

I. C. R. NOT IN GOOD SHAPE. Locomotives Run Down and Coal of Poor Quality---Moncton Fire Department.

Moncton, Dec. 29:-(Special)- With the poor quality of fuel now being used in the I. C. R. and the run-down condition of the locomotive power, trainmen are looking forward with much apprehension to the big snow storms this winter. Up to the present there has been no snow calculated to interfere with traffic, yet trains have been unable to make anything like schedule time. It is only occasionally that the passenger train can be got along on time during the cold weather, while freight trains on all the divisions are being run behind time almost without a single exception. The trouble, as has been repeatedly stated, railway men attribute to the conditions of the engines and the poor coal. About the only engines that are in anything like proper condition are the passenger locomotives. Consequently, of late, more than usual, Sunday has been utilized for the moving of freight over the road with the passenger engines.

Locomotive No. 239, which was in the Oxford Jct., wreck, in which Driver W. Auley, lost his life, is expected to be turned out of the shops in about a week's time. The operation of the new I. C. R. coaling plant has not yet reached that stage of perfection when it can coal all the engines taking fuel at Moncton. The new plant has been at work for a month, but it is still found necessary to retain the old system of coaling. Probably more than half of the work has yet to be done as formerly and both methods will likely have to be continued all winter.

A disturbing element appears to be at work in the Moncton fire department. On Sunday morning last, the members of No. 2 hose Co. found that some persons had made themselves busy in their engine room for getting out quickly to a fire. The hose sled was found turned around, and the horse turned loose in the engine room. The matter was reported to the chief of the department, and the fire committee and the investigation, however, threw no light on the subject. It was quite apparent that some one had gained an entrance to the fire station and committed depredations of a serious character. The members of the company were exonerated and some further effort may be made to discover the parties causing the trouble.

The annual session of the Westmorland county council will be held at Dorchester next week, beginning on Tuesday.

Philip M. Haum, of St. John, who is starting a biscuit factory in Moncton, is at work erecting his plant, and expects to be ready for business by March 1st.

HAPPY "TEA" PARTY.

T. H. Estabrooks' Travellers and Staff Enjoy Re-union at White's.

The annual dinner by T. H. Estabrooks to his traveling, office and warehouse staff was given in White's King street, last night and was most enjoyable. Mr. Estabrooks' staff was present with the exception of three travelers who were unable to come.

The caterer, Frank White, served a course dinner in fine style and quality. The menu was a unique idea. The covers were of tea lead and on the first page was a red rose. Other pages gave the menu and toast list. The whole was placed within a souvenir napkin ring of celluloid, the ring being kept together by small steel cuff links. On the top of the menu was a small red rose. The whole was a thoughtful and up-to-date gift from Mr. White.

The travelers for Mr. Estabrooks, who were at the dinner, are S. Hustwit, of Winnipeg; H. R. Arnold, Winnipeg; R. W. Vout, Renfrew (Ont.); B. R. J. Noris, Kingston (Ont.); B. A. Fisher, Brockville (Ont.); E. Q. Cook, R. Prat, Toronto; I. A. Hovey, Stratford (Ont.); G. H. Campbell, London (Ont.); W. C. Gaden, Montreal; V. d'Ollouqui, Montreal; N. D. LeBlanc, Shediac; Lewis Armstrong, and M. A. Armstrong, St. John. Those who could not attend are L. W. Cox, Truro; T. O. Apps, St. John's (Nfld.) and Geo. L. Farmer, Fredericton. After the excellent repast the toast of the king was proposed by Mr. Estabrooks, who presided. The next toast was to "Our Travelers," and S. Hustwit, L. Armstrong and R. Prat responded. The toast to the office staff was responded to by H. Sullivan and W. R. Miles.

The health of the warehouse staff brought responses from H. McCavour, John McAfee and W. Seely. The health of the host was enthusiastically honored and brought an excellent speech from Mr. Estabrooks. The toast to the ladies was responded to by W. C. Gaden, W. H. Harrison and H. R. Arnold.

