northwesterly corner of Prince William and Princess Streets, in the said City of Saint John, at twelve o'clock noon on Saturday, the twentieth day of January, A. D. 1916, all that lot of land situate in the Parish of Simonds in the City and County of Saint John, being that portion of Lot No. 1 on plan 2 of the partition of land between the children of the late Honorable William Hague, on file in the Registry Office of said City and County, conveyed by Edward McWilliams to Hugh McHugh by deed dated April 15, 1875, and registered in Book F. No. 7 at page 98 of Records in said Registry Office, and bounded and described as follows: "Commencing at a point on the Loch Lomond Road, in the said parish on the division line between lots No. 1 (one) and (2) two named in the said plan, thence by the said line South thirteen degrees, and thirty minutes East, fourteen chains and seven-eighths links more or less, thence at right angles in a Westerly direction until it strikes the line parallel to the dividing line between lots No. one and two ten (10) chains more or less and thence North thirteen degrees, and thirty minutes West by the magnet of 1824, fourteen chains and seven-eighths links more or less, or until it strikes the said Loch Lomond Road, thence by said Road East ten chains more or less to the place of beginning containing by estimation fourteen and three quarters acres, more or less."

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## THE CHANDLER REPORTS

The Standard, this morning, devotes considerable space to the publication of the reports submitted by Commissioner W. B. Chandler, K. C., following his enquiries into charges and allegations made by Peter J. Veniot in connection with certain small public undertakings in Gloucester county. The reports are lengthy and comprehensive, and the Commissioner has evidently gone very thoroughly into all phases of the work entrusted to him.

Commissioner Chandler was appointed by Premier Clarke to investigate the charges referred to and opened his court for that purpose in the city of Fredericton on Thursday, March 11th, of this year. Although notice of the opening of the court had been published Mr. Veniot was not on hand to lay his formal charges, nor was there any one present representing him. In order, however, that he might have full and complete opportunity the Commissioner adjourned his court for a few days to permit of the production of any and all charges and the evidence supporting them. There was no desire, no wish to exclude anything that might bear on the administration of public affairs and, in fact, the position of the Premier and his colleagues was well set forth by the Attorney General when, at the opening of the court, he said: "If there is anything wrong we want it made right; if there is anything rotten we want it cleaned out."

It was on such lines that the investigation was conducted and the result is told in the report published this morning.

Mr. Veniot, in his charges, alleged eleven cases in which he effected misappropriation or careless expenditure of public money. These were probed to the bottom, and after prolonged investigation, and the production of every atom of evidence that enemies of the Government could bring forward, the Commissioner's reports show the total amount of money involved to be about \$1,500. Even that sum does not represent a loss, for it is made up of smaller amounts and the Commissioner's expressed opinion is that for most of these the people got value.

In this connection it is interesting to note that in his very first report the Commissioner says: "At the outset of my investigation I made some enquiries into the operations of the Department of Public Works, of Lands and Mines, of Agriculture and of the Provincial Secretary-Treasurer of the Province of New Brunswick, and into the operations of the said Departments, but I could not find any instances of inefficiency, incapacity, irregularity, dishonesty or wrong-doing on the part of any inside official or employee of the said Departments or in the administration of these branches of the public service, with one exception." In reference to the single exception the Commissioner reports that it had to do with suggestions for increasing the efficiency of the staff and on investigation he found that some of these had already received attention from Premier Clarke while others were under consideration. No cases of dishonesty or wrong-doing had come under his notice.

Space in this column will not permit of detailed treatment of all the charges, but the report, published in full elsewhere in this issue, speaks for itself and the Commissioner's findings are sufficient to show the trivial character of most of the matters investigated. It will be readily noted that some of the transactions complained of by Mr. Veniot and which were thoroughly investigated at his request, date back to 1909. These have already been exploited by him or by other opposition speakers in their efforts to make capital against the Government. The Edward Grouard matter, for instance was discussed during the 1912 election campaign from every platform in Kent county where Mr. Veniot or his friends spoke. Tilmon Grouard, the lad in whose favor a questioned pay-check was drawn, was used as a prize exhibit by opposition speakers at many of their meetings, but the election returns from Kent county will show how lightly the people who were familiar with the case regarded the allegations of wrong-doing.

Enemies of Mr. Sheridan can also make but little capital out of the single case against him. Mr. Sheridan had ceased to be a member of the legislature before the report was handed in. The most exciting episode

in reading the Commissioner's finding in this case is forced to the belief that Mr. Sheridan gave full value for all the money he received, although in taking payment at all for public work he violated the Independence of Parliament Act. The amount involved is very small and the case casts the only shadow on an honorable and singularly useful public career. In comparison, however, with supporters of the Pugsley-Robinson plunderbund who sat in the Legislature while actually in receipt of annual salaries from the Provincial Exchequer for other duties, Mr. Sheridan's case cannot by contrast be severely criticized.

In some of the Gloucester county cases where accounts for public work appeared to be excessive the department withheld payment until they were investigated, and then only legitimate claims were paid, so the province lost no money. In other cases accounts were considerably mixed but the most careful investigation failed to reveal that the sums claimed did not represent material or labor actually put into some public work and for which the people received value; that such accounts were in some cases incorrectly charged, or charged to the wrong work was due, as the Commissioner plainly states, to "incompetence," even in one case to "stupidity" on the part of minor officials locally appointed, but in no case was fraudulent intent shown. None of the cases represent work undertaken or performed during Premier Clarke's term of office and the whole report from one end to the other absolutely fails to show one item of complaint or one shadow of suspicion of any work undertaken under his leadership.

The transactions involving A. J. H. Stewart, whether these occurred prior to his election to the legislature—in 1912—or the single instance occurring since, show the need of taking precautions, particularly in connection with the business of the Farm Settlement Board, which will prevent a recurrence of such cases. This, it is safe to say, will be attended to.

As to the Shippegan Road; this is a much needed and useful public work which has been greatly appreciated by the residents of that locality. The member by whose orders that expenditure was incurred, merely did on a larger scale what had been done frequently by other members under past governments. The finding of Commissioner Chandler that any system of road expenditure except under the direct control of the Department of Public Works would be impracticable and dangerous will commend itself to popular support. In the case of this road, however, the department refused to pay any portion of the expenditure until after a thorough investigation had been conducted and then paid only fair claims. As a result the province has lost nothing, the people have received a good road and the public may rest assured that in future no representative of any constituency will risk a repetition of such irregularities.

Taken in its entirety, and placing the worst possible construction on all the cases investigated, the report of Commissioner Chandler cannot but be a severe disappointment to Mr. Veniot, Mr. Carter, Mr. Carvell and others who have gone up and down the country accusing the Provincial Government and every member of it of graft and corruption, when, as a matter of absolute verity there existed not the slightest reason or excuse for such an outcry. Traducers of the members of the local Government have been particularly venomous and reckless in their attacks. The Chandler report is their answer. The Premier and every member of his Government emerge from the testing with flying colors. There has been no graft, no wrong-doing and out of an annual expenditure running from a million to a million and a half dollars extending over several years the total sum involved in the eleven cases investigated by Mr. Chandler is scarcely large enough to pay the expenses of the investigating commission, and not as large as members of the old Governments prior to 1908 frequently absorbed in one gulp in the way of padded travelling accounts or junkets to England or by other methods too numerous to mention.

What few irregularities have been shown in connection with public work have been confined to two counties and as practically every page of the report declares were due to lack of knowledge on the part of local employees and in no case was there a fraudulent intent. Whatever action may be deemed necessary in the premises it is to be assumed will be taken. The Commissioner makes no recommendations but the record and character of the Premier and the members of his Government are sufficient guarantee that the administration of provincial affairs will be continued as it has been and is—absolutely fearless and clean—and whoever contravenes the principles of decent public life will receive no countenance from the Premier and his administration.

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## KINGS COUNTY MAN APPOINTED

### B. W. Sherwood appointed Assistant Accountant in the House of Commons.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Dec. 22.—An order in council has been passed appointing B. W. Sherwood, of the auditor general's branch, to the position of assistant accountant in the House of Commons. The vacancy was caused by the superannuation of Mr. Chamberlain and the promotion of D. W. Cameron to the position of accountant. Mr. Sherwood, who is a native of Kings County, New Brunswick, has been for many years a well known civil servant and his promotion to the important position of assistant accountant in the House of Commons is well received in all quarters. He assumed his new duties on December 15.

## SEVERAL RIOTERS ORDERED SHOT

### American troops ordered to return shoot back if more firing done from across Mexican Border.

Washington, Dec. 22.—American troops at El Paso, the war department announced today, have been given orders to "return vigorously any further deliberate firing" from the Mexican side of the border. General Pershing, in command at El Paso, has reported that the firing which resulted yesterday in the death of an American car inspector, was the deliberate act of a squad of Mexicans who appeared half a mile east of the international bridge. American troops, the report added, were covering the whole river front. During the rioting in Juarez, the report added, there had been little firing and none towards the American side. Gen. Avila, who was in charge of the troops in Juarez, ordered several of the rioters shot, according to the military reports from the border.

## THIS IS WHAT KILLS THE KAISER

London, Dec. 22.—An official message received here today from Berlin announcing Emperor William's illness, gives the ailment as "selfeigebenzuehung," more frequently given as "bindegewebeentuehung." An authoritative medical publication gives the term "cellulitis" and describes it as follows: "Inflammation of cellular or loose connective tissue, chiefly subcutaneous, but also of that between muscles and viscera, or surrounding various organs. It is characterized by the same spreading or atonic character as erysipelas, and is circumscribed or diffuse. The swelling is marked early by branching lines of lymphangitis. Pain is tensile and great, and the absorbent glands and vessels are often inflamed. Constitutional symptoms are grave. The disease is often mild in degree, and the lymphatics may dispose of the poison and suppuration fail to occur."

