

Sir. James Craig says that the Irish Agreements will Be Faithfully carried out

ULSTER PREMIER IS OPTIMISTIC

Tells of the Conference Reached with Michael Collins—Thinks a Fair Bargain was Entered Into—Last Trace of Military Control in Ireland will Disappear on Monday.

Belfast, Jan. 27.—The last trace of military control in Ireland is expected to disappear next Monday, when the curfew will be raised in Belfast. The disbandment of the "Black and Tans" also will begin next week.

According to press reports in Dublin the British government will hand over to the Irish Free State 1,000 motor vehicles which had been in government use in Ireland.

Sir James Craig, speaking at a Unionist council luncheon today, said he and Michael Collins would be faithful to the agreement they reached at their recent important conference. At this conference the premier of Ulster and Collins, as head of the provisional government of South Ireland, came to an understanding regarding the boundary question, the lighting of the boycott of Ulster and other matters. Incidentally Sir James said the negotiations had been difficult from his standpoint because he could not agree to any reduction of the aggregate area of Ulster from that fixed under the act of 1920.

Will Be Faithful.

"I can promise you," said Sir James "that he and I will be faithful to the bargain we entered into, and there will be no disturbance of those people who desire to remain with us any more than there will be any disturbance of those desiring to go from under our flag into the free state.

"That seems to me to be a fair bargain which will close a difficult matter—difficult from his point of view, because he wants peace, and difficult from my viewpoint, because I will never give in to any re-arrangement of the boundary that leaves our Ulster area less than it is under the act of 1920."

Describing his conference with Mr. Collins, Sir James said:

"We sat three hours, discussed fully the questions going to the foundation of the future of our country. I said to him: 'Can we come to some agreement—an agreement not favorable to you and not favorable to me—Some agreement which will allay the horrors of the past, calm down the people, try to encourage the best elements throughout the whole of Ireland and then leave the road open in some future time for the Ulster people to choose whether they will come into your free state or not?'"

A Separate Entity.

"It is for you to decide on coercion on maintaining war on irritation. Don't let me interfere, but let me know what we have got to do.

"Can't we do something between us to prevent a recurrence of the disturbances, disorders and scandals, that have been committed in the name of liberty in the past?"

Alluding to the agreement, the Ulster premier declared:

"I think, for the credit of our land we were able to put our names to a document which contains an admis-

DARTMOUTH PUT CRIMP IN DALHOUSIE

Beat that College 4 to 3—Antigonish and Sussex o Play Thursday at Halifax.

Halifax, Jan. 27.—In an amateur hockey game here tonight, Dartmouth defeated the Dalhousie team that recently played in Boston by a score of 4 to 3.

Moncton Amateurs Won.

Moncton, Jan. 27.—In a fast game in the eastern section of the New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island League in the local arena, Moncton won the first game of the season from Dorchester by the score of 5 to 2. The visitors scored twice in the first period and the locals notched all their five scores in the last two periods.

To Play Thursday.

Halifax, Jan. 27.—Arrangements were made today for a game at Halifax on Thursday evening next between Antigonish and Sussex for the amateur hockey championship of the maritime provinces.

Wanderers Beaten.

Amherst, Jan. 27.—In the Nova Scotia Amateur Hockey League game here tonight, Amherst defeated the Wanderers of Halifax 3 to 2.

New Glasgow Won.

New Glasgow, N. S., Jan. 27.—In the Independent Hockey League game here tonight, New Glasgow defeated Amherst 5 to 4.

WEEK-END MARKET

Large Quantities of Beef Offered For Sale—Prices Rather Firm.

There was a large week-end market this morning with wood, hay and beef offered in large quantities. There was a good variety of produce. Prices ruled as follows:—

Beef per lb. 6 to 11 cents.
Lamb per pound, 10 to 15 cents.
Mutton, per lb. 6 to 10 cents.
Fowl, per pound, 25 to 30 cents.
Chicken, per lb. 35 to 40 cents.
Veal, per lb. 8 to 12 cents.
Pork, per lb. 18 cents.
Butter per lb. 35 to 40 cents.
Eggs per dozen 60 to 65 cents.
Potatoes per bbl. \$2 to \$2.25.
Apples per barrel, \$1.50 to \$7.
Carrots, per bbl. \$2.50.
Turnips, per barrel, 60 cents.

Reported Transfer Denied.

J. H. McMurray who is acting in the matter of the sale of the property in Queen Street occupied as dental office and residence by the late Dr. A. T. McMurray, today denied that a transfer of the property had taken place. It had been rumored that another dentist of this city had purchased the property.

sion by the free state that Ulster is separate entity with a head with whom they can in all events confer. Level-headed men throughout the country should rally to that government which, in all events, is endeavoring to restore order and stave off separation and a republic which is the party cry of the other side.

"The fact that the boycott has been abolished is proof of the sincerity of Mr. Collins to carry out his part of the agreement.