Songs were sung by W. C. Gaden, E. Q. Cooke, S. Hustwit, L. Armstrong. A musical duet was sung by L. Armstrong and V. d'Ollouqui. George Ramsay gave a clog dance and selections were given by a quartet composed of W. C. Gaden, E. Q. Cooke, Louis Armstrong and V. d'Ollouqui. A pleasant feature of the entertainment was the presentation of a handsome smokers' set to W. R. Miles by the travelers. The presentation was made by Mr. Prat. Yesterday was Mr. Estabrooks' birthday and in honor of the occasion Mr. White presented to the host a large and beautiful birthday cake. The dinner was brought to a close shortly after midnight with the singing of Auld Lang Syne.

The staff employed by Mr. Estabrooks presented to him an excellent Christmas present, a French china tea set.

ONE ENGLISHMAN WHO MADE THREE CONTINENTS SIT UP.

The Honorable Burke Roche Whose Dare Devil Exploit With His Torpedo Boat Almost Led To International Complications and Got Him in Trouble.

(Mail and Empire.) Words come from London that a warrant has been issued for the arrest of Burke Roche, the Irishman who delivered a torpedo boat to Russia in contravention of British neutrality. The charge against Roche is that he violated the Foreign Enlistment Act. The hero of this exploit remains in Paris, where he is regarded as a hero, and where his peculiar adventure is held in high esteem. For France is not only a lover of daring men, but a friend of Russia, and Russia has been greatly assisted by Burke Roche and his boat, the Caroline.

The actual services of the destroyer may not be great, for she is extremely likely to go to the bottom when she comes within the purview of the Japanese navy, but the moral effect of her enlistment is more important. The idea seems to prevail that the British authorities have winked at irregularities in the international code by which Russia is favored, and the impudent daring of Roche will confirm this impression in St. Petersburg, and perhaps incite Russians to further aggressions in the belief that Britain cannot or dare not interfere.

Already there is a faction among the Czar's advisors which holds the opinion that Britain dare not interfere. If this element has its way, the most serious crisis of the whole war will be precipitated, and Mr. Burke Roche may not be entirely free from responsibility for the consequences. His exploit, therefore takes on a much more serious aspect than is warranted by the facts in his isolated case.

According to the story told by the London Express, the delivery of the Caroline to the Russians was the result of a wager between Roche and a Russian admiral, and was in reality a vindication of British courage. Were it not for the fact that Britain's ally, Japan, were injured by it, and that more serious consequences may result. Mr. Roche's fellow-subjects would be free to admire his nerve and daring, and applaud him for risking his neck to uphold the national character. According to the Express, Roche was visiting a St. Petersburg club last July, chatting with a number of Russian officers, among them being Admiral Wrenius, and a member of the Czar's suite. The Russians were making light of British pluck, and asking half-jocularly where were the daring Britons of other days, whose deeds had illumined so many pages of history. They asserted that Japan was getting British ships and supplies right along, not that Russia could not buy them, but because no Englishman could be found bold enough to deliver the goods.

Mr. Roche, who had been maintaining British courage, spoke up, and said: "I am not an Englishman, strictly speaking, but Irish, and, if you will get a boat I will wager any reasonable amount that I will deliver the boat at any Russian port you name."

The wager was made—£500 a side. A captain of the Russian navy was sent to England. He quietly visited

the ship-building yards of the Thames, looked over the boats, and wired to his Government that Caroline at Yarrow's yard would be a satisfactory acquisition. Mr. Roche was informed that the boat was there, and was asked if he was prepared to deliver her or forfeit his wager. "I rest is history," The Caroline made her dash, and was delivered at Libau, and the daring Irishman won his wager of £500, and is the talk of three capitals—St. Petersburg, Paris, and London.

Of the trip itself, a member of the Caroline's crew furnishes an account. He disbelieved the story given out by Roche, to the effect that the Caroline was to be taken to a German port, and shipped to America as a yacht, but the pay was good, and he said nothing. The crew was aboard, and the Caroline was being exercised in the Thames, the intention being to take on the stores later in the evening and sail that night. Suddenly, however, Roche took alarm, learning that the police had got wind of the affair, and gave the order to bolt. So the Caroline steamed away, with only the scantiest of supplies. No sooner was the North Sea reached than a terrific storm was encountered. For three days it raged, threatening to send the adventurers to the bottom, but at the end of that time they were able to put back to Cuxhaven, where stores were secured. After that the trip was uneventful till the Caroline came to the German canal, where she was boarded by an officer, and asked to explain her business. The captain attempted to pass off the destroyer as a yacht. The officer laughed scornfully, and hastened away to report to the port admiral. Again the Caroline had to run for it, pursued by shots from the guardship, but she won safely through to Libau, and Roche won his wager.