## LOOKING FOR WORK

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BY LEE PAPE. We had a lemmie merrang pie for dinner last night, being my favorite dinner and ma gave me a pritty big piece and I ate it and scraped the sticky stuff aw' of the saucer, saying, Ma, can I have another piece of lemmie merrang pie. No, you had a big piece, to match isent good for you, sed ma. 2 peeces aint to much, I sed. You had enuff, sed ma. No mam, I didnt, ma, because ill tell you wy, I sed. Wy, sed ma. Because I didnt eat much suppr tonite, I sed. Well if you dont call 3 heilings of errything and about 5 slices of bred much suppr, I woodent want to see you eat much suppr, no, youve had enuff pie, do you want to make yourself sick, sed ma. That aint the ony resin, theres another resin, I dropped sum of my pie aw' the floor, I sed. With I did, being a littel pece of crust, and ma sed, Well you picked it up agin, didnt you, I saw you pick it up. Yes mam, I sed. Thes wats that got to do with it, sed ma. That aint the oay resin aither, I got another resin, its the best pie you ever made, I sed. O, I suppose ill haff to give in to the boy or ill not have any pece all nite, sed ma. And she cut me aw' another big pece and I ate it, aong I didnt have much chane of getting any moar, no mattir wat resin I had.

## FIND MISSING LINK IN CASE AGAINST HAMBURG LINE

### Night Watchman arrested as fellow conspirator of Koenig in plot to blow up Welland Canal.

New York, Dec. 22.—The arrest today of Edmund Justice, a night watchman of the Hamburg-American Steamship Company, was declared by federal officials to supply the "missing link" in a chain of evidence proving that the steamship company was the financial agent of the German government in various plots against American neutrality, alleged to have been uncovered by the department of justice.

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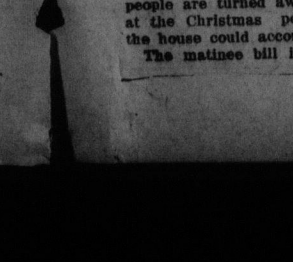
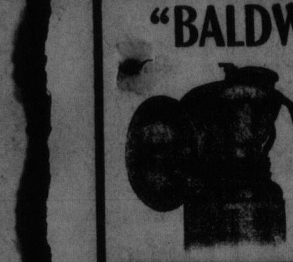
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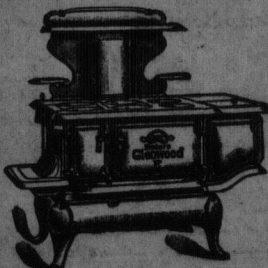
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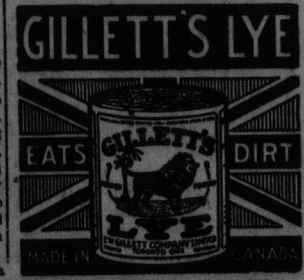
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comedy and in the evening the great English war play, The Spy in the House. Phone Main 1563 for your seats, and do it now.



BILL TO EXTEND PARLIAMENTARY TERM PASSES

Attempt to bring in amendment burying the Plurality Voting Bill is withdrawn.

London, Dec. 22—The House of Commons today passed the bill prolonging the life of the present parliament.

An attempt was made to introduce an amendment, the effect of which would be to bury the plurality voting bill, but on the plea of Mr. Bonar Law, secretary for the colonies, the motion was withdrawn. The bill was passed without division.

Replying to an enquiry from Sir Alfred Moritz Mond, as to whether the whole 3,000,000 of men previously authorized has been recruited, Harold J. Tennant, parliamentary under secretary of war, said in behalf of the government in the House of Commons today that he believed the government was still "on the safe side; that is, we have not yet broken the law by recruiting beyond the authorized limit."

"I state this as my belief," he added, "although I would not really like to swear to it."

Mr. Tennant was also asked how great a reserve was necessary to keep the army in the field up to its proper strength. He replied:

"For every man we keep abroad we ought to have at home in reserve 1.5, this being a year's supply of men at a monthly wastage of fifteen per cent."

Report on Derby Campaign After Year

Apparently there is no prospect of the Earl of Derby's recruiting campaign becoming known until parliament reassembles on January 4.

Lord Derby's report was under consideration by the cabinet today but Premier Asquith told the House of Commons that he would be unable to make a statement regarding it before adjournment tomorrow, and adding that the information would first be given in parliament.

The army bill increasing the British army to 4,000,000 men was passed in the session, after a fourteen hour sitting. The debate on this bill today prior to its final passage, was brief and without feature, its opponents all having sufficiently aired their views during the committee stage.

The newly authorized army, H. J. Tennant, parliamentary under secretary of the war office, stated to the house tonight, is the largest army ever raised in this country. Mr. Tennant gave interesting figures on the large reserve requirements of the army under modern war conditions, saying that it was necessary to have at home in reserve 1.8 men for every soldier in the field. This estimate was based on the monthly wastage of fifteen per cent, which was the experience of the first year of the war. Thus, the army of 1,250,000, which figures were given by Premier Asquith yesterday as the present British force abroad, required 2,500,000 reserves in training at home, or a total of 3,500,000, necessary for the prosecution of the war on the present basis for one year.

Mr. Tennant regretted that he was unable, in any way, to anticipate the premier's statement as to the numbers enrolled under Lord Derby's scheme. He said he could only share the hope of the members that the number of young unmarried men who failed to enroll was a negligible quantity, but he added:

"I believe that the great majority of the members of parliament, as well as the people of the country, are prepared to support whatever is recommended by the government, and if, it is found necessary to resort to conscription, the government will have the great bulk of the country behind it."

Premier Asquith announced earlier in the day that the report on the Derby scheme will be made to parliament immediately after the holiday recess.

Full of Natural Flavor—BRAYLEY'S FLAVORING EXTRACTS.

EXTRA MONEY FOR SOLDIERS CHRISTMAS

Twenty-five cents for every soldier in Canada and abroad, Sir Sam Hughes announces.

Ottawa, Dec. 22—The minister of militia today announced an extra allowance of twenty-five cents per man to every soldier in Canada and abroad this Christmas. Instructions to this effect have been sent to all paymasters. The money will be expended to provide a Christmas dinner for every soldier.

Recruiting Engagements

THURSDAY EVENING, Dec. 23rd, Temperance Hall, West St. John, eight p.m. Chairman Capt. A. J. Mulcahy. Speakers Rev. G. F. Scovill, Edward Sears. Special music. EVERY NIGHT (except Sunday) Recruiting office open, corner Mill and Union streets. GO AND ENLIST. NEW YEAR'S DAY—Grand Demonstration for 115th Battalion (afternoon). Speeches at Armory at close. SUNDAY, JANUARY 2, 1916—Special Day of Intercession in all churches. SUNDAY, JANUARY 9, 1916—Soldiers' Memorial Day. Special services in all city churches in evening.

God Save The King

CHANDLER COMMISSION REPORTS ON THE CHARGES LAID BY P. J. VENIOT

Continued from page one.

The Stewart Lumber License. In this case Mr. Veniot claimed that railway ties and logs had been cut on a block of Crown Land held under license by A. J. H. Stewart and that no stumpage had been paid. The Commissioner found that Mr. Stewart's operations had not been very extensive and the amount due the province for stumpage would not be more than \$400 or \$500. He censured Mr. Stewart for his failure to pay stumpage claims, but made no recommendation as to action.

Nepisiquit Steel Bridge.

In this case it was found that Frank Robinson had received \$25 in payment for twenty-five yards of stone at \$1 per yard. Robinson stated that he had supplied no stone to the bridge, but that he had a claim against the Department of Public Works for damage to his property and stone hauled off his yard and used in another bridge. This claim he settled with A. J. H. Stewart and the account for stone was put in to the department in order that Stewart might recoup himself. Mr. Stewart endorsed the cheque and signed Robinson's name with an "X." This action was authorized by Robinson. The Commissioner found that the estimate of damage to Robinson's land was excessive and that the settlement of the account by Stewart was irregular.

Ruisseau Caribou Bridge.

The charge in this matter was that Pierre F. Boudreau had been paid \$42 in January, 1914, for lumber to be supplied to the bridge and that the lumber in his finding stated that he was not satisfied that the timber referred to had been actually used in the bridge. An amount of \$25.00 paid to one Antoine Chasson, covers work done by Chasson and three others. The transaction was found by the Commissioner to be "stupid and unnecessary," but not fraudulent.

Edward Dempsey Bridge.

In this case it was charged that no value was received for the sum of \$131 paid to Edward Jennings by cheque dated February 22nd, 1910. It appeared from the evidence that the sum covered material supplied to other smaller bridges instead of the Dempsey Bridge, and that the accounts were mixed and confused. It was not clear to the Commissioner that full value had been rendered for the account.

Little Buctouche Bridge.

This bridge is in Kent county and the accounts complained of date back to 1910. The Commissioner found that the accounts were mixed and work done by some persons had been charged for under other names. Value was given for some of the accounts complained of, and while the transac-

tion was not regular, the amounts involved were small.

MacLean Settlement Bridge.

In this case it was charged that a cheque was issued to a son of Edward Girouard for work actually done in work done on the bridge and that such work was not performed. The boy at the time was ten years of age. The transaction complained of occurred in 1911 and the amount involved was \$28.87. The proceeds of the cheque were paid to the lad's father.

