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Cloudy with light snow falls followed by north and north-west gales. Cold today and on Saturday.

TRADE OF OLD COUNTRY HAS BIG ADVANCE

RAPID RETURN TO NOMAL SHOWN

A More Valuable Pound Sterling Has Stimulated All Branches of Commerce.

London Nov. 23—British trade has made a tremendous advance the last few months having left the 1921 figures far behind. Improved conditions particularly a more valuable pound sterling have stimulated nearly all branches of commerce which gives promise of a steady and rapid return to normal.

Comparison of the figures for the first ten months of this year with the same period last year shows that the world is buying an immensely larger quantity of British goods and also selling to England at a greatly cheaper rate than in 1921. The money coming in through the sale of goods to other nations is likewise considerably decreased but as the prices paid here are proportionately less the general basis works out greatly to the advantage of trade.

In the first ten months last year Great Britain sold 2,225,000.00 square yards of cotton goods to foreign countries receiving £112,330,000. It sold nearly 3,500,000.00 yards receiving £117,850,000 this year. Although the increase in money is not anywhere near proportionate to the increase in quantity there is another side to the picture.

In the 1921 period England brought from the world 22,225,000 cwt. of meat and paid £118,068,000 for it. This year it bought nearly as much but paid only £85,740,000.

Iron and steel manufactures also show a favorable tone. In the first ten months of 1921 England sold more than 1,225,000 tons and received £52,856,000. This year it more than doubled the quantity but received £3,000,000 less. On the other hand purchases of grain and flour which are vitally necessary to the country's existence cost only £87,120,000 as compared with £121,500,000 last year for the same amount.

Buying being cheaper in all lines has made it possible to sell cheaper consequently there has been a healthy increase in nearly all commodities such as stockings, boots, linens, silks, carpets, woollens, manufactured copper goods, wire, earthenware. Exports of coal showed a gain of 35,000,000 tons.

The increase business activity is reflected in the reports of cable companies to the effect that more business messages are being handled than at any time since before the war. Arrangements are being made for a quick return to the old volume of such communication.

STREET CAR SOLD FOR \$100

Secaucus, N. J., Nov. 24—When a trolley car of the Public Service Corporation passed through here today a tow headed six foot passenger casually informed the conductor: "You can just turn over the fares to me I just bought this car."

After a short but decisive argument, the passenger arose from the mud beside the track and sought the police. He said he was Olaf Jansen, a recent arrival from Sweden. He carried his savings with him, he said so when a prosperous-looking stranger who sat beside him on the same car offered to sell it to him for \$100.

J. W. Bengough Seriously Ill.
J. W. Bengough Toronto was to have entertained at Moncton audience on Monday and Tuesday but was prevented by illness from filling his engagements. He was taken seriously ill on the train from Campbellton to Moncton and his condition is so serious that his physician has ordered him home. He left on Tuesday for his return to Toronto.

KENT COUNTY MURDER TRIAL NEARING END

H. A. Powell, K. C., Addresses the Jury on Behalf of the Accused.

Richibucto, N. B., Nov. 23—H. A. Powell, K. C., of St. John commenced his address to the jury in the McEachern murder trial this afternoon. He had not finished his remarks when the court adjourned at 5.30 o'clock. He will finish on Friday, following which William M. Ryan will present the case for the Crown and Judge Crockett will deliver his charge. The case will be in the hands of the jury early Friday afternoon it is expected.

The defense called five witnesses, including the accused. McEachern while on the stand, swore that Gordon Mesheau attacked him with a pitchfork and that he grabbed a stick and struck him one blow on the head. He denied that he sought Mesheau on May 1 with any evil or malicious design. He went to see him solely to warn him that his sheep were on his property.

Mr. Powell, in an able address to the jury said that there was an absolute lack of a guilty mind or a guilty intention on the part of the accused. There had been three versions of the circumstances accompanying the fight between McEachern and Mesheau. He declared that the widows version and the explanation given in the dying man's declaration were at variance and very inconsistent.

So far as the charge in this case was concerned, declared Mr. Powell if death directly ensued as a result of subsequent improper treatment, McEachern was not a murderer at heart, whatever he might be otherwise.

THE UNUSUAL IN LOCAL EVENTS

Makes It Unanimous

The Gaiety says "Love Never Dies" and the Capitol says, "If you Believe It, It's So," which makes it unanimous.

Finds Cure For Sleeplessness

"A girl friend of mine was troubled with sleeplessness," says a young lady in a Queen street store, "So I told her to try counting until she fell asleep. Next day I saw her and asked her how it worked. 'It worked' she said. Then I asked her if it put her to sleep and she said, 'No, I counted 18,295 and then it was time to get up.'"

ISADORA DANCED WITH CLOTHES ON

Indianapolis, Nov. 24—This is once she danced with clothes on.

Such was Police Lieutenant Corrigan's laconic answer today to Isadora Duncan's protest that Mayor Lew Shank had "committed a crime against art" by stationing four police men in the wings of a local theatre to see that the famous dancer appeared on the stage costumed according to Indianapolis standards.