The Hon. Burke Roche was a man of mark before his latest exploit put his name in every prominent newspaper in the world. He is the brother and heir of Lord Fermoy, of the Irish peerage, and a familiar figure in New York and Paris. He has had an adventurous career, has led revolutions in South America, and has been the hero of a hundred hair-breadth 'scapes in different parts of the world. Today there stands in a lonely spot in Montana a tombstone erected to his memory by Lady Fermoy, his mother, when the news was brought to her that her son had been slain by Indians. Six months later he turned up after a long hunting trip in Wyoming, and was hailed as one risen from the dead. It is apparent that he believes that both Britain and Germany took every reasonable precaution to prevent the Caroline violating neutrality, the matter may not be so serious, but otherwise it cannot fail to be an extremely costly affair. Should Russia misconstrue the daring of a single Irishman into a general pro-Russian sentiment in Britain, the very worst results may be expected. In any event, Mr. Roche has got himself into a rather ugly scrape.

WRONG IDEA. Don't get the wrong idea into your head that starvation is good for dyspepsia. It is not. Those who have not studied the subject very deeply or with trained scientific minds, might think so. But facts prove otherwise. All specialists in stomach and digestive disorders know, that it is best for dyspepsia to be well fed. Why, dyspepsia is really a starvation disease. Your food doesn't feed you. By starvation, you may give your bowels and kidneys less to do, but that does not cure your digestive trouble—simply makes you weaker and sicker; less likely to be permanently cured than ever. No, the only right way to permanently cure yourself of any form of dyspepsia or indigestive trouble, is to eat heartily of all the food that you find best agrees with you, and help your digestion to work with Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets. This is a safe, certain, scientific, reliable method of treatment, which will never fail to cure the most obstinate cases if preserved in. Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets have a gentle, tonic, refreshing effect on the secretory glands of the entire digestive tract. They gently force the flow of fresh digestive juices. They contain, themselves, many of the chemical constituents of these juices, thus when dissolved they help to dissolve the food around them in stomach or bowels. They therefore quickly relieve all the symptoms of indigestion, and coax the doing of their proper work. They coax you back to health. No other medical treatment of any sort nor any fad system of "Culture," or "Cure" will give you the solid, permanent, curative results, that will Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets.

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HON. DR. PUGSLEY.

Writers to Correct a Report of His Statement on the Temperance Question.

Fredericton Junction, Dec. 28. To the Editor of The Telegraph:—Sir,—In the Times' report of my remarks at the Liberal meeting in Berbyman's hall last evening, it is stated that I characterized the temperance people as faddists and cranks. This is not correct. I neither said what this statement implies nor had I such a thought in my mind. The people whom I had in mind are intended to refer to a few of those extremists who have no respect for the views of other people, who ride on hobbies, and who seek to obtain prominence by pressing their peculiar and impractical ideas upon an indulgent public. One of the persons whom I had in mind is a gentleman who, though in no sense a type of the laboring man, posed at the last general election as a labor candidate, and is now assisting the Tory candidate to get into the legislature by the votes of the temperance people. For the great masses of the advocates of temperance, among whom I include the liberal candidate, I have the most profound respect.

WILLIAM PUGSLEY. In a somewhat hurried condensation of Hon. Dr. Pugsley's remarks the Times appears to have misquoted his statement. Dr. Pugsley's correction is therefore cheerfully published. The Telegraph's report of his speech was as follows:—"Dealing with the temperance question the speaker said prohibition for the whole province was not a feasible proposition, they did not want faddists on practical lines. The idea of men such as Messrs. Tilley, Everett and Woodburn holding a meeting and calmly and dispassionately selecting a candidate on the score of temperance alone was, he thought, decidedly humorous."

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The militia department at Ottawa has under consideration a number of important matters for the improvement and extension of the force and permanent corps. It has been decided to establish a new cavalry regiment in Manitoba and the Northwest.

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