

### THE NEW BANK ACT BEFORE THE HOUSE

#### Minister of Finance Plans for Needed Reforms

#### WANTS INSPECTION AND GOLD RESERVE

#### Compulsory Annual Audit of all Banks Strong Feature of New Canadian Regulations--Concerning Bank Mergers.

Special to The Standard.  
Ottawa, Dec. 17.—Early in this afternoon's sitting Hon. Mr. White introduced the new bank act. First, he put through the House the necessary resolution which authorizes the expenditure of public money for an outside audit and then introduced the bill itself. On both proceedings he was closely questioned, and it was fully an hour before the House passed to the next order of business.

In dealing with the resolution, Hon. Mr. White explained that it was proposed to institute a system of audit. The minister, if he had reason to suspect the correctness of returns made by the bank would insist on an independent audit by a person appointed as auditor by the shareholders. Mr. Fleming's bill of 1911 made this external audit permissible, this bill took it a step further, by making audit imperative. The shareholders of each bank would appoint the auditor and the government might call upon him for the inspection of the bank.

Would have Good Moral Effect.  
Mr. Carvell wanted to know whether the auditing would go into particular accounts. If that were not provided for the provision would be of little use. Mr. Emmerson said that practically the auditor would be a nominee of the directors.

Hon. Mr. White doubted this, and drew attention to the great moral effect on the staff of an outside audit. Shareholders who feel that the directors should be very careful in making the appointment, and public opinion would force the banks to appoint auditors of high standing.

The resolution being passed, Hon. Mr. White introduced the bill. The bill, he stated, would extend the act to July, 1923. Additional safeguards had been thrown about the organization of banks to protect the shareholders. No large expenditures could be made by the provisional directors until the treasury board had been satisfied that the organizing expenses were reasonable. If a bank was not successfully launched, the money collected could not be expended in commissions, etc., except by resolution of the subscribers or an order of the court.

Reverting to the audit, he said it was in accordance with the English practice, and would guard against such occurrences as these connected with the Ontario, Sovereign and Farmers banks. The form of annual statement, he said, was sixty years old, and had been outgrown; additional information was to be given to the shareholders.

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### WHEW! BUT DEAR OLD HALIFAX IS MUCH PERTURBED

#### Hockey Player's Alleged Telegram Causes "Jimmy" Lithgow to Wax Very Wrathily—Threatens Investigation.

Special to The Standard.  
Halifax, Dec. 17.—The Moncton Times yesterday states that the Victoria's executive were in receipt of a telegram from Chester Gregory stating that Halifax players had offered him first \$200 and then \$300 per game for every game played in Halifax, if he would persuade New Glasgow to desert Moncton and play with Halifax, but that instead of complying, Gregory wired to Moncton the story. President Lithgow of the M. P. H. A. says: "I will take this matter up tomorrow," he said, "I will ask Mr. Gregory if it is true and if so I will proceed to deal with the case and make him prove his statement. When he does he must name the parties he refers to and prove it stringently and rigidly. Failing to do this, Mr. Gregory must apologise to Halifax openly and with as much prominence as that accorded this report."

### NOVA SCOTIA'S DEAN DROPPED DEAD AT FONT

#### Rev. E. P. Crawford Stricken in All Saints Cathedral, Halifax.

#### WAS PREPARING TO BAPTIZE CHILD.

#### Prominent Divine Succumbed to Heart Failure While Per- forming Religious Duty— Will be Great Loss to Church

Special to The Standard.  
Halifax, Dec. 17.—Death came suddenly this afternoon to the dean of Nova Scotia, Rev. E. P. Crawford, of All Saints Cathedral. Dean Crawford was in the cathedral preparing to administer the rite of baptism to the child of Samuel and Mrs. Vening, who were standing at the font ready for the ceremony. Rev. Mr. Crawford approached them, and was asking for the name of the child, when he fell to the floor dead. He had succumbed to heart failure.

Dean Crawford came to Halifax from Hamilton twenty years ago, to take the rectorship of St. Luke's pro-cathedral. He was a native of Brockville and a half-brother of a former governor of Ontario. His wife was a Miss Henderson of Kingston. He became dean of Nova Scotia on the death of Dr. Duff, some eight years ago. The deceased dean was very active on behalf of All Saints Cathedral during its reconstruction, and he was on the committee which compiled the new hymn book of the Anglican church in Canada, which contained some of his compositions. He was in the state at All Saints Cathedral Thursday night with a bodyguard of clergy.

Friday morning the body will leave by rail for Brockville where the funeral will take place on Saturday afternoon, at 3 o'clock. A memorial service will be held in Halifax on Sunday evening.

### MUST ESTABLISH ARTISTS SOCIETY

#### France Has Placed a Tax of Two Per Cent. on Sale of Paintings—Will Prevent Fraud.

Paris, Dec. 17.—After a lengthy discussion, a committee of the Chamber of Deputies has pronounced in favor of a bill brought forward by Deputy Andre Hesse to establish a tax of two per cent. on the price of any work of art each time it changes hands at a public sale. The bill provides that the proceeds of the tax shall be given to the artist, or to his heirs for fifty years after the artist's death.

The artists' interest will be vested in an organization to be created similar to the Society of Authors to which the artists will furnish a full list and description of their works. This, it is pointed out, will result in the establishment of a register of modern art, which will be not only of historical interest but of great value in preventing fraud.

### A MILLION DOLLAR PICTURE SYNDICATE

#### Toronto Man Floats Company With Million Dollar Capital to Establish Chain of Canadian Picture Theatres.

Toronto, Dec. 17.—A syndicate to operate motion picture theatres has been formed in Canada, and plans are now under way for the establishment of the chain of these theatres throughout Canada. H. B. Brock, president of the American Kinema Color, is also president of the Canadian company. Sir Henry Pellatt, A. O. Beardsmore, C. B. Charlewood and G. T. Brown are among the directors, and Edward Cronyn, of Toronto, is the funder of the company. There is over a million dollars invested. A plant will be established either in Montreal or for the production of dramatic subjects which will cost somewhere between \$100,000 and \$200,000.

### GREEK NAVAL VICTORY HALTS PEACE CONFERENCE

#### Turkish Delegates Refuse to Treat With Greece

#### UNITED STATES MAY ACT AS MEDIATOR

#### Hope is Expressed that Adjournment is Only Temporary, but Result Doubtful—Austria Back- ing Turks.

London, Dec. 17.—The peace conference was launched yesterday, only to be interrupted today by a complication resulting from the policy of Greece in waging war and negotiating peace simultaneously. The Turkish delegation announced today that it was empowered to confer only with the three Balkan kingdoms which signed the armistice at Thessalonika, and, as a consequence, a communication was taken to the conference to enable the Turks to obtain instructions.