It was claimed in defence that the cheque was drawn to pay Edward Girouard for work actually done in 1911 and for which he had not been paid as the result of an oversight. The Commissioner suggested that Edward Girouard be compelled to make restitution of the amount named.

Asbarre Ruisseau Bridge.

In this case the Commissioner found that the charges were not founded and that good value had been given for all moneys received. St. Simon and McIntosh Cove Bridges. Mr. Veniot asked for an inquiry into the procuring of cedar timber for these bridges. The Commissioner found that the accounts complained of had already been the subject of an investigation by the Department of Public Works and that only correct and legitimate claims had been paid.

Gloucester County Roads.

In this case it was charged that the expenditure on the Lemeque Road, Gloucester County, had been undertaken without the authority of the Department of Public Works. Martin F. Gobichaud admitted that he had not been empowered to contract the expenditure. The commissioner found that the work had been well done and necessary, but that there was some extravagance. As the work was unauthorized the department has not paid the bills and no money has been lost.

Farm Settlement.

In this case A. J. H. Stewart is charged with purchasing farm property for \$1,200 and selling it to the Farm Settlement Board for \$1,500, the board re-selling at the same sum to the four sons of W. R. Knowles. The property was said to be well worth \$2,000. The commissioner found that the board lost no money and that no official had knowledge that Stewart originally purchased at a lower figure than he sold to the board. The commissioner found that "Mr. Stewart's conduct throughout this transaction was reprehensible and altogether unworthy of a man occupying the position of a public representative."

The reports are published in full on pages 10 and 11.

ALL FED PLAYERS REINSTATED BY PEACE TREATY

Cincinnati, Ohio, Dec. 22—Probably the most disastrous war that the baseball game has ever experienced came to a close here tonight, when a treaty of peace between the Federal League and both parties to the National baseball agreement, better known as organized baseball, was signed.

Two major league clubs will change hands as the result of the bringing about of peace, and two new faces will be seen among major league magnates in the future, Charles Weeghman, who has been president of the Chicago Federal League Club, will purchase the controlling interest in the Chicago National League team from Charles P. Taft, of Cincinnati. Phil Ball and his associates, who were connected with the St. Louis Federal League team, gain control of the St. Louis American League Club.

The agreement gives immunity to all men who have jumped their contracts from both the major and minor leagues of organized baseball, as well as all other Federal League players. All of them have been reinstated or made eligible to organized baseball.

POLICE ON LOOKOUT FOR MISSING MAN

Searching for Soldier who mysteriously disappeared from Bramshot Camp and who may be victim mentioned by officer charged with murder.

London, Dec. 22—(Gazette cable)—The Hampshire county police are now investigating the mysterious disappearance of a Canadian soldier from Bramshot Camp, and it is possible that the case may have an intimate connection with the murder of Sergt. Ozanne, with which Lieut. George Coderre, of Sherbrooke, is charged. At the Osanne inquest, the orderly Keller testified that Coderre used these words: "Don't speak, Joe; I have just killed a man. I killed that man because there was only him that saw me kill Assommer, a man I was afraid to pass a court martial."

This statement, rendered in Quebec French at the inquest, puzzled the interpreter, but was ultimately interpreted as an admission on Coderre's part to Keller that he had killed Osanne because the latter saw him kill another man.

The name of the missing man for whom the police are searching has not been divulged, but the Gazette understands that he was connected with the canteen as the dead sergeant.

As supporting the possible plea of insanity in Coderre's defence, it is learned that he was in a motor accident at Valcartier, when his injuries were such as to unbalance his mind for two days.

Mrs. Coderre visited her husband in jail last Saturday, when the prisoner avoided all reference to the tragedy.

In a telegram, which he despatched to London, Coderre seemed to take it for granted that he would be released this week.

Mrs. Coderre will sail for Canada next week. Lieut. Col. Archambault, Major Lalliberte (second in command) and Major Hughes, of the 41st, are all on leave of absence.



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# FIRE LAST NIGHT DID \$150,000 DAMAGE TO MARKET SQUARE BLOCK OF W. H. THORNE & CO.

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At the word "Go," the two Scouts next the reels snatch their own reel and pass it to the boy next to them, and so on right down the row, the last boy bangs the reel on the other stool and passes it back down the row again. When the first boy receives his reel back, he bangs it on the stool and then holds it up at arms' length. The game is won by the quickest side.

Two rules must be observed—(1) If the reel is dropped it must start again from the end from which it was travelling. (2) The reel must be taken by each boy's right hand—no "skipping over."

**Most Spectacular Fire in Years—Explosion of Thousands of Cartridges Added Terrifying Element to Roar of Flames—One Building Guttled from Third Floor to Roof—Upper Building Slightly Burned and Very Valuable Stock Heavily Damaged by Fire and Water—Firemen Fought Against Difficulties but Confined Blaze to Thorne Stores—Damage \$150,000 with Insurance of \$250,000 to \$200,000.**

The brick block on Market Square, occupied by W. H. Thorne and Company Limited, was the scene last night of the most spectacular fire St. John has had for many years. As the net result the third, fourth and fifth floors of the lower building, nearest to King street have been reduced to a shell, the roof has been burned off and the valuable stock consumed. The lower part of the building is blocked with debris and very heavy loss has been occasioned. The upper building is somewhat damaged. The estimated total damage is \$150,000 while the insurance is between \$250,000 and \$300,000. No accidents occurred during the fire and the water pressure was good.

For more than two hours, last night, the St. John fire department battled with the fiercest blaze it has had to contend against for a long time. Shortly before ten o'clock a citizen passing along Market Square noticed a ruddy gleam from the third floor of the lower building occupied by W. H. Thorne & Company, Limited. He at once sent in an alarm from box 6 and the fire department responded at once.

The fire had gained headway before being discovered and soon the upper part of the big building was wrapped in vicious flames which shot above the roof and far into the sky, at the same time illuminating Market Square with a radiance as of daylight.

**Where It Started**

The fire started on the third floor of the lower Thorne building, nearest to King street, in the portion occupied as the packing and shipping room. It was discovered by J. G. Harrison who, just before the hour of closing, had occasion to go to the office and noticed that the fire door on that floor between the upper and lower buildings, was not tightly closed. He went to close it when he saw the reflection from the blaze in the packing room. He then opened the door to investigate and was met by a great rush of smoke and a blast of heat. Looking through the door-way he saw the fire blazing in the packing room and at once telephoned a still alarm to No. 3 Fire Station.

By that time the reflection of the blaze was visible on Market Square and an alarm had already been sent from Box 6.

**Progress of the Flames**

From the packing room where it started, the blaze worked up to and through three floors to the roof, which was so badly burned that it finally collapsed. The top floor contained the ammunition department, in which was a heavy stock of loaded shells. When the flames reached there was a succession of detonations, alarming in sound but carrying little or no actual danger to the thousands of people who had gathered in the Market Square and converging streets. The fire also worked its way in through the fire doorways on the third floor into the upper building but was confined to the vicinity of those doors except where it ran up the elevator shaft and in along the roof of the upper building, doing damage to the roof timbers.

**Terrifying Element**

As the blaze worked its way up from the floor of its origin and reached the floor where ammunition, shells and firearms were kept the sharp crack of rifle and revolver cartridges and shells added a weird and terrifying element, and the thousands of spectators on the square pictured to themselves what might happen if the blaze should reach a powder keg. Fears of the sort were groundless, however, for no powder was kept in the building, that being stored in a special warehouse.

The fire had evidently been burning for some time, but while the lower stores were thronged with customers there was no word of anything wrong. After the last customer had departed and the clerks were preparing to close the word spread and in a very short time the upper portion of the big building was in flames. From that time until after midnight the firemen worked valiantly, first to save the building itself and then, when this was found to be beyond possibility to keep the blaze from spreading to other buildings in the vicinity. In this they were successful, for although the Thorne establishment is in the very centre of the business district, where a fire once gaining headway could do incalculable damage no other firms were inconvenienced.

**How the Fire was Fought**

The fire department was quickly on the scene at the alarm and when the magnitude of the conflagration became apparent additional apparatus was summoned. The motor engine was stationed near the fountain in the Market Square and threw three powerful streams into the burning building. Number 3 engine was at the Western Union corner and worked with three streams. Number 1 was stationed at the Bank of Montreal corner working with two streams. Number 4 engine, from the City Road house, took up a position in front of Manchester Robertson and Allison's establishment on King street working with two streams. Hose from Number 3 cart, with Monitor nozzle was in front of the building and worked three streams. The aerial truck was also in front of the building and from this a deluge of water was poured into the burning structure.

**Firemen's Good Work**

The firemen were successful in confining the conflagration to the buildings of the Thorne Company, although for a time it was feared that the building adjoining on the lower side occupied by Cowie & Edwards and the Western Union Telegraph Company's building on the corner of King and Prince William streets would catch. Fear was also expressed for the safety of the Montgomery building on King street in which the silverware, fine cutlery and cut glass were kept as well as the special stock of Christmas goods. This, however, escaped damage. Slight water damage was done to some of the stock of T. McAvity & Sons, Ltd.

**Its Origin a Mystery**

"I have no idea how the fire could have started, and indeed know of no excuse or reason for it," said J. G. Harrison of the Thorne firm at midnight. "We have taken all precautions against a fire in any of our stores and have our own protective service. The fire doors on each floor are always kept tightly closed, but in this case one was slightly open. It was well that it was so, for had it been otherwise the fire would have escaped my notice and might have gained even greater headway. As it was, it must have been burning for some little time before I saw it. At first I thought it was from a light in another part of the building, but when I opened the door the rush of smoke and heat was so great that I saw at once the gravity of the situation."