"Isadora is not fooling me any," the mayor said. "She talks about art. I've seen a lot of these twisters and I know as much about art as any man in America. But I never want to see one of these dancers for art's sake and I'll bet 90 per cent—yes 95 per cent—of the men who go to see these so-called classical dancers just say they think it's artistic to fool their wives."

Getting Ready at Ottawa for the Next Session of the House

TWO IMPORTANT TREATIES AWAIT RATIFICATION BY PARLIAMENT—HON. J. A. ROBB LIKELY TO NEGOTIATE A RECIPROCITY TREATY WITH AUSTRALIA—SOME IMPORTANT LEGISLATION LIKELY TO BE BROUGHT DOWN.

Ottawa, Nov. 23—With the opening of Parliament not more than two months distant there is a notable acceleration in governmental circles, and December promises to be an unusually busy month. The various departments are making haste to have their estimates prepared for submission to the cabinet during that month, and the latter is busily engaged in giving form to its legislative programme which, when completed, will be formidable document.

Near the top of the list this year, it is expected, will be the department of External Affairs, which is under the direction of the Prime Minister. Canada's foreign relations have many times been under discussion and subject to considerable adjustment since Parliament dissolved in June last.

The next session will be called upon to ratify a new treaty with the United States to supplant the Rush-Bagot pact governing armament on the Great Lakes, a treaty providing for a settlement of the controversy between this country and the State of Minnesota regarding control of water powers in the Lake of the Woods and an arrangement for reference of the control of the water powers in Rainy River and Rainy Lake to the International Joint Commission.

TRADE TREATY LIKELY

It is probable also that Hon. James A. Robb, Minister of Trade and Commerce, will bring back with him next month from Australia the material on which to base a reciprocal trade arrangement with the Antipodes.

Then under the head of external affairs will come consideration of the part Canada has taken this fall at Geneva in the Assembly of the League of Nations and the International Labor Conference. Moreover, there will be a trade treaty between Canada and France and between Canada and Italy to ratify.

OTHER MATTERS

Other outstanding questions will be the determination of what further legislative steps are needed to ensure continued success for the Canadian National Railway System, approval of the government's immigration policy, an announcement on the elaboration of which Hon. Charles Stewart will make in a few days, the revision of the Bank Act in connection with which there will probably be a lively discussion of recent events contributing to its urgency, and an adjustment of grain transportation conditions with a view to avoiding a recurrence of this season's serious blockade.

Consideration will be given to matters which will arise out of the International Postal Conference to be held here next month between representatives of the American and the Canadian Governments.

Further legislation calculated to enhance Canada's competitive conditions in the cattle and farm produce market in Great Britain may likewise be expected to be up for discussion.

ICE FORMED OVER THE RIVER LAST NIGHT

The St. John river at this point was skimmed over with ice Thursday night as a result of a sudden drop in the temperature. A light snow followed the cold snap and the river today presents an appearance of being sealed for the winter. It is not likely that the ice will remain as the weather forecast is for rain and sleet.

In 1921 the closing was in similar fashion but a few days earlier. The ice formed on the 17th and on the 20th ran out as a result of rain and rising water. On the 23rd it formed again and remained for the winter.

The river in 1921 was open for a period of 235 days the opening coming extra early, March 27th. This year the river opened April 8th making a season of 230 days.

Major Pringle of Fredericton is at the Touraine. He is one of two of the original officers of the 26th Battalion who returned with it at the close of the war.

MANDAMUS AGAINST THE TWO COUNTIES

The Appeal Division, Supreme Court this morning issued a rule nisi of mandamus returnable the first Tuesday of the next term against the warden and secretary-treasurer of the Municipality of King's for \$12,675 and also against the warden and secretary-treasurer of the Municipality of Sunbury for \$7,629. The rules are returnable on the first Tuesday of the next term and are the next step of the department of Health following the decision of the court last week to compel the payment of the assessment for Public Health purposes. P. J. Hughes made the motion on behalf of Hon. W. F. Roberts, Minister of Health.

The Appeal Division decided also that in the cases against the secretary-treasurer of Sunbury and King's in which contempt was alleged, that there would be no costs.

Another Motion

In Dugal Campbell vs. James McInnis, the Attorney General for Campbell et al moved for costs. They were ordered by the court.

Mr. J. W. Scovill, M.P.P. of St. Stephen is among the visitors to the city today.

GREAT DAMAGE BY STORM IN CAPE BRETON

Damage to Railways Telephone and Tramway Lines Will be Enormous.

Sdney Nov. 23—After being cut off from wire communication with the outside world for nearly thirty-six hours Sydney and surrounding territory were tonight rapidly getting back to normal condition.

Damage to railways telephone tramways, light power and telegraph lines during the recent heavy storm will run to hundreds of thousands of dollars officials of the various companies estimated.

The Western Union cable station at North Sydney got a wire working through to the mainland on Wednesday night and the Canadian Pacific Railway lines direct to Sydney were in operation shortly after noon today.

Tram service to Glace Bay was resumed this morning telephones are working generally but long distance lines will not be repaired for a week. All power circuits have been restored but it will be another day before electric light will be available in all sections of the city.