All the conferees expressed the belief that the suspension was merely temporary and that a pathway toward the resumption of the meetings will be found. The prospects for a successful issue of the conference are enhanced by the declaration of the war, that they have been given plenary powers to arrange and sign a treaty of peace. How far their improved military position, with the encouragement Austria is credited with giving them, may stiffen their backs against the allies' terms, remains the chief factor of the situation.

The first sitting of the ambassadorial court of appeals, as it is called, was held in the foreign office today. The ambassadors of five continental powers conferred with Sir Edward Grey, the British secretary for foreign affairs, for more than three hours. The different nations advanced their views on the various phases of the eastern problem.

The contingency that mediation may ultimately offer the only solution in the war was the subject of much discussion. The heads of the Bulgarian and Serbian delegations, during the course of interviews, emphasized that the Balkan States might be in a position to act as peace makers, as President Roosevelt did between Russia and Japan.

The conferees, notwithstanding the different names by which it has been called with a view to minimize it, will either be a complete failure or for consequences which will have, surpass in importance the achievements of all other diplomatic gatherings since the congress of Berlin in 1878.

Not only will the ambassadorial conference exercise a powerful influence on the decisions of the peace conference in St. James Palace in Turkey as well as the Balkan States desires to have the support of the powers, but in the event that the Turkish understanding is not satisfactory to the powers the present ambassadorial conference will indicate how to correct the decisions arrived at just as the Berlin congress modified the boundaries of the Balkans arranged five months before by the treaty of San Stefano between Russia and Turkey.

Dr. Danef, the president of the Bulgarian chamber of deputies, who is the most brilliant among the heads of the delegations, was full of vivacity and ardor in speaking on the possibility of American mediation, said:

"If an understanding between the Balkan states and Turkey is impossible, notwithstanding the friendly advice which will certainly come from the conference of the ambassadors, I believe that American intervention will be most opportune and will be received as quite justifiable on account of American interests in the Balkans and Turkey which are not lacking and have sufficient importance to entitle Washington to offer its good offices for an impartial settlement of the conflict."

Greek Delegates Busy.  
General Danglis, aide to Crown Prince Constantine of Greece, arrived in London tonight. He brought important documents for Premier Venizelos, who has also received an avalanche of telegrams concerning the situation in Greece and the Greek military and naval operations. Greece alone among the Balkan States is fighting Turkey on four different fields, in the east at Saloniki, to the north, and on the Adriatic and Aegean Seas. The whole Greek delegation is busy deciphering despatches. The Greek Premier, pointing to them tonight with his usual calm exclaimed:

"Now nobody will any more say that it was an exaggeration to have my delegates composed of thirty-two persons."

### GREEKS CONTINUE THEIR VICTORIOUS CAMPAIGN

#### Fort Bizani, Regarded as Impregnable, Can Hold Out But Few Hours Longer Under Murderous Artillery Fire.

Athens, Dec. 17.—The continued assaults by the Greeks on Fort Bizani, the key to the town of Janina, and regarded by the Turks as impregnable, have been so successful that its defenders will be able to resist only a few hours longer, according to a semi-official account of the fighting around Janina.

The batteries of Bizani were silenced after a bombardment which lasted all day long. One shell destroyed the artillery magazine while others put out of operation in succession the guns of the enemies' batteries. The right wing of the Greek forces is advancing towards Fort Drom at the summit of the mountain opposite Bizani.

Great confusion prevails among the defenders of this fort. The guns are being removed and the Turks are leaving.

General Sapountzakis, who is in personal command, has aroused the enthusiasm of the Greek troops by his courage. The fall of Bizani will free the road to Janina.

The government has warmly congratulated its commander in chief and officers of the fleet on yesterday's naval success.

### DETAILS OF THE GREEK SEA BATTLE

#### According to Greek Commander or Turkish Ships Retreated Considerably Damaged After Engagement.

Athens, Dec. 17.—The ministry of marine has made public the details of naval battle fought yesterday outside the Dardanelles, as reported by the commander of the Greek destroyer squadron.

"Yesterday morning," says the report, "our fleet, consisting of the battleships Spetial Pear and Pydra, the armored cruiser Georgio Averof and four scouts cruised towards the northern side of the entrance of the Dardanelles. Acting under orders from the commander-in-chief I joined the fleet with nine destroyers.

The Turkish warships formed in line of battle under the guns of the forts at Sedd-i-Bahr, and opened fire. We replied at a distance of nine miles (about 5 1/2 miles) advancing to three miles. Both the forts and the warships engaged in the firing while the Mesudieh and light flotilla of the enemy stationed under the forts of Kum Kaleh also began operations.

"After an hour's engagement, the enemy retired in disorder, considerably damaged, according to private information.

London, Dec. 18.—The Turkish cruiser Mesudieh was badly damaged in the naval engagement, according to a Constantinople despatch to the Daily Telegraph.

### ANNUAL POULTRY EXHIBITION WELL UP TO STANDARD

#### Westmorland Poultry and Pet Stock Association Opened Under Favorable Circum- stances.

Special to The Standard.  
Moncton, Dec. 17.—The annual exhibition of the Westmorland Poultry and Pet Stock Association was opened this evening under favorable auspices. In the absence of Mayor Robinson, Alderman Gross opened the show and speeches were also made by ex-Mayor Kelly, Secretary for Agriculture, Dr. O. E. Price, M. P. P., Seth Johns, poultry expert, and George Robertson, poultry judge.

### MR. AMES SCORES IN THE NAVAL DEBATE

#### IRON WORKER HIGH OFFICIAL NOW IN JAIL

#### John T. Butler, Vice-president of Union Unable to Give Bond.

#### ONE DEFENDANT WAS RELEASED.

#### Judge Anderson Scores Pris- oners in Scathing Address— Famous Case Will Go to Jury in Eight Days.

Indianapolis, Dec. 17.—John T. Butler, Buffalo, N.Y., vice-president of the International Association of Bridge and Structural Iron Workers, tonight was locked in jail after his bond of \$10,000 had been increased to \$15,000 and after the court had said he committed perjury in testifying in his own behalf as a defendant in the "dynamite conspiracy" trial. Next to President Frank M. Ryan, Butler is highest in office in a labor union of 12,000 members, and with Ryan he is charged with being one of forty officials who conspired to promote dynamite explosions, including the wrecking of the Los Angeles Times building.

At the conclusion of the day's session in which the prosecution and the defence rested their cases, with the prospect that the trial will be placed in the hands of the jury in eight days, Federal Judge Anderson delivered from his seat a scathing arraignment of what he termed "Adultery that has taken place here in the last two weeks."

Judge Anderson's remarks were made after the jury had been retired for the day and after Clarence E. Dowd of Rochester, N.Y., formerly organizer for the International Association of Machinists in Detroit had been discharged on the ground that sufficient evidence did not exist against him. Dowd was the only defendant to be discharged, leaving forty men whose cases are to go to the jury.