**Description of the Premises**

The buildings in which the fire occurred are owned by Hon. W. H. Thorne and all occupied by the company bearing his name. The lower building was on the ground floor devoted to retail hardware stock, the floor above, to sporting goods, the next floor packing and shipping rooms, fourth floor, fishing supplies and ropes, fifth shelf hardware, sixth, arms, ammunition, agricultural implements and heavy hardware.

The upper building in which the offices are situated was devoted to the heavy stock of paints, oils and glass. This building practically escaped damage except in the roof and in the vicinity of the fire doors on the floor where the blaze started.

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The police protection was particularly good. Chief Simpson was in charge himself with an ample force of men. Men from the military units in the city, including a company from the 6th also lent a hand and rendered valuable aid to the police and firemen.

Commissioner Wigmore who was present remarked on the water pressure and said that since the cleaning of the pipes the pressure in the locality had increased from 67 to 73 pounds.

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The balance unplaced in the strongest hands—a wide circle of city and country banks and bankers—and there is no danger of its being forced upon the market, as it affords a high yield from highest class security, for the employment of a part of the vast amount of idle reserves. This attractive yield will undoubtedly render the gradual absorption of the unused amount by investors, certain.

**The Great Harvest**

It has been, as in the business uplift, the impulse of the war which has given the American farmer the splendid results of his own extra efforts in the crop world, aided, of course, by Nature's exceptional bounty in weather. The high prices of grain last year impelled the farmers to plant every acre possible, and the acreage of the chief crops this year is estimated to aggregate 486,570 square miles—an area larger than the size of Germany, France, Belgium, Holland, Denmark and Switzerland combined.

The final report of the Department of Agriculture estimating the crop results of 1915 is full of interest. New records are made in nearly the whole list—wheat for the first year in the history of the country showing a billion bushels, and corn for the second time over three billion bushels. The 35,385,000 tons of hay, against 30,077,000 last year, are estimated to be worth \$912,520,000, making hay the third highest of the crops in money results. The total values of the principal farm crops are estimated this year at \$5,568,775,000, the largest ever shown, and some \$400,000,000 larger than last year, which foot up \$4,973,527,000. In 1913 the amount was \$4,966,497,000, and in 1912 \$4,757,458,000.

**CHICAGO GRAIN AND PRODUCE**

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Corn—No. 2 yellow, nominal; No. 4 yellow, 68 to 69 1/2; No. 4 white, 67 to 68 1/2.  
Oats—No. 3 white, 41 to 42 1/2; standard, 43 1/2.  
Rye—No. 2, nominal; No. 3, 85 to 90.  
Barley—61 to 70.  
Timothy—5.00 to 7.25.  
Clover—10.00 to 19.00.  
Fork—16.00; lard, 9.52; ribs, 9.75 to 10.25.

	High	Low	Close
May	125 1/2	123 1/2	123
July	116	113 1/2	113 1/2
Dec.	124 1/2	121 1/2	121 1/2
May	75	74 1/4	74 1/4
Dec.	71 1/2	70 1/2	70 1/2
May	46 1/2	45 1/2	45 1/2
Dec.	43 1/2	42 1/2	42 1/2

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First Quarter, 12th . . . . . 7h., 38m. p. m.  
Full Moon, 21st . . . . . 8h., 52m. p. m.  
Last Quarter, 29th . . . . . 8h., 59m. p. m.

Date	Day	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
23	Thu	8.08	4.40	0.38	12.44	6.50	15.13		
24	Fri	8.09	4.41	1.14	13.23	7.37	15.40		

**PORT OF ST. JOHN.**  
Arrived Wednesday, Dec. 22, 1916.  
Sch Harold B Cousins, 360, Gayton, Philadelphia, P McIntyre, coal.

**FOREIGN PORTS.**  
Civita Vecchia, Italy, Dec 21—Sld: Str Hellas, Abbott, Hampton Roads, for orders.  
Boston, Dec 20—Sld: Schs Beth W Smith, St Stephen, N B; Arthur J Parker, Plymouth.  
Portland, Dec 20—Arr: Str Michigan Finch, Liverpool; Sch Questay, St John, N B, for Boston.

Portland, Dec 20, 1916.  
Portland Approach, Me.  
Old Anthony Gas and Whistling Buoy, 22, requisited December 19, having been found burning dimly; heretofore erroneously reported extinguished.

Seacoast of Maine.  
Boon Island Ledge Gas and Whistling Buoy, BIL, requisited December 17, having been found showing improper characteristics.  
Fryeburner Bay, Me.  
Turtle Island Ledge Bell Buoy, 3, reported adrift December 20, will be replaced as soon as practicable.







The following is the full text of Commissioner Chandler's report: To the Honorable the Executive Council of the Province of New Brunswick:

THE PROVINCE OF NEW BRUNSWICK: Upon my appointment as Commissioner, by Commission issued under the Great Seal of the Province of New Brunswick on the 13th day of March, A. D. 1915, I entered upon the investigation which I was required to make by my Commission.

At the outset of my investigation I made some enquiries into the operations of the Departments of Public Works, of Lands and Mines, of Agriculture and of the Provincial Secretary-Treasurer of the Province of New Brunswick, and into the operations of the said Departments, but I could not find any instances of inefficiency, incapacity, irregularity, dishonesty or wrong-doing on the part of any inside official or employee of the said Departments or in the administration of these branches of the public service, with this possible exception—

Soon after my appointment as Commissioner I took the evidence of Thomas G. Lorie, Esquire, Deputy Minister of Lands and Mines, and he called my attention to the fact that steps might, in his judgment, be taken which would promote the efficiency of the Department of Lands and Mines. Mr. Lorie also told me that he had reported with respect to these matters to the Hon. Mr. Clarke, the head of the Department, and that some of his suggestions had been carried out and that others were being considered by the head of the Department.

Under these circumstances I do not think it necessary for me to go into detail as to the suggestions made by Mr. Lorie. Inside Service Vindicated: Mr. Lorie's suggestions with respect to the improvement of the efficiency of the Staff of the Department, and he stated that no cases of actual dishonesty or wrong-doing on the part of the Staff had come under his notice.

The first matter into which my attention was called was by Mr. E. S. Carter, Mr. Carter in a letter to me dated March 12th, 1915, requested me to enquire into the payment of the sum of two thousand nine hundred and thirty-two dollars and thirty-two cents by the Dalhousie Lumber Company, Limited, in the year 1912, for balance of stumpage account as arranged with Willard H. Berry.

Mr. Carter's letter and the following witnesses: Willard H. Berry, J. W. Brankley, T. W. Coman, and T. G. Lorie. From the evidence taken before me it appears that on the 20th day of August, 1912, a cheque for two thousand nine hundred and thirty-two dollars and thirty-two cents by the Dalhousie Lumber Company, Limited, on the Bank of New Brunswick, Campbellton Branch, payable to J. W. Brankley or order for balance of stumpage account. This cheque was produced by Willard H. Berry and was endorsed by J. W. Brankley; according to the evidence of Willard H. Berry the cheque was given in settlement of the Dalhousie Lumber Company's account for stumpage due, and it was made payable to Mr. Brankley for the purpose of reimbursing the Miramichi Lumber Company for a rebate that was allowed them by the Department.

The full amount of the rebate that was allowed the Miramichi Lumber Company was the sum of five thousand dollars and this particular amount according to the evidence of Willard H. Berry was settled by the Hon. Mr. Fleming, while he was head of the Department of Lands and Mines, on consultation with the witness Willard H. Berry who at that time was Chief Scaler for the Department.

It seems that the Miramichi Lumber Company in the season of 1910, 1911 had been fined or penalized by Willard H. Berry as Chief Scaler for cutting undersized lumber, and the amount which this Company was required to pay and did pay for this violation of the regulations was ten thousand one hundred and ninety-four dollars and eighty cents. An investigation was held by Willard H. Berry into the actual amount of undersized lumber cut by the Miramichi Lumber Company, and after this investigation and a good deal of consultation with the then Surveyor-General the Hon. Mr. Fleming, and on or about the seventh day of August, A. D. 1912, it was decided to allow the Miramichi Lumber Company a rebate of five thousand dollars in respect of the payment of ten thousand one hundred and ninety-four dollars and eighty cents previously made by the Company prior to this time. A rebate to the amount of two thousand and ninety-six dollars and sixty-eight cents had been allowed to the Miramichi Lumber Company, and the amount of the rebate was five thousand dollars and eighty cents.

At the time when the cheque referred to in the above was given to Mr. Berry, two thousand nine hundred and thirty-two dollars and thirty-two cents was drawn there from, according to Mr. Berry, due from the Dalhousie Lumber Company to the Department of Lands and Mines the sum of two thousand nine hundred and thirty-two dollars and thirty-two cents, being an amount due by this Company to the Department for pulpwood cut by the Company on lands belonging to the Province.

Under these circumstances Willard H. Berry very irregularly and unwisely in my judgment arranged to settle the rebate due to the Miramichi Lumber Company by taking from the Dalhousie

Lumber Company the cheque of that Company for the amount of the rebate to the Department of Lands and Mines. This cheque was accordingly drawn by the Dalhousie Lumber Company and handed over to the Manager of the Miramichi Lumber Company the result being that the amount of rebate to the Province to the Miramichi Lumber Company was paid to them and the Province practically received the amount due to it by the Dalhousie Lumber Company.