Major J. A. Rudland provincial fire marshal is expected tomorrow to conduct an official inquiry into the fire which at the height of storm on Wednesday morning destroyed four brick buildings with a total loss of nearly \$300,000.

When wire service was resumed to day the people of Sydney learned for the first time that the blizzard which crippled Sydney, North Sydney and Glace Bay and New Waterford and other centres had not been felt west of Grand Narrows which is only fifty-eight miles from the city.

Extra forces of linemen arrived in the district last night and today were working back towards Grand Narrows, stringing temporary lines and straightening the old ones as best possible.

SALE OF POPPIES NETTED \$920

The total receipts from all sources in the sale of poppies on the anniversary of the armistice was \$920. The sale in Fredericton and other places in this vicinity was under the direction of the following:—

The Red Cross, Ashburnham Branch, Lady Ashburnham.
The women's Institute Mrs. John Harvey.

L. O. B. A. Society Mrs. W. H. Gregory.

King's Daughters, Golden Rule Miss Ella Thorne.

Sir Howard Douglass Chapter I. O. D. E. Mrs. H. V. Bridges.

The Methodist Aid Society Mrs. M. Atkinson.

U. N. B. Girls and Alumnae Society, Miss L. Kinghorn.

Presbyterian Aid Society Mrs. T. L. Fowler.

Victor Hatheway Chapter I. O. D. E. Miss Georgie Murchie.

Burt's Corner—Charles Inch.

Marysville, Pythian Sisters—Mrs. P. G. Long.

Barker's Point, Women's Institute—Mrs. F. L. Armstrong.

Nashwaakasis—Miss Sansom.

Fredericton Junction—Miss May.

Oromocto—Miss Estabrooks.

Devon, Women Institute—Mrs. P. S. Watson.

Methodist Church—Mrs. J. Matthews.

Baptist Church—Mrs. J. McGill.

L. O. B. A.—Mrs. A. G. Stickles.

St. Anthony's Church—Mrs. F. Shortill.

Advent Church—Mrs. R. Malloy.

Where Is He?

"Who is the chairman of the fire committee of the City Council?" was the question one citizen addressed to another during the progress of Wednesday night's fire. "I am not sure about it" was the reply but I think it is the alderman from Bantalarum ward; I will find out from the city clerk and let you know later."

NEW BRUNSWICK DOING WELL AT ROYAL FAIR

MADE ALMOST A SWEEP ON POTATOES

Apples From This Province Also Show Up Well in the Prize List.

The Royal Winter Fair opened at Toronto on the 22nd and a report of the first days judging of fruit and potatoes received at the office of the Minister of Agriculture indicates that New Brunswick is likely to loom large in the prize list. The New Brunswick government has in exhibition at the fair a large display of potatoes and also a collection of many varieties of winter apples. A report on the first day's judging states that practically all of the potato prizes so far as judged had been won by the exhibit from New Brunswick. The list is as follows:—

Certified Green Mountains—1st, 4th 5th and 6th prizes.

Uncertified Green Mountains, 2nd 4th and 6th prizes.

Irish Cobblers 10 bushel lot—1st and 2nd prizes.

Apples.

That New Brunswick also made a good showing in apples in competition with the other provinces is shown by the following list of prizes:

Apples (10) Wolf River—1st 2nd and 3rd.

Apples, McIntosh Red—2nd.

Apples, Single plate of Scarlet Pippins—2nd.

Apples, Alexander—1st, 2nd and 3rd.

Apples, Northern Spy—4th.

ROBERTS WAS HANGED AT YARMOUTH, N.S.

Yarmouth, Nov. 24—Omar Roberts self-confessed and convicted murderer of his nineteen year old housekeeper Flora Gray, on Aug. 28, was hanged here this morning at 12.17 o'clock.

Secrecy surrounded the execution of the sixty seven year old guide of North Kemptville. The details were unknown except to Sheriff Lewis who it was said would conduct the execution and probably in part to an unknown assistant to Jailer Simms to the prison physician and the prisoner's spiritual advisors.

The condemned man spent much time yesterday in scripture reading and prayer with Rev. Edwin Crowell, retired Baptist minister and Rev. M. S. Richardsen, pastor of Zion United Baptist church, Yarmouth. The latter left the prisoner at 4 o'clock but soon after received a telephone call from the jail saying that Roberts had asked that he return and spend the evening with him in song and prayer.

The prisoner looked forward to the end with no apparent fortitude and said he was not afraid to die or to face his Maker. He told his spiritual advisors that if the execution would cause them any nervous shock, he would urge them not to attend as he felt his strength sufficient to face the ordeal alone.

Died at Ninety Eight

On Monday, November 13, there passed away at Dalhousie Junction, N. B., Archie MacCurdie, at the age of ninety-eight years. Mr. MacCurdie was born in Arran, Scotland, and was one of the early pioneers who came to this country in 1832. He was a faithful member of the Dalhousie Presbyterian church for many years and was a kind and generous man, with a large circle of friends, and will always live in the memory of those who knew him. The funeral service was very largely attended and conducted by his minister, Rev. E. J. Shaw. He leaves six daughters and three sons to mourn the loss of a beloved father.