Butler, earlier in the day, entered a general denial that he knew of any dynamite plots.

District Attorney Miller arose in court and charged "that Butler had been on a drunk for two weeks," and that since being in court he had expressed a wish to be in Canada.

"This man Butler has committed deliberate, wilful and malicious perjury," said District Attorney Miller. "He knows he is guilty, and has stated to me that he would go to the United States and remain in Quebec as this was not an extradition offence as this was not a criminal offence."

"In consideration of the fact that he has expressed a wish that he had remained in Canada, and because of his perjury, I ask that his bond be increased."

"I will increase his bond to \$15,000 and the Marshal will take him in custody," said the Judge.

As he was unable to procure bond Butler was taken to jail.

Concerning motions for the dismissal of other defendants Judge Anderson stated that before the defense began its case he felt inclined to discharge certain defendants, but that "the attitude of the defence's witnesses on the stand" had changed his mind.

Four days on each side was fixed for the argument before the jury, to begin tomorrow. As soon as Senator J. W. Kern announced that the defence rested, the government stated it had nothing to offer in rebuttal.

### SUGGESTS BREST AS GREAT FRENCH PORT

#### Son of Former President of French Republic Points Advan- tages of Brest Over Havre.

Paris, Dec. 17.—Claude Casimir-Perier, son of the former president of the republic, lectured tonight before the Geographical Society of France on the subject of Brest as a trans-Atlantic terminal. He pointed out that owing to the limitations of the port of Havre, the French line was now ninth in rank among the great steamship lines.

The steamer France got in and out of Havre only with the greatest difficulty, and it was impossible to say what would happen when the company was forced by competition, to build larger ships. He urged the transfer of the passenger terminus to Brest, whose magnificent roadstead had no equal in the world. The harbor could be altered to meet the actual requirements in three years at a cost of only \$4,000,000.

#### Member for St. Antoine Contributes Able Address

#### CO-PARTNERSHIP WITH EMPIRE

#### Gift of Dreadnaughts Merely Freewill Offer- ing From Canada— Permanent Policy Will be Decided by People.

Special to The Standard.  
Ottawa, Dec. 17.—The naval debate today rose to a higher point than it has held since the three first speeches of Mr. Borden, Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Mr. Hazen.

H. B. Ames, member for St. Antoine division of Montreal, contributed to it a speech which, in many respects, may be described as model parliamentary debating. He spoke with unusual accuracy of phrase and great clearness, and he took up the constitutional aspect of the case and gave it a closely reasoned, cogent exposition.

Following the line indicated by Sir Wilfrid Laurier, the Liberals were talking a good deal about autonomy. Mr. Ames' speech was in answer to that line of argument. Mr. Germain followed with a speech of his usual discursive sort. Mr. Wilcox followed Mr. Germain.

Opposition Policy Scored.  
In resuming the debate Mr. Ames distinguished between the special action and a permanent policy. The gift of battleships was "immediate aid" in the form which the Admiralty declared such aid should take. The opposition policy would bring neither immediate nor effective aid. It denied the urgency and the opposition was trying to compare permanent policies whereas the permanent policy of the government had not yet been disclosed.

Mr. Ames then argued that before a permanent policy could be embarked upon three conditions must be met. These were physical, constitutional and considerations of honor. So far as physical considerations went Canada had neither shipbuilding plants nor a trained naval force. These conditions were required in a day. As regards the constitutional feature, he held that defence, to be effective, must be complete and that common defence involved joint control. Joint control fore-shadowed a change in the relationship between Canada and the Mother Land. The problem had been looming in the horizon for several years. Sir Wilfrid Laurier saw it, and procrastinated. Mr. Monk saw it and cried out against the beginning of the new trend of affairs.

"Mr. Borden, seeing with equal clearness what the future has in store, has accepted the responsibility and glories in it as the fulfillment of our manifest destiny."

The Danger of the Day.  
Mr. Ames briefly reviewed Canadian history, showing that there was a time when it was necessary to tend for autonomy, but that time had passed. Along the road marked autonomy, we can make practically no further progress, said he. Short of declaring ourselves a sovereign state, short of becoming independent of the Empire, the danger of today is not that our autonomy will be encroached upon but that under cover of this noble name individualism may be pushed to excess."

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### SMUGGLING CHINESE INTO AUSTRALIA

#### Widespread Plot Traced to Secret Society in Hong Kong—Worked With Dupli- cate Naturalization Papers.

Sydney, N. S. W., Dec. 17.—Officials of the department of external affairs have received reports of sensational disclosures from representatives in Hong Kong that a secret society has existed for years for the purpose of smuggling Chinese into Australia. It is learned that following seizures made in a club in Hong Kong, members of the society were scattered over the interior of the Empire. The scheme is said to have been worked out by the duplication of naturalization papers.



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MANY PAST PLANS TO DIVIDE TURKEY

Catherine 11. Wanted to Re-establish Byzantine Empire With Grandson as Emperor.

(New York Times-Gazette Service) London, Dec. 15.—In an article on "War and Diplomacy" Lucien Wolf discusses in The Graphic the old problem that a nation confronts Europe as a result of the Balkan war and its amazing outcome. "A curious and interesting history," says Mr. Wolf, "might be written—and no doubt will be written—of these days—of the numerous schemes for partitioning Turkey which have agitated the chancelleries and fascinated political dreamers for nearly a century and a half. The scheme which has now come to fruition, and which might be roughly described as the attainment of the Christian East, is, however, the Cinderella of these prodigious imaginings. It is not precisely yesterday, for it was whispered as far back as 1828, but it was tolerantly smiled upon as an amiable dream which had no place in the field of practical politics. "While most of these schemes started from the assumption that partition would have to come from outside, the earliest and perhaps the most striking of all of them was not quite of that character. It was a combining of external partition and internal reconstruction, the one being the price paid for the other. It owed its inception to the riotous imagination of the Emperor Catherine II. of Austria, who was to re-establish the Byzantine Empire on an independent basis, under the sceptre of her grandson, the Grand Duke Constantine, who was to don the imperial purple in Constantinople. By way of purchasing the adhesion of Austria, she was content to allow that power to annex Servia, Bosnia, and a few other trifles of the kind, but she abandoned it when the emancipated Greeks turned against him. Therapon Metternich adopted it, but never went further with it than a conversation with Prokech-Osten, which very much astonished the shrewd diplomatist. "Nothing more was heard of the restoration of the Byzantine Empire, except now and again in the unheeded rhodomontade of the Athenian Press. For three-quarters of a century to be bargained between Russia and Austria, the only practicable remedy, but the way was always barred by the difficulty of obtaining an agreement between the two empires. The first scheme of this kind was drafted by the Russian statesman Rastopchine in a 'Memorie' addressed to the Emperor Paul in 1801. It was to be shared between Russia and Austria; Prussia was to be bribed with the Electorate of Hanover; France was to receive Egypt, and Greece was to become a republic under the protection of the Great Powers. A simpler scheme was that discussed by Napoleon and Alexander at Tilsit, when the Emperor Nicholas suggested another scheme of the kind, together with Britain. In his own conversation with Sir George Hamilton Seymour. "Although the idea of the Balkans for the Balkan peoples' freedom, to the domain of political dreamland, it was not altogether ignored by practical politicians. It was first seriously proposed by Capodistria in 1828, in an elaborate memorandum presented by him to the secret committee formed in that year by the Emperor Nicholas to study the eastern question. He suggested the formation of five new states—Dacia, (consisting of Moldavia and Wallachia); Servia, (comprising the present kingdom of the name, together with Bosnia and Bulgaria); Macedonia, (to which would be added Thrace and some of the islands of the archipelago); Greece, practically within her present limits, and a fifth state consisting of Epirus and Albania. A similar idea occurred to Metternich in 1828, but for selfish and reactionary reasons which were quite foreign to Capodistria's scheme. Metternich was afraid of Nicholas' Byzantine project, inasmuch as it involved the creation of a powerful state on the southern borders of Austria-Hungary. "It is not a little curious, in view of the perplexities which confront us today, that one of the chief difficulties in all these schemes, was the fate of Constantinople. The question cropped up at Tilsit when Alexander suggested to Napoleon that he should be permitted to restore the Cross to St. Sophia. It was on that occasion, according to Thiers, that Napoleon exclaimed: 'Constantinople, never!' That would be to make you master of the world!' The question figured again in a very interesting form in