Willard H. Berry says that this arrangement was made at his suggestion. Province Lost Nothing: So far as I can see from the evidence adduced before me, the amount of two thousand nine hundred and thirty-two dollars and thirty-two cents was really drawn from the Province to the Miramichi Lumber Company and the money necessary to pay this amount to the Miramichi Lumber Company was given by the Dalhousie Lumber Company, which Company thereby discharged its liability to the Province. The Province lost nothing by the transaction so far as I can see, but in my judgment the whole matter was very irregularly conducted, and Willard H. Berry took together too much upon himself in settling these two matters as he did.

These transactions should have been settled directly by the Department of Lands and Mines, and should have gone through the books of that Department; and while these two claims have been settled, they should never have been settled in this irregular way, outside of the Department, and apparently without the knowledge of any official of the Department other than Willard H. Berry himself.

Willard H. Berry is not an employee of the Province, and therefore nothing he has done or said in connection with the course followed by him in connection with this matter; but it is to be hoped that all future transactions of this kind will go through the Department, and be conducted and settled by the accounting Branch of that Department and not by any such official as the Chief Scaler.

Willard H. Berry at the time that he acted virtually as Head of the Department of Lands and Mines; he settled this matter without consulting anyone connected with the Department, and without even reporting to the Department that he had done so. He also gave instructions to the Accountant of the Department as to what entries he should make in his books with respect to the matter under discussion, and some of these entries were made in the books of the Department in connection with this particular transaction in my judgment altogether irregular and very much open to censure, even though in the end it resulted in no loss to the Province.

No information was given by Berry to Mr. Lorie, the Deputy Minister of Lands and Mines, as to this settlement, and the payment by the Dalhousie Lumber Company to the Miramichi Lumber Company beyond the bare statement that the account for stumpage due by the Dalhousie Lumber Company and the claim of the Miramichi Lumber Company for a rebate had been settled.

The details of the settlement of these two cases were never reported to the Department by Berry and nothing with respect to the settlement of the rebate by the Department.

The whole transaction was carried out by Berry in a most irregular and unbusinesslike manner, and he had no right to conduct the business of the Province in such a loose way. His conduct in the matter under discussion is in my mind deserving of very grave censure. (Signed) WILLIAM B. CHANDLER, Commissioner.

RE STEWART LUMBER LICENSE. Bass River, Gloucester County, N. B. Mr. P. J. Veniot claimed in this matter that large quantities of railway ties had been cut on the lands of Crown Land held under license by Mr. A. J. H. Stewart of Bathurst, N. B., situated between the Miramichi Road and Bass River in the County of Gloucester. Mr. Veniot's claim was that a large number of logs had been cut on this same land on which no stumpage had been paid.

According to the evidence of Mr. T. G. Lorie, Deputy Minister of Lands and Mines, given before me, License No. 2024 for the year 1914 was issued to Mr. A. J. H. Stewart in the year 1913. A timber license covering the same lands as those included in License No. 2024 was issued to William G. White, President of the Gloucester Lumber and Trading Company, December 28th, 1912. This license was transferred to A. J. H. Stewart on the 30th day of April, A. D. 1913. Mr. Lorie stated that no stumpage was paid with respect to the lands covered by license No. 2024 for the logging season of 1912-13 nor for the logging season of 1913-14 and that William Hayden, the Scaler for the District in which these lands are situated, had made no return of lumber cut on these lands.

The lands covered by the license held by Mr. Stewart are three and a half square miles in extent and cover a number of lots. The lands are bounded westward by the Miramichi or Bathurst Road and eastward, roughly speaking, by the Bass River. They are situated about four miles from the Town of Bathurst and the Caranquet Railway runs to the northward of the tract.

Mr. Hayden's Report: On the 27th of April, A. D. 1915, William Hayden made a report with respect to these lands to Mr. Lorie

which report is as follows: "Your two letters of the 18th March and the 23rd instant respectively regarding sleepers cut on the license held by A. J. H. Stewart on Bass River were duly received. On receipt of your letter of the 20th of March I made a special visit to Bass River with a view of looking carefully into the matter and I beg to report that I failed to find any sleepers cut on this winter from the license held by A. J. H. Stewart on Bass River, neither could I find out that there had been any cut this past winter, nor last winter, from the said license, and if I had found any lumber cut from said license I would certainly have made a due return of it to your Department."

William H. O'Brien, one of the witnesses who was examined before me, stated that he had worked on the lands at Bass River on Lot 13 for the fall of the year 1913. I had considerable difficulty in getting any definite information from O'Brien but he finally admitted that he cut between 75,000 and 100,000 superficial feet of lumber, and worked on the land about two months, the time cut by him being principally pine and fir.

During the time he was cutting on these lands O'Brien saw nothing of Willard Hayden the scaler, O'Brien also stated that sleepers were cut on the lands held by Mr. Stewart during the winter of 1912-13 along the Miramichi Road and all over the ground. In the year 1912-13, O'Brien was keeping count of the sleepers cut on these lands for Mr. A. J. H. Stewart and there were some twelve men who were employed in cutting sleepers on these particular lands while O'Brien was acting for Mr. Stewart.

I could not get any definite information from O'Brien as to the number of sleepers cut on these lands in 1912-13. Two witnesses, namely Albert Doucet and Moes Coucure, who cut sleepers on these lands, were examined before me. Albert Doucet went on these lands towards the end of the year 1913 and cut some 250 ties and he gave evidence as to five or six other persons cutting on the same lands while he was there. One of these persons, he appears were working for Mr. Stewart.

Cut 400 Sleepers: Albert Doucet also cut ties on the same lands in the winter of 1912-13. Mr. Stewart and he cut about 400 sleepers and other persons were working on these same lands cutting sleepers about the same time. Mr. Doucet stated that he had some difficulty in ascertaining just how many sleepers were cut on the lands in question for Mr. Stewart in the two seasons mentioned above, but according to the evidence of the whole tract on the lands of the Stewart's license was none over and all the sleepers obtainable on these lands were cut.

According to the evidence of Moes Coucure, who was the scaler for the winter of 1912-13 and in the winter of 1913-14, in my judgment about 4,500 sleepers were cut on these lands for Mr. Stewart in the season of 1912-13 and at least the same quantity of sleepers were cut on the same lands in the season of 1913-14. William H. O'Brien admitted cutting at least 75,000 superficial feet of lumber, spruce and pine, on these lands, and the probability is that he cut more than this quantity though he would not admit that he cut 100,000 superficial feet.

All the sleepers cut on these lands were hauled out to the Caranquet Railway by the scaler, according to Mr. Stewart endorsed the cheque as above in his own account and he does not seem to have ever gone over these lands or made any enquiries as to whether lumber was being cut on them, although the lands were his district.

Mr. Stewart in giving evidence before me admitted that sleepers were cut on these lands for him. He also stated that he gave Freeman Goodwin authority to cut logs on that same land, and that Goodwin also cut sleepers for him in 1913-14. Mr. Stewart claimed that Goodwin was to pay stumpage on logs cut by him but there is no evidence that Goodwin ever paid any stumpage.

Mr. Stewart said he could not tell how many sleepers were cut on these lands in 1912-13 but the sleepers cut were sold by him to the Intercolonial Railway. According to the evidence given before me as to the cutting on these lands in 1912-13-14, all the lands covered by the license held by Stewart were cut over very thoroughly, the cutting extending up to the Miramichi Road on the West and to what are called the Harris lots on the East. This work occupied some two or three months each winter and it seems very strange to me that none of this cutting ever came under the notice of Willard Hayden the scaler for the district in which these lands are situated. In his evidence, Hayden stated that he went out to the Miramichi Road on his usual trips but he never noticed any sleepers being hauled. He never saw any person on the lands, and does not seem to have made any enquiries with respect to lumber being cut on these lands.

Hayden says he understood that Freeman Goodwin was cutting, but heard he was on granted land. Operations Small: Mr. Stewart's operations on the lands in question were not very extensive and the amount of stumpage which he should have paid to the Crown

is not very large and would probably not exceed the sum of four or five hundred dollars. The attitude taken by Mr. Stewart with respect to this matter of cutting on Crown Lands is apparently that it is the duty of the officers of the Crown to find out if anyone is cutting on Crown Lands and to collect the proper stumpage therefor, and that there is no obligation upon him as a licensee to inform the Crown officers as to his operations or to trouble himself in any way as to the payment of stumpage.

It is very unfortunate in my judgment that a public representative should take this ground with respect to the matters under discussion. If an elected representative of the people, who usually takes part in the framing of the laws passed for the protection of property belonging to the Province—takes the ground that timber belonging to the Crown is fair game and that anyone cutting on Crown lands is under no obligation whatever to pay stumpage, unless caught red-handed and compelled to pay by the Crown officers, one can hardly expect that other operators on Crown Lands will not follow the example set them.

If, however, everyone operating on Crown land in this Province under a lumber license acts on the same principle as that followed by Mr. Stewart, the task of the officials whose duty it is to see that the law regulating timber operations is enforced will be rendered very difficult indeed. (Signed) WILLIAM B. CHANDLER, Commissioner.

NEPISQUIT STEEL BRIDGE. Bathurst, Gloucester Co., N. B. It appears from the examination of the witnesses who gave evidence as to this matter that on the 29th day of August, A. D. 1910, cheque No. 5833 was issued by the Department of Public Works for the Province in favor of Frank Robinson for \$25.00. This cheque is endorsed as follows:

his "Frank (N.) Robinson". (Witness) A. J. H. Stewart. The voucher accompanying this cheque is an account for twenty-five yards of stone at \$1.00 per yard dated May 3rd, 1910 and was made out by Mr. Stewart in the name of Frank Robinson and signed and sent in by Valentine Robichaud, Superintendent, in connection with his returns for work done in the year 1910.