The Annual Financial Statement of Province; A Deficit of \$265,792

Territorial Revenue Showed a Big Falling Off due to Depression in the Lumbering Industry—Over-Expenditure of \$100,000 on Account of Public Works and Forest Service—The Revenue Was Well Collected.

The financial statement of the province for the fiscal year ending Oct. 31 last, as revealed by the Comptroller General's annual statement, must be viewed in the light of the estimates of receipts and expenditures, foreseen and submitted to the legislature when the budget was brought down in March last.

While the expenditures have exceeded the receipts by over a quarter of a million dollars on ordinary account, this does not include the financial millstone around the provincial neck in the shape of Valley Railway bond interest which after earnings are deducted, amounts to nearly another quarter million dollars.

The ordinary revenues were more than \$100,000 greater than the government expected, but this satisfactory increase was wiped out by a wholly unforeseen event, the expense of fighting forest fires—an act of Providence that cost far more in the value of lumber and property destroyed than the ordinary cash amount required of the province.

Education was estimated to cost \$361,200 and the expenditure was \$392,555. This important public service cost \$318,000 in 1920 and in previous years under \$300,000. The additional expenditure is accounted for by increased grants to school teachers.

The largest spending department, that of public works could not make the amount of estimates, \$562,294, cover the expenditures required upon ordinary roads and ordinary bridges has been divided and many will be surprised to learn that it cost \$50,000 more for the maintenance of the bridges than the roads and with \$166,000 for ordinary work upon and upkeep of the public buildings of the province, the total expenditure exceeded the estimate by a quarter of a million dollars—and the deficit was \$265,792.

SOME ENCOURAGING FEATURES

There are some encouraging features to the adverse financial statement, that while expected, must always be a disappointing one so long as expenditures exceed receipts. The collections of the revenues and the excess of the estimates in very many cases shows that the government's judgment was not too optimistic. The very substantial sinking funds set aside for the redemption of the bonded indebtedness will appeal to the thinking man as splendid business. Over \$167,500 was paid out of the ordinary revenue into the sinking funds to retire the permanent road bonds and other bonds which are charged against the province.

There are a number of provincial expenditures which are almost beyond control. Those fixed by statute cannot be varied and those authorized by the legislature vary according to circumstances, some of which are under the control of the ministers and officials but very often are not. For example, the \$100,000 over expended fighting forest fires was an uncontrollable expenditure. The very people who may find fault with the financial statement would have raised a tempest in protesting if the crown land department had refused to lend assistance in fighting fires.

The minister of public works, too, depends upon his bridge engineer, A. R. Wetmore, and his capable assistants in the office and field to inform him what bridges are actually in need of repair and what can be depended upon for safety for a while longer. The public demands safe bridges and the engineers and the minister do the best they can and still there is more money required than was estimated.

The province received some \$30,000 more from prohibition than it spent for enforcement and the first profit from the New Brunswick Board of Liquor Vendors was \$46,980, which arises from sales from July to October 31. Succession duties exceeded the estimate by \$50,000. The crown land receipts fell off by about \$11,000 and about \$13,000 more was spent upon public health than was estimated. Vocational education exceeded its estimate by over \$2,000. The one outstanding fact is while the revenues were satisfactory they are not large enough to provide for ordinary public services.

PERSONAL

Mr. James S. Smith of Ottawa is in the city.

Mr. H. H. Gill of Montreal is in the city.

Mr. Percy Staples of St. John is a guest in the city.

Mr. A. McFarlane of Alberta is in the city.

James G. A. Thatcher of Montreal is at the Queen Hotel.

P. S. Hanson of Montreal is in the city.

Miss Annie Cullman of St. John is Alma L. Connors of Barker Harbor are at the Barker House.

Prices are falling. The pearl necklace recently quoted at \$1,500,000 is down to less than \$900,000.

STORM COMING NORTHWARD

Washington, Jan. 27.—The following storm warning was issued by the weather bureau today.

Advisory northeast storm warning, 2.30 p. m. Atlantic coast north of Cape Henry to and including Boston. Disturbance off the North Carolina coast moving north-northeastward. Strong northeast winds, with gales off the coast during the next twenty four hours.

Miss Annie Cullman of St. John is in the city.

Mystery Surrounding the Death of Ottawa College Student Still Unsolved

LUMBERMEN AND MINISTER WILL CONFER

Meeting at Moncton Tuesday Afternoon—Fire Protection and Reduced Scale—Advisory Board Meeting

Fredericton, Jan. 27, 1922.

A committee of the New Brunswick Lumbermen's Association will confer at Moncton next Tuesday afternoon with Hon. C. W. Robinson, Minister of Lands and Mines, on matters which the lumbermen wish to present to the attention of the Department of Lands and Mines. The committee numbers seven members including President Beattie of the firm of Stetson, Cutler & Co., St. John.