SHIPPING NEWS

DAILY ALMANAC. Tuesday, December 18, 1912. Sun rises . . . . . 8.05 a. m. Sun sets . . . . . 4.38 p. m. High water . . . . . 6.36 a. m. Low water . . . . . 6.49 p. m. Atlantic standard time.

VESSLS BOUND TO ST. JOHN. Steamers. Shenandoah, London, Dec 7. Montcalm, Liverpool, Dec 7. Man. Importer, Manchester, Dec 8. Athenia, Glasgow, Dec 9. Swarr, Shields, Dec 10. Lake Champlain, London, Dec 11. Empress of Ireland, Liverpool, Dec 13. Hesperia, Liverpool, Dec 13. Kastalia, Glasgow, Dec 14.

VESSLS IN PORT. Steamers. Bornu, 2974, Havana, etc., J. T. Knight & Co. Montreal, 5563, C. P. R. Co. Manchester Trader, Wm. Thomson & Co. Tokomaru, 4073, Australia and New Zealand, J. T. Knight & Co. Man. Commerce, 3444, Wm Thomson & Co. Cassandra, 5221, Donaldson Line. Virginian, 6844, Wm Thomson & Co. Schooners. Minnie Slauson, 271, Sound, A. W. Adams. Adonia, 215, Havana, George Cushing. Cora Mae, Liverpool, Dec 10. Hunter, 157, Sound, D. J. Purdy. Priscilla 102, A. W. Adams. Helen, 102, A. W. Adams. Herald, 474, N. Y. R. C. Elkin. J. Arthur Lord, 189, A. W. Adams. Emily I. White, 296, N. Y. C. M. Ker-tilson. Harold B. Cousins, 360, N. Y. P. McIntyre. Marie Saunders, 234, J. S. O'Neil. Leonard Parker, 246, R. C. Elkin. Ann Louise Lockwood, 266, A. W. Adams.

PORT OF ST. JOHN. Arrived Tuesday, Dec. 17. Steamer Virginian, 6844, Gambell, from Liverpool via Halifax, Wm Thomson & Co, pass and mdse. Steamer Galvia Austin, 2853, Mitchell, from Boston via Eastport, W. G. Lee, pass and mdse. Coastwise—Stmr Granville, 49, Collins, Annapolis and cid; str. Emily, 112, McLean, St. George. Sailed Dec. 17. Schooner Minnieola, Forsythe, for Kingsport. Schooner Herald, Ingalls, for Philadelphia.

PROVINCIAL PERSONALS. Miss Raymond who has been visiting Mrs. Thomas Malcolm, returned to her home in St. John on Saturday. Mrs. E. P. McKay, of Bathurst, was in town on Monday. Miss Florine Doherty, of Dalhousie, was in town on Monday. Dr. L. G. Pinault returned from New York on Sunday evening. Mrs. A. F. Chamberlain returned from New Mills on Wednesday where she was visiting Rev. J. M. McLeod and other old friends. Miss Jennie Devar left on the Limited Tuesday night for Montreal to enter Montreal General Hospital, to train for a nurse. E. R. Richard, Dalhousie, was in town this week. Mr. Schurman, of the Royal Bank of Canada, has been transferred to Fredericton branch. Karl will be greatly missed by a large number of Campbellton friends. Mrs. A. F. Chamberlain lately returned from an extended trip to St. John, Moncton, Sackville and Port Elgin, visiting old friends. Mrs. W. S. Montgomery was in town this week. Miss Payne, of Bathurst, who has been visiting Mrs. J. A. Bisset, left for her home on Thursday. Mr. Barrett, of St. John, was in town this week in the interests of Messrs. McLean, Holt & Co. Ltd. Harold Walsh left last week for Ottawa where he has accepted a position. Jack Collier, Superintendent of Christ Church Sunday school, left on the Limited yesterday for St. John where he will board the Empress of Britain to sail for England to spend Christmas with his parents. Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Malcolm will leave for Montreal in their private car on Saturday.

MARINE NOTES. C. P. R. LINE. Sir Montreal is scheduled to leave this port Thursday morning with a full cargo. She goes direct to London then to Antwerp. 18,000 BARRELS OF APPLES. When she leaves for Liverpool a Nova 48 W. passed some wreckage, could not distinguish character. (Reported to the Hydrographic office.)—Stmr Slamese Prince reports Nov. 26, lat 42 N, lon 59 W, passed a drum shaped buoy; too dark to distinguish clearly.

Robt. LeB. Steeves, of St. John, is in the city. J. Hartley, of Woodstock, is registered at the Barker House. W. H. Berry, of St. Stephen, superintendent of scalars, is registered at the Barker House. Mr. and Mrs. F. H. McNaught, of Chatham, arrived in the city today. A. C. VanWart, of St. John, is at the Barker House. Ex-Adm. John McGoldrick, of St. was registered at the Queen over Sunday. (Sackville Tribune, Dec. 10.) John Herbert and Deputy Warden Allen, of Dorchester were in St. John on Tuesday. Philip Palmer, of Dorchester, has returned from St. John, where he spent last Sunday. Mrs. Hastings and daughter, Mona, were in Amherst last week. Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Crossman, of Dorchester, are in St. John at the Barker House. C. H. Chipman, of Dorchester, was in St. John this week at the Royal. Hon. A. D. Richard and Mrs. R. Richard, of Dorchester, went to St. John on Tuesday. (Moncton Transcript, Dec. 16.) Harold Flemming, who is taking a leave of absence from the University, Halifax, arrived in the city Saturday evening to spend the Christmas holidays at his home here. Albert H. Weldon, general traffic agent of the Dominion Steamship Line at Montreal, spent Sunday in the city and returned to Montreal today. M. Jackson Steeves arrived in the city last week to spend the Christmas holidays. Mr. Steeves is located at Medicine Hat.