Frank Robinson on his examination stated that he had applied for stone whatever for the Nepisquit Steel Bridge at any time but that he got the amount of \$25.00 from Mr. A. J. H. Stewart. Robinson's explanation of this matter was that he had a claim for damages done to his land near the Dempsey Bridge in the County of Gloucester and for stone hauled off his land and used for the Dempsey Bridge. This stone was removed without his permission as claimed by Robinson and he stated that his claim for damages done to the land in removing the stone and for the removal of the stone, was one hundred dollars but he eventually settled the matter with Mr. Stewart and Mr. Stewart paid him \$25.00 in settlement of his claim. Mr. Stewart eventually recouped himself for this expenditure by putting in an account in the name of Frank Robinson for twenty-five dollars for stone delivered to Robinson, Steel Bridge and a cheque was afterwards issued for this amount in favor of Frank Robinson.

It appears that Frank Robinson never endorsed the cheque himself but for some reason best known to himself Mr. Stewart endorsed the cheque as above in the name of Frank Robinson and signed his own name as a witness to the supposed signature of Robinson's statement as to this cheque and the reason why it was issued, and stated that he endorsed the cheque and cashed it.

Unauthorized Settlement: So far as I could discover, Mr. Stewart had no authority to settle this claim of Robinson's for damage done to his land but took it upon himself to settle the matter with Robinson and afterwards adopted the somewhat singular procedure detailed above in order to get back the money which he had paid to Robinson. Robinson says that he authorized Mr. Stewart to endorse the cheque for \$25.00 when it came. Mr. Stewart admitted the correctness of Robinson's statement as to this cheque and the reason why it was issued, and stated that he endorsed the cheque and cashed it.

It seems to me it would have been very much better if Mr. Stewart had referred this matter to the Department of Public Works for settlement or had obtained some authority from the Department to settle the claim instead of taking upon himself to settle the claim without communicating with the Department and then adopting the plan detailed above to get back the money. The whole transaction, in my judgment, was very irregular, and I can not see any reason for Mr. Stewart interfering with the business of the Department of Public Works and taking upon himself to settle this question, unless he was putting in a false account for stone that was never delivered in order to get the money.

The serious part of it is that Valentine Robichaud, the superintendent in charge of the work done on the Nepisquit Steel Bridge was apparently induced by Mr. Stewart to sign the account for \$25.00 put in in the name of Frank Robinson on making his return as to work done on the Nepisquit Steel Bridge and to make a declaration as to the correctness of his return when both he and Mr. Stewart knew at the time that Frank Robinson had

never delivered a single yard of stone to the Province, and that he had no authority to do so. The return of the superintendent was made out by Mr. Stewart and was declared to by Robichaud before Mr. Stewart.

In his evidence before me Valentine Robichaud admitted that he did not know that Frank Robinson had hauled any stone to the Nepisquit Steel Bridge. When asked why he signed the voucher for \$25.00 if Frank Robinson never hauled the stone he replied that Mr. Stewart said in money was due and that this man Robichaud must be paid because he worked for the Government.

Valentine Robichaud claimed before me that Frank Robichaud had hauled stone to some other bridge but he could not tell me to what bridge and his evidence as to this particular voucher was confused, contradictory and evasive and wholly unsatisfactory.

Edmund J. Ellis, who was foreman on the Dempsey Bridge, gave some evidence as to this claim of Frank Robinson's for damage. He says that he did some damage to Robinson's field in hauling stone out of it and that he offered Robinson three dollars for the damage done, but Robinson refused to accept this amount.

It appears that stone was hauled to the Dempsey Bridge by persons living in the neighborhood, off their own property. These persons were paid for hauling the stone but they charged nothing for the stone.

Thomas O'Donnell, who worked on the Dempsey Bridge, stated that Robinson should have been paid somewhere from three to five dollars for the damage done to his land in hauling stone off his property, and he further stated that the foreman was told by Mrs. Robinson, the wife of Frank Robinson, that it would be all right to haul the stone off his place. The amount involved in this case is small but the whole thing seems to be altogether irregular and unwarranted.

In my opinion, Frank Robinson was paid altogether too much by Mr. Stewart for the alleged damage done to his property, which does not seem to have been very serious. Mr. Stewart had no authority whatever to settle this claim or pay any money and in my judgment should not have interfered in the matter at all by settling the matter with the claim to the Department of Public Works.

It is extraordinary that Mr. Stewart should have taken the steps he did to recoup himself for the amount paid to Frank Robinson, and that he should have induced Valentine Robichaud, Superintendent, to declare the correctness of an item in his return which both of them knew was absolutely without any foundation in fact. If this claim of Robinson's were a honest one it could not have been necessary for Mr. Stewart to fabricate an account and include it in Robichaud's return in order to get back the money he paid to Robinson.

The allegations made in the course of the enquiries which I have held in the past few months have convinced me that in this and other matters coming under my notice, this man Valentine Robichaud was simply a tool in the hands of Mr. Stewart and that the matters mentioned above, should fall more upon Stewart than upon Robichaud. (Signed) WILLIAM B. CHANDLER, Commissioner.

RUISSEAU CARIBOU BRIDGE. Parish of Shippegan, Gloucester County, N. B. The charge made in connection with this matter is that three thousand feet of spruce lumber for which the Province of New Brunswick was paid in January, 1914, was never delivered by him to the Ruisseau Caribou Bridge.

This amount of forty two dollars was paid by cheque No. 4181, dated January 18th, 1914. What was paid in repairing the bridge above mentioned was done in 1913 and this lumber was, according to the statement of Docteeb Chissason, the foreman in charge of the work, delivered at this bridge and used in repairing the bridge.

It appears that in the year 1913 Pierre F. Boudreau under some arrangement made by him with Mr. Martin F. Robichaud, one of the representatives of the Chamberlain Bridge, shipped a quantity of spruce logs of timber to Shippegan, in the County of Gloucester, by railway, billed to Mr. Martin Robichaud.

In October, 1913, one Theophile Boudreau, who was foreman under Mr. Geoffrey Stead, District Engineer at Chatham for the Public Works Department of the Dominion of Canada, acting under instructions from Mr. Stead procured from Pierre F. Boudreau about one hundred and twenty pieces of long timber and eighty-two pieces of short timber, part of the timber shipped as stated above and this was used in connection with the building of the ferry landing at Shippegan.

The Caribou Bridge said that the firm Docteeb Chissason, showed him the records of the bridge. He seems to have known nothing about this matter himself, and simply signed a voucher for this particular matter made out by Mr. Martin Robichaud without really knowing whether it was or was not correct.

Docteeb Chissason, the man in charge of the work, was a most unsatisfactory witness, and it was impossible to get any definite information out of him as to the work done on this bridge.

Docteeb Chissason does not seem to have kept any particular record in connection with his work and is a man of little or no education, and he apparently relied almost upon Mr. Martin F. Robichaud to keep matters straight in connection with his work.

The timber purchased by Mr. Stead for the Shippegan Ferry Landing from Boudreau was paid for at the rate of two dollars and twenty cents a stick, large and small, and at this rate Boudreau should have been paid about thirty dollars for the fourteen pieces which he is said to have supplied for the Caribou Bridge. He actually received forty-two dollars for this timber. Boudreau himself could throw little or no light upon this transaction as he simply had some timber cut and shipped it in the name of Martin F. Robichaud to Shippegan, and he seems to have paid very little attention to the matter after that. He was paid for the timber procured from him by Mr. Stead and he supposed that fourteen pieces of the timber he had left at Shippegan were used for the Caribou Bridge, but whether it was or was not so used he could not say of his own knowledge.

Everything in connection with the work done on this bridge is confused and unsatisfactory. Docteeb Chissason unable or unwilling to explain clearly anything in connection with his work, and in my judgment he is a man entirely unfit for the position of foreman, as he does not seem able to keep his accounts or reports straight or to give any definite information as to what he did.

Looked After Work: Mr. Martin F. Robichaud seems to have virtually taken upon himself the superintendence of the work done on the Caribou Bridge, and to have done in connection with this work what should have been done by the foreman or by the structural superintendent, Valentine Robichaud.

Docteeb Chissason claimed when examined before me that he had lost the report which he kept as to the work done on the Caribou Bridge. He seems to have left everything to Mr. Martin F. Robichaud, even to the fixing of prices to be paid for labor and material.

I am not at all satisfied that this particular lot of fourteen pieces of timber ever went into the construction of the Caribou Bridge, owing to the impossibility of settling any definite information from Docteeb Chissason, the foreman. There were some other charges in connection with this bridge, one being the issuing of a cheque for \$25.00 in the name of Antime Chissason.

It appears that Antime Chissason was not really entitled to all this amount and according to Docteeb Chissason this amount of \$25.00 was really due to four individuals, Antime Chissason being entitled to \$26.00, Joseph D. Chissason, a son of Docteeb Chissason, being entitled to \$18.00, and two other persons to four dollars each.

It seems that work to the amount of this cheque was actually done by the four persons mentioned. The only explanation offered by Docteeb Chissason for including all these amounts in one cheque was that Valentine Robichaud had told him not to employ too many men and he therefore included the amounts due to four persons in one item under the name of Antime Chissason.