Col. Loggie, Deputy Minister, will leave Monday night to attend the meeting.

Subjects For Discussion.

Subjects for discussion at the meeting are new methods for the protection of forests from fire and a reduced scale for timber cut on Crown Lands. The question with regard to fire protection will be whether the lumbermen or the Province will handle the matter.

Advisory Board to Meet.

The Advisory Board of Department of Lands and Mines will meet Tuesday evening at Moncton following the conference with the lumbermen's committee. All members of the Board have signified an intention to be present. Matters of importance will come up for discussion.

RATHER DISCONCERTING

Silk Dress Was Dragging From Beneath Lady's Skirt—Explanations and Investigation.

An accident which to say the least must have been disconcerting to those concerned, is reported to have occurred in one of the city's largest dry goods stores within a few days when two of the young lady clerk's observed something dragging below the skirt of a well known lady of the city as she descended a staircase. One of the clerks believing that the clothing of the lady had become disarranged, politely drew her attention to the fact. To do that she approached closely and to her surprise learned that the dragging garment was not being worn but carried in some manner beneath the skirt.

Explanations were in order at once and investigation followed. As far as can be learned it was found that the silk dress, which the trailing garment turned out to be, had not been a portion of the stock of the store in which the discovery was made but had come from a neighboring establishment in which a sale was being held. Putting it mildly there was every indication that it had been procured irregularly.

The Open Door.

Fredericton has its "open door" problem. Within the past twenty eight days the police have found the doors of twenty six business establishments open at night. Carelessness is the reason, as far as the police can find out. The habit gives light-fingered persons a great temptation.

WIFE A CANDIDATE AGAINST HUSBAND FOR TOWN CLERKSHIP

Richmond, Mass., Jan. 28.—Mrs. Herbert Dorr, of this town, has announced her candidacy for the offices of town clerk and town treasurer in opposition to her husband, who was nominated at the Democratic caucus early in the week.

Mrs. Dorr declared that one of the most prominent politicians in Richmond said that the idea of women being elected to a public office was only a fad and would soon pass over. So she decided to show him a thing or two she said, and maintained she might as well begin right at home.

MURDER TOOK PLACE LATE AT NIGHT

This Has Been Shown by an Analysis of the Victim's Stomach—No Report Yet Made on Blood Stains in Priests Motor Car—Father DeLorme Denies the Rumors.

Montreal, Jan. 27.—That Raoul Delorme, twenty-four year old Ottawa college student, whose body with six bullet wounds in the head was found in the snow in a suburb of this city on the morning of Jan. 7, was killed after 10 o'clock of the night before will probably be established the next time the coroner's court takes up the case.

It was learned tonight that medical examination of the contents of the victim's stomach revealed that digestion processes had been completed before death occurred. Allowing for the conversation over the telephone with his half-brother, Rev. Adelard Delorme, at seven on the evening of January 6, in with Raoul is alleged to have said that he had just eaten a good meal, the detectives now believe that the murder could not have been committed before ten o'clock. Their opinion previous to the autopsy was that he might have been murdered earlier in the evening.

No trace of young Delorme's movements has been found since he left his home at 190 St. Hubert street at 2.30 on the afternoon on January 6.

The Stains in Motor Car.

The medical experts are trying to establish whether the stains on the cushions of Rev. Fr. Delorme's car are of recent occurrence or whether they have been there for a long period. No report has yet been made. Asked this morning as to the accuracy of a rumor from Quebec to the effect that he had bet on horses in New Orleans and had lost heavily and that the property in Montreal was heavily mortgaged Rev. Adelard Delorme replied that it was absolutely false and a ridiculous report.

Father Delorme said: "The things people say without any foundation are absurd. I have never been to New Orleans in my life and I have never played the horses anywhere."

Rev. Father Delorme was then asked about another rumor which suggested that he had telephoned the Sauvegard Insurance Co. three days after the death of his brother. Raoul was insured with this company for \$25,000. Father Delorme said that this rumor was also absolutely false.

Mysterious Telephone Calls.

It was learned in police circles that Rev. Father Delorme has informed the detectives that on the night the boy was killed, January 6, he received three mysterious telephone calls. Once he thought he heard some body sobbing. The last call was at three o'clock in the morning. Father Delorme says he called up central, asked who was speaking and tried to trace the source of the call. He was unable to do this.

The Bell Telephone Co. was asked if it had any record of these calls, but it was found that the only calls which are noted are those coming in from pay stations.

FROST COSTS CALIFORNIA FRUIT MEN MILLIONS OF DOLLARS

Los Angeles, Jan. 28.—Possibly half the orange crop in California and one-third of the lemon crop was lost in the three day freeze last week, according to an official preliminary estimate, based on field surveys, given out here by the California Fruit Growers' Exchange. Experts said \$700 was a fair average price for a carload of citrus fruit. On that basis the loss would be around \$17,500,000.