CHEAP FARES FOR THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS. For Christmas holidays the customary excursion fares will prevail on the International and Prince Edward Island Railway, zoned between all stations, and to points on connecting lines. The going dates are from December 21st to January 1st, and the limit for return, January 3rd. For stations beyond Montreal, there will be a special excursion fare on the same dates with a similar return limit. The reduced fares prevail on these dates will make it convenient for those who wish to visit relatives and friends and for the absent ones to return to the old home for the happy Christmas-tide.

James Hayes of Moncton, is in town, having been called here by the death of his grandmother, Mrs. Edward Haley. Mrs. Hubert Sinclair entertained luncheon on Thursday for Mrs. Aitken and her guest Miss Noble of Toronto. Mrs. Aitken and Miss Robinson are the guests of Mrs. Hubert Sinclair, "The Bridge." They expect to remain for some time. Mrs. W. P. Eaton was hostess at a small and informal thimble party (Chatham Gazette).

Capodistria's memorandum. How far ahead of his times was the Greek-Russian statesman, is shown by the fact that he not only outlined a scheme of the Balkans for the Balkan peoples, but he also proposed that the five new states should form a confederacy, and that they should possess a common capital in Constantinople, which should be conceded a small port. This scheme is far more alive today than it was in 1828, for it is the only effective and final solution of the Balkan question. The proposal was revived in Konarokoff in 1896, and quite recently. Mme. Novikoff suggested something of the same kind in a letter to The Times, Official Russia, however, will have nothing to do with it, no doubt for the reason advanced by Pozzo di Borgo and Dashkoff in 1828, that a Constantinople so situated would not be strong enough to control the Straits and thus protect the Black Sea from an incursion of hostile warships.

ROYAL YEAST



THE BANK OF NEW-BRUNSWICK AND THE BANK OF NOVA SCOTIA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN of the intention of the undersigned Banks to apply after the expiration of four weeks from the date of the first insertion of this notice in the Canada Gazette to the Governor-in-Council and the Treasury Board through the Minister of Finance and Receiver General for the approval of an agreement between The Bank of New Brunswick and The Bank of Nova Scotia whereby The Bank of New Brunswick agrees to sell and The Bank of Nova Scotia agrees to purchase all the real and personal properties, assets, rights, credits and effects of The Bank of New Brunswick of whatever kind and wherever situated, and whereby in consideration for such sale and purchase The Bank of Nova Scotia agrees to allot and issue to The Bank of New Brunswick or to its nominees, ten thousand fully paid shares of the capital stock of The Bank of Nova Scotia, of the par value of one hundred dollars each, and amounting in all to the par value of one million dollars, and to provide for the payment of the shares, credits and effects of The Bank of New Brunswick of whatever kind and wherever situated, and whereby The Bank of Nova Scotia undertakes to assume, pay, discharge, perform and carry out all the debts, liabilities, contracts and obligations of The Bank of New Brunswick (including notes issued and intended for circulation outstanding, and in circulation, and leasehold, and other obligations). A copy of the said agreement can be seen at the office of The Bank of New Brunswick, Saint John, N. B., and The Bank of Nova Scotia, Halifax, N. S.

MARINE NOTES

Notice is given of the intention of the Bank of Nova Scotia to apply at the same time to the Governor-in-Council and the Treasury Board for the approval of the increase of the capital stock of the said Bank of Nova Scotia which is necessary to provide for the payment of the shares of the said Bank of Nova Scotia to the Bank of New Brunswick as provided in said agreement. Dated the eleventh day of December, A. D. 1912.

By Order of the Board The Bank of New Brunswick. By C. H. EASSON, General Manager. By Order of the Board The Bank of Nova Scotia. By H. A. RICHARDSON, General Manager.

NOTICE TO MARINERS

Notice is hereby given that the light on Hen and Chickens buoy has been reported out. Will be relighted soon as practicable. GEORGE H. FLOOD, Agent, Marine & Fisheries Dept.

D. MONAHAN

REPAIR WORK NEATLY DONE. 32 Charlotte Street, St. John, N. B. Telephone, Main 1002-11.

SHAD!

No. 1 Fall Shad, Fat Canoe and Shelburn Herring. JAMES PATTERSON, 19 and 20 South Market Wharf, ST. JOHN, N. B.

Mackinnon, Holmes & Co.

SHERBROOKE, QUE. We design, fabricate and erect STEEL BUILDINGS, AND BRIDGES of every description. Also, all classes of steel plate work, such as TANKS, BINS, PEN-STOCKS, WATER TOWERS, etc. Write for prices. A. P. HARROP, 123 KING STREET EAST Saint John Representative.

CHRISTMAS!

What better than a fine Tweed Waterproof Coat for a gentleman, or a Cloak for a lady or girl, or Gaiters, Boots and Hats for a boy for Christmas presents. ESTEY & CO., - No. 49 Dock St.

AUCTION SALES.

Valuable Three Tenement Brick Residence, fitted with all modern improvements, heated by hot water. BY AUCTION. I am instructed by Henry Dunbrack, Esq., to sell by public auction, at Chubb's Corner, so called, on Saturday Morning, December 21st, at 12 o'clock, seven, abriders, 108 Prince Street, THAT VERY FINELY BUILT BRICK Residence, No. 101 and 103 Pitt, Corner Pitt and Princess streets, containing three flats, heated with hot water, with all modern improvements. Two flats rented \$400 each; other flat occupied by owner. This is one of the finest properties on market for sale. Size of lot, 40x100 feet, M or L, being better than freehold. City lease, \$20.00 per year. If not sold at private sale, will be sold at above date. For further particulars, inquire of MacRae, Sinclair & MacRae, or F. L. POTTS, Auctioneer, 56 Germain street.

VALUABLE Timber Lands

Situated at Henry Lake, near St. Martins, N.B. BY AUCTION. At Chubb's Corner, (so called) at the City of St. John, N. B., Saturday, Dec. 21st, at 12 o'clock, noon. A choice lot of timber land containing three hundred and five acres (more or less) distinguished as Lot K, Block B, belonging to the estate of the late Charles Drury. The above is a rare chance for an investment. For further particulars apply to Inches and Hazen, abriders, 108 Prince Wm. Street, or to Armour Mills, Esq., Sussex, N. B. T. T. LANTULUM, Office: 45 Canterbury Street, Phone, 769.