No Fraud Intended: The whole thing was stupid and unnecessary but not, so far as I can see, actually fraudulent; but it is one of the things going to show that Docteeb Chissason was not fit for the position of foreman.

There was also a charge in connection with this bridge that work actually done by the Chamberlain Bridge, supposed to have worked with a horse and cart in connection with this bridge for a number of days was actually done by another person, Cleophas Chissason, a servant or hired man of Docteeb Chissason, the foreman.

Edward D. Chissason at the time when this work was done was a boy about eleven years old, attending school and really did not work at all in connection with this bridge. The work which is credited to Edward D. Chissason was all done by Cleophas Chissason and the money received by Docteeb Chissason, his employer, Cleophas Chissason was paid by the month by Docteeb Chissason.

The total amount supposed to be done by Edward D. Chissason for work done in connection with this bridge was \$170.00, and all this work was done by Cleophas Chissason using a horse and cart belonging to Docteeb Chissason. The work was apparently done by the reason given by Docteeb Chissason for including the name of his son in connection with this work was not a satisfactory explanation of his course.

Superintendent Not Qualified: Valentine Robichaud, the superintendent in charge of the work done on the Caribou Bridge, had no knowledge of Frank Robinson's supplying any extra posts to that bridge, but we find this item in connection with this Bridge in Valentine Robichaud's return and declared by him to be correct.

This return was declared to before Mr. Stewart, and the voucher for these posts made out by Mr. Stewart and signed by Robichaud; but neither of these persons can now give the slightest information with regard to this item.

It is clear that the item is wholly fictitious, but why it was put in and who got the amount charged for the posts remains to be discovered. (Signed) WILLIAM B. CHANDLER, Commissioner.

LITTLE BUCTOUCHE BRIDGE. Parish of Wellington, Kent County, N. B. The charge in this matter is that certain accounts appearing in the return of this Bridge for the years 1910-1914 for work supposed to have been done by John K. Sheridan, as foreman of this Bridge in the year 1914 is incorrect as John K. Sheridan really did not act as foreman.

In the return in connection with this bridge for October, 1910, Fabien Savoy is down for fourteen days work at \$125, amounting to \$1,750. Timothy Boudreau, who was foreman at this bridge, on being examined admitted that this work was not done by Fabien Savoy and that this amount should be simply put in the return as the work of John K. Sheridan, who was then a representative for the County of Kent. The foreman says he wanted to help Mr. Sheridan all he could, that Mr. Sheridan had done some work in connection with the bridge, and had devoted some time to the work and while he did not wish to put Mr. Sheridan's name down in the return he did put in Fabien Savoy's name for this amount of \$1,750 in order to reimburse Mr. Sheridan for what he had done. This amount was, I presume, eventually received by Mr. Sheridan.

There are also items in the return in connection with this bridge in the name of John K. Sheridan, in connection with this bridge, on the amount of \$147.60 in the return of John K. Sheridan, the representative. Timothy Boudreau, the foreman, admitted that forty dollars out of the accounts appearing to the credit of John K. Sheridan was not really earned by him and that he had no work for this amount. This amount of forty dollars was put in by the foreman for the benefit of Mr. Sheridan, the representative.

Had Done Much Work For Nothing: The foreman explained that he had himself done a good deal of work in looking after this bridge at night and keeping lanterns lit on a temporary bridge that was put in. The foreman claims that he practically acted as night watchman for nearly five months on this temporary bridge and charged nothing for his services. He says that if he had earned money for his work he would have had to pay him at least one dollar per night. Being anxious to do something for Mr. Sheridan, the representative, the foreman admitted various accounts making up forty dollars in all for the benefit of Mr. Sheridan, and he had to do this, and I presume he eventually got this money.

The returns for May, 1914, in connection with this bridge, John K. Sheridan's name appears as foreman. John K. Sheridan is a young man, and he had not then of age, and he really did not act as foreman at all; and I presume he was put down as foreman for much the same reason as was given by the foreman, Timothy Boudreau, in connection with the other matters mentioned above; namely, a desire to do something to help Mr. Sheridan, the representative, and to remunerate him for the time he had devoted to looking after this bridge. The amount coming to John K. Sheridan for his work was eventually paid to his father.

It is regrettable that Mr. Sheridan, while a representative for the County of Kent left himself to this sort of thing, and took money which he did not really earn. If Mr. Sheridan wished to get some money in connection with the work on this bridge it would have been very much better if his name had appeared on the pay-roll for the work he did. The whole matter was irregular and improper and conduct of this kind can only result in the degradation of the public service and of those who take part in such transactions. (Signed) WILLIAM B. CHANDLER, Commissioner.

MacLean Settlement BRIDGE. Parish of St. Paul, Kent County, N. B. The charge in this matter is that a







THE WEATHER

Forecast: Maritime - Variable winds, fair today; snow or rain in some localities. Washington, Dec. 22 - Forecast: Northern New England - Cloudy and warmer Thursday, probably snow at night and winds.

Temperatures

Table with 2 columns: Location, Min. Max. Includes entries for Toronto, Vancouver, Kamloops, Calgary, Medicine Hat, Edmonton, Moose Jaw, Regina, Battleford, Prince Albert, Winnipeg, Port Arthur, Parry Sound, London, Toronto, Kingston, Ottawa, Montreal, Quebec, St. John, Halifax.

Around the City

THIRD CHAPTER OF THE WALLINGFORD SERIES WILL BE PUBLISHED TOMORROW.

Because of the heavy and unexpected demands on space this morning the third chapter in the Wallingford series, which should have appeared today, has been omitted but will be printed in tomorrow's Standard.

Public Utilities Commission.

A short meeting of the New Brunswick Utilities Commission was held yesterday afternoon in the government rooms, Prince William street. Routine business only was transacted.

Entertainment at Armory.

An enjoyable entertainment was given in the Y. M. C. A. quarters at the armory last night by Mr. Golding, who provided selections on Edison's diamond disc phonograph. About 200 men were present.

Scow Case in Court

The hearing in the case of Robert R. Lee vs. Frank L. Boone was continued yesterday in chambers before Mr. Justice McKeown. The case arose over an agreement for hire of a scow in connection with the construction of the new marine wharf in West St. John. H. B. Keith appeared for plaintiff and J. B. M. Baxter, K. C. for defendant. All the evidence of witnesses was taken and argument was set for January 31.

Flowers as Christmas Gifts.

With so much sadness and depression everywhere, cut flowers or potted plants seem to be the most suitable of all Christmas gifts. We suggest that you send to your mother, wife or sweetheart, a beautiful Azalea, cyclamen, potted tulips, hyacinths and ferns; a box of cut flowers, roses, carnations, violets, narcissus. These can be found in all varieties and at reasonable prices at K. Pederson, Ltd., Market Building, Charlotte street.

The Pilotage Case

In the matter of the suspension of Pilot Bartholemew Rogers by the St. John Pilotage Commission, Mr. Justice McKeown yesterday morning gave judgment, quashing the commission's order for want of jurisdiction. The matter came up before His Honor on certiorari, and was argued last Saturday. The commission found Pilot Rogers guilty of an error in judgment in connection with the docking of a steamer at West St. John, and suspended him for thirty days from November 20th. His Honor found that the Pilotage Commission had no power to disqualify for an error in judgment, and that there must be a breach of duty before a pilot could be rendered liable to suspension. At the hearing Mr. G. Teed, K. C. appeared for Mr. Rogers, and Attorney-General Baxter, K. C. for the Pilotage Commission.

DIED.

SINCLAIR - At Arlington Heights, Mass. on the 21st inst., at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. C. A. Bray, Jane, widow of Archibald Sinclair. Funeral on Friday, 24th inst., at three o'clock from residence of John A. Sinclair, 161 Waterloo street. FRASER - Entered into rest on 21st inst., after a short illness, William M. Fraser, aged 68 years, leaving a loving wife, two sons and one daughter to mourn. A suggestion. New and baby cravats from 50 cents to \$1.50. The Men's Toggery, 37 Charlotte street. Service begins at 3 o'clock.

PLANS FOR THE DEMONSTRATION NEW YEAR'S DAY

Recruiting Committee Hears that Arrangements Are Well in Hand.

Oak Hall Building, Corner King and Germain Streets to be Recruiting centre after May 1st.

At the meeting of the citizens' recruiting committee yesterday afternoon satisfactory interim reports were received for the New Year's Day demonstration in furtherance of recruiting for the 115th Battalion. It was arranged that speeches would be given in the Armory after the parade of the troops. Lieut-Col. Armstrong and Capt. L. P. D. Tilley were appointed as marshals for the occasion.

Thomas Nagle advised the committee that he would require possession of the recruiting rooms at the corner of Mill and Union streets on January 1. The unanimous thanks of the committee was given to Mr. Nagle for his generosity in allowing the rooms to be used for recruiting purposes. The thanks of the committee were given to William Galley for his offer to do any sign painting required by the committee, without charge. C. W. Hallamore, on behalf of the room committee said he had in view the holding of two rousing meetings prior to the opening of the old Oak Hall premises in King street which will be used on or before May 1, as the new recruiting depot. M. E. Agar, W. A. Lockhart and Com. McLellan were appointed as a committee to supervise the meetings in Mill street next week.

PERSONAL.

Miss Mae Mullin came to the city yesterday from Boston to spend Christmas with her mother, Mrs. Catherine Mullin, Metcalf street. She was accompanied by her cousin, Miss Blanche Gormley.

Miss Ethel Wigmore, daughter of Commissioner Wigmore, returned yesterday from Simon's College, Boston.