Customs Sale

On Thursday next, 19th instant, at 11 o'clock at the Appraiser's Ware-rooms, in the Custom House, by PUBLIC AUCTION, will be sold certain goods unclaimed, or abandoned by the owners. Also express goods and sundry other goods. A. T. DUNN, Collector of Customs, Custom House, St. John, December 16, 1912. F. L. POTTS, Auctioneer.

SEALED TENDERS

addressed to the undersigned, and endorsed "Tender for Construction of Six Steel Hopper Scows, 300 yards capacity yards each," will be received at this office until 4 p. m., on Tuesday, January 5, 1913, for the construction of six 300 cubic yards capacity Steel Hopper Scows. Plans, specifications and form of contract can be seen and forms of tender obtained at this Department and at the office of T. H. Schwitzer, Esq., Mech. Superintendent, Birks Building, Ottawa, Ont.; J. G. Sine, Esq., District Engineer, Confederation Life Building, Toronto, Ont.; C. E. W. Dodwell, Esq., District Engineer, Halifax, N. S.; and H. H. Donnelly, Esq., Supt. of Dredging, St. John, N. B. Persons tendering are notified that tenders will not be considered unless made on the printed forms supplied, and signed with their actual signatures, stating their occupations and places of residence. In the case of firms, the actual signature, the nature of the occupation, and place of residence of each member of the firm must be given. Each tender must be accompanied by an accepted cheque on a chartered bank, payable to the order of the Honorable the Minister of Public Works, equal to ten per cent. (10 p. c.) of the amount of the tender, which will be forfeited if the person tendering declines to enter into a contract when called upon to do so, or fail to complete the work contracted for. If the tender is not accepted the cheque will be returned. The Department does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender. By Order, R. C. DESROCHERS, Secretary, Department of Public Works, Ottawa, December 13, 1912. Newspapers will not be paid for this advertisement if they insert it without authority from the Department.

SYNOPSIS OF CANADIAN NORTH-WEST LAND REGULATION.

A person who is the sole head of a family of any male over 18 years old may homestead a quarter section of available Dominion land in Manitoba, Saskatchewan or Alberta. The applicant must appear in person in the Dominion Land Agency or sub-agency for the district, territory or province in which he wishes to acquire, on certain conditions by father, mother, son, daughter, brother or sister, or intending homesteader. Duties—Six months residence upon and cultivation of the land in each of three years. A homesteader may live within five miles of his homestead on a farm of at least 50 acres solely owned and occupied by him or his father, mother, son, daughter, brother or sister. In certain districts a homesteader in good standing may pre-empt a quarter section alongside his homestead. Price \$10.00. Duties—Must reside upon the homestead or pre-emption six months each of six years from date of homestead entry (including the time required to earn homestead patent) and cultivate fifty acres extra. A homesteader who has exhausted his land rights and cannot obtain a pre-emption may enter for a purchased homestead in certain districts. Price \$10.00 per acre. Duties—Must reside six months in each of three years, cultivate fifty acres and erect house worth \$100.00. W. W. CORRY, Deputy of the Minister of the Interior, N.B.—Unauthorized publication of this advertisement will be paid for.

UNION FOUNDRY and MACHINE WORKS, Ltd

GEORGE H. WARRING, Manager. Engineers and Machinists. Iron and Brass Castings. WEST ST. JOHN. Phone West 16.









AROUND THE CITY CHRISTMAS RUSH HAS SET IN AT POST OFFICE

Eleven New Settlers. A family of eleven, sent out by the provincial representative in Great Britain, arrived on the Victoria and were looked after by the local immigration office.

Lady's Glove Found. Detective Killen found a lady's glove on Prince William street yesterday afternoon and the owner can receive the same on application at the central police station.

Married in England. Miss Doris Kesteven Balshaw, daughter of Mrs. Kesteven Balshaw, of Toronto, N. S., was married to Thomas H. D. Bell of Dunsmuir, B.C., in St. Mary's church, Wimbledon, Eng., on Dec. 7.

A Donation Party. The friends of Rev. H. E. Cooke, recently pastor of the Coburg street Christiana Church, St. John, now of Burt's Corner, York County, intend giving a donation on Wednesday evening, Dec. 26th, at the parsonage, Burt's Corner. All who wish may participate.

The Engineers' Exams. The board of examiners of stationary engineers at their last session here passed 72 candidates for certificates of competency. It is not expected that another examination will be held for some time. Most of the stationery engineers throughout the province have now taken the examination and secured their certificates.

May Be Demented. The Frenchman who was arrested Monday night on the charge of lying and lurking in the grounds of Hon. J. D. Hazen of Hazen avenue, was remanded to jail yesterday afternoon where he will be kept for a short time in a strange manner yesterday, and it is thought by some, that he is of unsound mind.

To Address Officers. Major R. Holman, of the Australian permanent militia, who is at present in Halifax, will arrive in the city today. Major Holman is touring Canada in connection with militia matters, and is looking into the system in vogue here. This evening he will address a meeting of the local militia officers in the rooms of the officers of the 62nd Fusiliers on Germain street.

To Print City By-Laws. Yesterday afternoon the commissioners held a meeting and considered the new by-laws which Com. McLellan is drawing up for the general government of the departments under the Board of Safety. It is said the idea is to bring the various by-laws up to date and get them in shape for printing in one volume. At present the city by-laws are contained in a multitude of small pamphlets.

Drunk and Resisting. About 9:30 o'clock last evening Police Officer Kane arrested Charles McAlindin on Charlotte street for being drunk. The prisoner objected to being placed under arrest and a fight broke out. The officer was placed behind the bars with the result that in addition to being charged with drunkenness he now has to face the charge of violently resisting the police.

Will Finish Today. The work of repairing the Union street sewer will probably be finished today, and the trench will be filled in at once. Most of the sewer though it has been down for forty years was found to be in good condition, and about the only repairs necessary were around the manholes where the wood had decayed. It is the intention to put down permanent pavement on Union street, east of Charlotte next year.

Government to Meet. Hon. J. K. Flemming arrived in the city on the Boston express last evening in company with Hon. J. E. Wilson, to attend the meeting of the cabinet today. Mr. Flemming said that hospital matters would take up a large share of the meeting although other business would be dealt with. With regard to the mission in connection with the investigation into Magistrate Ritchie, Mr. Flemming had nothing to say.

Preparing Christmas Treat. For several weeks past the ladies of the Seaman's Mission have been preparing their annual treat for winterport sailors, which will be held on Monday evening, December 30th, with the result that an extensive and pleasing programme which includes a Christmas tree, the distribution of five hundred comfort bags, a concert and refreshments, has been prepared. At present the ladies are working hard to secure a sufficient supply of refreshments and they hope that all who intend to contribute will send their donations to the mission on the morning of the entertainment.

Booze Fighter Stole Boots. A young man who had partaken of a little too much big juice yesterday can thank a Hebrew merchant who keeps a store on Union street that he is not now locked behind the bars on the charge of theft. The Hebrew had a pair of boots hanging outside his store door about 1:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon when the booze fighter came along and picked the boots off the nail started away with them. The thief was noticed in a few minutes by the store keeper, and he gave chase and managed to capture the thief in the old burying ground. The owner of the boots took them away from the thief and allowed him to go after giving him a severe lecture to be more careful in the future.

A Successful Concert. The home of Mrs. L. A. Curry, 25 Fiddlers' street, was the scene of a pleasant entertainment last evening given by the Girls' Glee Club, when a programme consisting of the best songs readings and an interesting play was rendered. A candy table was also in order, proving a great attraction. The success of the evening is attested to by the fact that the children took in the sum of \$12.12 with which they propose to purchase Christmas dinners for the poor. Those taking part were as follows: Misses Edith Esther, Weisford, Marion and Jessa Currie, Jessa Todd, Laura and Nina Thompson, Lucille Green, Edith Edith, Marjorie Peters, Barbara Clark, Garda Holman, Dortha Whitlark, Jennie Tracy and Julia Curry.

Authorities Preparing to Handle Record Mail this Year--Recent English Mail Much Heavier than Usual--Money Order Business Growing.

The local post office authorities are preparing to handle a record Christmas mail this year. Already the rush has commenced, and the amount of English and Western mail matter handed at the post office here up to the present has been much greater than in previous years. The ships arriving here are bringing in a very large quantity of Christmas mail for all parts of Canada, and the increase in the English mail for the province would indicate that a good many old country people have located here during the year. One of the last mail steamers brought 25 baskets of mail for the local post office.

The express companies also report a great increase in Christmas traffic as compared with last year. All are busy getting away parcels for the west and for the old country. Mr. Haycock, manager of the Dominion Express Company, said their Christmas business so far this season was considerably in excess of last year, and that the indications were that the local business would be way ahead of previous years.

Mr. Potter, the assistant postmaster, said there was a big increase of business in the money order and registration departments of the local post office as well as in the volume of letters, cards, and packages of all sorts. The business of the post office and the express companies is a good barometer of business conditions generally, and the increase in the amount of matter handled by them is proof that the country, as a whole, has enjoyed a year of progress and prosperity.

Breaches of Rules. The post office authorities say that despite the frequent publication of the regulations of the department, the public persist in mailing matter often called upon to pay postage, hardly a way to send a Christmas present. Christmas cards and photographs are frequently mailed in sealed envelopes, with only enough stamps to carry an open package. In all such cases the post office people collect postage from the parties to whom the matter is addressed. In order to pass at the parcels rate all envelopes must be open to inspection. People sending out cards, etc., in envelopes should remember that if they seal the envelope full letter rates are charged, and that their friends as well as the postmen will be put to some trouble.

Another thing that should be remembered is that the regulations of the postal union prohibit the use of commemorative stamps of any kind on the address side of an envelope or package. Other countries that handle mail in this way are not permitted to put such stamps on the back of an envelope.

From now till after the New Year the post office employees and letter carriers will be busy night and day and will have to put in a deal of overtime to keep up with the work, and as they are paid by the month, they will not see much overtime pay.

HAS NARROW ESCAPE FROM FATAL HURT

James Anthony Fell Into Hold of Steamer Manchester Commerce

SUSTAINED SERIOUS INTERNAL INJURY

His First Day at Work as Longshoreman--Two Broken Ribs and Punctured Lung Result of Fall.

While working on the steamer Manchester Commerce at Sand Point, yesterday afternoon, putting in his first day as a longshoreman, James Anthony had the misfortune to fall down one of the hatches into the hold below, a distance of about 30 feet, sustaining a fracture of the fourth and fifth ribs, one of which punctured his left lung. The accident occurred about dusk when Anthony had reason to cross the deck and thinking the hatch closed, attempted to walk across, with the result that he fell into the hole below, lighting on a heap of railroad iron. At first the horrified onlookers thought the accident fatally had been added to the list of kindred accidents, and at once rushed to the injured man's assistance, carrying him up on a deck and into three sheds on the wharf. Dr. F. H. Neve was then summoned and on examination found two of the ribs on the left side to be broken, one of which punctured the lung. He first said he was rendered, Dr. Neve took Anthony to the latter's home on Market Square, where everything possible was done. Dr. Neve said last evening that while the unfortunate man had sustained serious injuries, his life was not in danger, unless internal injuries developed.

BISSELL CARPET SWEEPERS No More Useful Present Can Be Found Standard \$2.50 Universal \$3.00 Grand Rapids 3.00 Toy 30c and 40c

W. H. THORNE & CO. LTD. MARKET SQUARE & KING ST.

A XMAS GIFT The true Xmas gift will be a Piano from the WILLIS HOUSE. A KNABE "The World's Best Piano." A WILLIS, Canada's Best. Or, An AUTOPIANO of New York. These stand in friendly rivalry in our several parlors; which of them will you have for Xmas? WILLIS & CO., LIMITED MANUFACTURERS, ST. CATHERINE STREET WEST, MONTREAL, P. Q. Local Representatives: WILLIS PIANO & ORGAN CO.

Boker's Hockey Skates You know the name "BOKER" is a guarantee. It means the best skate that can be had at the price. THE LEADER 75c pair THE PRINCE \$2.00 pair THE CRESCENT \$1.00 pair THE IDEAL 2.50 pair THE HERO 1.50 pair THE NOVA 2.75 pair THE CAESAR 1.75 pair HOCKEY KING 3.75 pair THE BEAUTY 2.00 pair MONTREAL HOCKEY 4.50 pair PHONE 2520. Emerson & Fisher, Ltd., 25 Germain St.

OIL REFINERY WORKING AT FULL ST. JOHN SOWER PAGE

German Business Men in City Enquiring for Site for Prospective Big Industry--Interviewed Mayor Frink.

There seems to be some prospect that St. John will have a new industry in the shape of an oil refinery. Two German business men, Messrs. R. V. Osten and G. Von Bendor, have been in the city making inquiries for a site for a prospective oil refinery. In company with J. Simeon Armstrong, the engineer, they waited on the mayor and discussed the possibility of securing a site at the south end of the city, on the area it is proposed to reclaim for industrial sites. They also visited some of the real estate offices and made inquiries about sites available for the establishment of an oil refinery.

While they made no definite proposition to the city authorities, they said that in event of the city proceeding with the work of reclaiming the area south of the barrack ground, they would like to make arrangements to have a portion of the reclaimed ground reserved for them.