Miss Louise E. Watters arrived in the city at noon yesterday from Boston to spend the vacation with her mother, Mrs. A. T. Watters, 50 Kennedy street.

Miss Amelia Green returned today from a visit to Boston.

Sergeant Donsgard, of the 104th Battalion, is visiting friends on the West Side.

Miss Grace McIntyre, of Springfield, N. B., is the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Peter McIntyre, 358 Main street.

Hon. and Mrs. J. D. Hazen arrived from Ottawa yesterday to spend the Christmas holidays.

Montreal Gazette: Miss Kimball has arrived in town from St. John, to spend the Christmas season with her sister, Mrs. J. D. Dodd, Westmount.

GEN. BERTRAM TO RETIRE FROM MUNITIONS BOARD

Special to The Standard Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 22 - It is learned authoritatively tonight that General Bertram, former chairman of the shell committee, and since the reorganization, vice-chairman of the Imperial Munitions Board, has resigned his position, or at least, that it is a definite matter that he will retire from the munitions board.

DEBATE AT Y. M. C. A.

The first annual debate between the business boys' class and the High school boys of the Y. M. C. A. took place last night in the rooms of the association. The business boys were represented by Marvin White, leader, Ivor White, Gordon Ferris and Murray Nixon, the fifth member of the team failing to show up. The High school team consisted of Alexander Christie, Horace Wetmore, Harold Seely, Robert Cochrane and Max Singer, leader. The subject was: "Resolved, That the printing press has been of more benefit to mankind than the steam-engine." The judges, Messrs. Gregg, Howes and Stephenson, decided that the arguments were in favor of the High school team, which took the affirmative view.

A suggestion. New and baby cravats from 50 cents to \$1.50. The Men's Toggery, 37 Charlotte street. Service begins at 3 o'clock.

THREE MEN SIGNED ON LAST NIGHT FOR HOLIDAY

Pte. Coates transferred to 115th Battalion - John C. Ferguson and Rev. Mr. Berrie last night's speakers.

ROLL OF HONOR.

T. Herret Allaby, Norton. R. Sealey, Hampton. D. K. Bettie, Norton.

Last night's meeting at Mill street was addressed by Mr. John C. Ferguson and Rev. J. C. Berrie, Mr. A. J. Skinner was chairman. Dr. Barton presided at the piano. Mr. C. A. Cromwell played the bag pipes and gave an exhibition of club swinging and Mr. Robert Carr gave some selections on the accordion.

Private W. A. Coates, of the 104th, who has been in charge of the recruiting office on Mill street for some time has been transferred to the 115th and will be in the quartermaster's stores. Col. Fowler has given his consent to the transfer and Pte. Coates will soon be Quartermaster Sgt. Coates. Lance Corporal Downham has taken Pte. Coates' place in the Mill street office.

THE STANDARD WILL NOT BE PUBLISHED ON CHRISTMAS DAY.

The Standard will not be published on Saturday, Christmas day. The usual Saturday features will be contained in Friday's paper.

REQUESTS MAY BE HELD BY CORONER

Cases of May Littlefield and Mrs. Spittell may be brought before Jury.

May Littlefield, who was seriously injured on Tuesday afternoon after jumping from a taxi-cab in King street, yesterday morning in the General Public Hospital, William J. Foster, the chauffeur, was arrested yesterday morning in connection with the fatality.

Coroner Roberts said last night that he would probably hold an inquest on the matter and also an inquest concerning the death of Mrs. John Spittell, who died in the hospital on Tuesday following injuries sustained at her home in Queen street.

CLAIM THEY ARE VICTIMS OF BOYCOTT

London, Dec. 22 - Various American mercantile and manufacturing firms doing business in Great Britain are said to be suffering losses due to a black list which they claim the British government maintains against neutral industries suspected of having affiliation with Great Britain's enemies.

Official circles admit that firms suspected of actual trading with the Central powers and their allies are objects of suspicion, and liable to meet with discriminatory treatment, but it is denied that simply because an American firm may have German stockholders it is placed in the same category as organizations which are known, or suspected, to be trading with an enemy country.

It is pointed out that such treatment would be quite impossible of enforcement without great injustice, for scarcely any large industrial organization is without stockholders of varied nationalities. Some of the American firms which are suffering as the result of the alleged quiet boycott complain that they are the victims of commercial blackmail levied by British rivals. One firm, which already has suffered grievously, has tried in vain to ascertain from the government the nature of the charges against it.

WESTERN UNION THANKS TO FIREMEN.

The Western Union Telegraph Company wishes to thank the St. John fire department for the very excellent service performed last night. The fact that we escaped without damage or interruption is undoubtedly due to efficiency of its system.

C. W. McKEE, Dist. Comm'l. Supt. McMillan's store will be open every evening until Christmas.

MINISTER OF MARINE ARRIVED IN CITY YESTERDAY TO SPEND CHRISTMAS.

Hon. J. D. Hazen Arrived in City Yesterday to Spend Christmas.

Was guest of honor at luncheon tendered by Montreal Harbor Commissioners on Tuesday.

The Minister of Marine and Fisheries and Mrs. Hazen, arrived in St. John yesterday via C. P. R., to spend Christmas at their home.

The Minister spent Tuesday in Montreal, and was guest of the harbor commissioners at luncheon at the Mount Royal Club. Among others present were: Hon. C. J. Doherty, Senator Beaulieu, Jas. Carruthers, C. R. Hosmer, H. R. Drummond, Wm. McMaster, Geo. E. Drummond, W. Molson, MacPherson, Col. McLean, M. P., Col. A. A. Allan, W. G. Ross, P. Robertson, A. E. Labelle.

In proposing the health of the Minister, Mr. Ross, chairman of the harbor commissioners, referred to the very great services which he had rendered to Montreal and to the trade of Canada, by his sympathetic support of the action of the harbor commissioners both present and past, in developing the port so as to keep pace with the needs of the country. He said that the business community in Montreal appreciated very highly the invaluable services of the Minister in co-operating with the harbor commissioners in their efforts to make Montreal the best equipped port on the continent and expressed his personal appreciation of the kind co-operation and assistance which the Minister had lent during the past year in working out the many problems connected with the harbor.

In replying Mr. Hazen alluded to the desirability of co-operation on the part of the commissioners of the harbors of Montreal and St. John. Addresses were also made by the Minister of Justice and Senator Beaulieu.

MELBA CONCERT BRINGS \$5,000 FOR THE RED CROSS

Ottawa, Dec. 22 - Over five thousand dollars will be given to the Canadian Red Cross Society by Madame Melba, the noted songstress, as a result of a concert in a theatre here tonight. Madame Melba and Edmund Burke, of Montreal, donated their services free, the former also paying for the rental of the theatre. A distinguished audience was present, including their Royal Highnesses, the Duke and Duchess of Connaught, and the Princess Patricia, Sir Wilfrid Laurier and members of the Dominion cabinet.

Announcement.

The firm of W. H. Thorne & Co. announce that their stores will be open for business this afternoon at 3 o'clock and a discount on all goods will be allowed. As a large number of articles destroyed were paid for and ordered for delivery Christmas Eve, the firm also asks the indulgence of persons thus inconvenienced and are desirous that they notify the company at once, in which event the goods will be replaced or money refunded.

For Transport of Frozen Produce.

London, Dec. 22 - Under an order-in-council issued today the government has requisitioned, for the transportation of frozen produce, all the refrigerator compartments of the steamships registered in the United Kingdom.

ST. JOHN AND QUEBEC RAILWAY

Notice of New Train Service for Xmas Week. Special train service will be in effect leaving Fredericton six a.m. and five p.m. Wednesday, Thursday, Friday for Gagetown and on Saturdays leaving Gagetown eight a.m. and seven thirty p.m. for Fredericton. After Xmas there will be a regular tri-weekly service on the same schedule Tuesday, Wednesday, Saturday until further notice.

Satisfaction Guaranteed with BRAYLEY'S FLAVORING EXTRACTS. An Acceptable Gift.

Ladies' and Gent's Umbrellas from \$2.00 to \$5.00. The Men's Toggery, 37 Charlotte street.

Nickel and Copper Chafing Dishes. Coffee Pots - Tea Pots - Hot Water Kettles. An attractive, well-ordered table is the joy of the housewife who welcomes, at Christmas especially, some pleasing and useful addition to the family board.

Macaulay Bros. & Co., King Street, St. John, N. B. Every Department is Well Stocked With Most Useful Articles for Men, Women and Children. Our trade during the first part of this month has demonstrated that our stock for variety, lowness of prices for qualities has met with the public approval.

The Bright Christmas Gift. What can be more useful, more practical or more acceptable than gifts for the fireplace. BRASS ANDIRONS \$5.00 to \$12.00. BLACK ANDIRONS \$2.50 to \$8.00. BRASS FIRE SETS \$6.00 to \$16.00. BLACK FIRE SETS \$3.50 to \$8.25. BRASS FENDERS \$7.50 to \$15.00. BRASS COAL HODS \$5.00 to \$9.00. GAS LOGS \$7.50 to \$9.00.

Stores Open Tonight Until 10 o'clock. A Ready Reference List Of the Kinds That Are Always Appreciated in Useful and Practical Christmas Gifts for Men. NECKWEAR - The latest productions in color and design. The most popular shapes and widths are offered in a great variety. Prices from 25c. to \$1.75. NEWEST NECK WRAPS - English Madger Squares are the most popular. Each 85c. to \$2.50. ALSO ENGLISH SILK SQUARES AND LONG SHAPES - Plain and hemstitched, in black and colors. Each 75c. to \$3.00.

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