It is understood that they represent a German corporation which has acquired mineral rights to a tract of about 40 square miles of land in the oil bearing district of the province, and it is reported that the German government behind it in some way. The imperial government of Germany decided some time ago to prohibit the Standard Oil Company operating in the Fatherland, and it is said the Germans are engaged in organizing a supply of oil under their own control. The idea of the men who are looking over the situation here, is to put up a factory capable of refining any oil they may find on the tract they have leased for mining purposes, or any raw oil they may be able to get from the companies in Albert county. Most of the refined product would be shipped to Germany.

Mr. Armstrong is engaged in making a report on the feasibility of reclaiming a site suitable for the purposes of the McAvity's, and it is expected he will have his report ready in a short time. The mayor stated yesterday that the city was ready to reclaim the land if the McAvity's were satisfied with the site, and that at the same time they would reclaim at the same place land for some other industries.

deputy. Here is an opportunity to buy Christmas presents at half their usual prices. F. A. Dykeman and Co. have a stock of \$15,000.00 left over from a bankrupt stock which they bought in an adjoining town a short time ago and which is occupying the space that ought to be taken up with dry goods, consequently they are selling it at less than the manufacturer's price. You will find a good assortment of rings, bracelets, pins, brooches, cuff links, belt buckles and many other lines included in jewelry stock, which would make splendid Christmas presents. A lot of these are solid gold and are marked so there is no deceiving as to their quality. Their store will be open evening beginning tonight up till Christmas.

AT M. R. A.'s. The stores of Manchester Robertson Allison, Limited, will not be open for business any evening this week with the exception of Saturday, which has always been the custom. During Christmas week their establishments will be open Monday and Tuesday nights for the accommodation of customers who find it impossible to purchase their gifts during the morning and afternoon hours. It is hoped by the management that this progressive movement will be appreciated by their patrons and that all will join with them in making the new policy a pronounced success.

LONGSHOREMEN TAKING FEWER CHANCES THIS YEAR THAN FORMERLY--WILL GET MORE HOURS OF WORK.

Having failed to secure an increase of wages the longshoremen of the port decided to take a leaf out of the book of the syndicalists, and make rules which will enable them to get in more hours of work. They are not this winter handling as many articles in a sling, or on a truck as in the past few years. For instance instead of handling six boxes they are this season only handling five.

The shipping companies have been somewhat annoyed by the determination of the men to follow what they consider to be the tactics of the syndicalists of older countries, as it means that more time will be consumed loading and unloading the ships and that more money will have to be paid out than formerly for handling a given amount of cargo.

On the other hand the men claim their decision to adopt new working rules was not intended as a means of retaliation for the refusal of the companies to grant the increase in wages asked for, but as a means of self-defense. They say that while there were three unions in the port, past work has been carried on at a pace that greatly increased the risks of life and limb always incidental to the work of longshoremen. They say that it has been generally admitted by the company that the longshoremen of St. John handled cargo considerably faster than in other ports.

Received Premier's Thanks. R. W. Wigmore, president of the St. John Conservative Club has received a letter from Premier Borden, expressing thanks for the action of the club in passing a resolution endorsing the naval policy of the government.

May Join the Herd. The Loyal Order of Moose held a meeting in the Assembly rooms of Keith's theatre last evening. The attendance was large, and during the evening nearly a hundred new members were initiated. The membership of the order has reached nearly five hundred already, and the organization is planning for an interesting year.

Good Work on Adelaide Road. Com. Wigmore and the city engineers were out to Adelaide Road yesterday inspecting the work in connection with the extension of the water and sewer services. This work is being done by day's labor, and the commissioner is of the opinion that the men are making as good progress as if it were left out to contract.

Skating on Lily Lake. About two hundred young people walked out to Rockwood Park last evening and spent a pleasant night skating on Lily Lake. The ice is in fine condition.

Main Street Sidewalk Defective. The police report a dangerous hole in the sidewalk in front of Murphy's dry goods store, Main street.

PERSONAL

John Kenny, factor inspector, has returned from an inspection trip to Westralia, Canada.

TO SALVE HYDRO-AEROPLANE. Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 17.--A party left Santa Monica late today to drag ashore the wreckage of Kearney's hydro-aeroplane reported lodged in the mouth of Topanga canyon, a few miles north of Port Los Angeles. The find was made by Bruce Millard, who reported it to Santa Monica.

ANOTHER SESSION OF NAGLE INQUEST HELD LAST NIGHT

Little New Evidence Brought Out--Enquiry Adjourned Until Next Friday, when it will Probably Finish.

The enquiry into the death of John Nagle, who died on November 16th as the result of injuries received while working for the John S. Metcalf Company at Sand Point, was resumed, in the court house, last evening, before Coroner D. E. Berryman. Owing to the illness of Daniel Mullin, K. C., who is representing the relatives of the deceased, L. A. Curry appeared in his place. After hearing the evidence of the witnesses and the reading over of the depositions of a number of persons who had previously given evidence, the inquest was adjourned until next Friday evening, when it is expected it will be concluded.

The first witness called last evening was Dr. C. M. Macdonald, superintendent of the General Public Hospital, who testified that Nagle was admitted to the hospital about 10:30 o'clock in the morning. The patient was suffering from a severe shock and ribs were broken from the third to the sixth ribs. From examination he was satisfied that the fractured ribs had punctured his left lung and the injuries he had received were sufficient to cause his death. The man died two hours after he was admitted to the hospital.

The deposition of R. J. Woodman was read over and found correct, and signed by the witness who gave the evidence at a previous hearing. Daniel Gillespie, a former employee of the Metcalf Co., was called and stated that on the day of the accident, November 16th, he was employed getting steam up on a boiler about the middle of the treatise. Witness heard a lot of shouting as if to warn the men to get out of the way. Before the accident witness saw Mr. Richard McCusland on the treatise. Witness saw the car coming on the men and Mr. Nagle, who was the oldest man, appeared to try and catch the car, but he was knocked down by the car and crushed. There were other men near the car at the time of the accident.

Richard McCusland was the next witness and testified that at the time of the accident he was working in a blacksmith shop 250 feet away. He did not see the accident. Mr. White, the next witness, gave evidence that he had been in the Metcalf employ and saw a man named Tubbs on the treatise about ten minutes before the accident, but witness did not see the accident.

Court La Tour Elects Officers. Court La Tour, I. O. O. F., met in their rooms in the market building, last evening, with a large attendance. The election of officers for the year was held, and the following chosen: court officer, J. W. Britton; secretary, J. N. Scovill, Jr.; court physician, Dr. L. A. McAvity; vice chief ranger, O. E. McQuoid; chief ranger, J. W. Britton; recorder, W. W. Simmonds. The new officers were installed early in January. A number of new members were initiated at last night's meeting.

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