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***** **The Weather** *****

Moderate winds, fair and decidedly cold today and on Friday.

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STABLE GOVERNMENT SEEMS TO BE THE ONLY SOLUTION OF THE RUSSIAN PROBLEM

Executive Committee of the American-Russian Chamber of Commerce Issues a Statement—Notions of Trade With Russia are Exaggerated—Little Chance of Weakening Bolshevik Domination Over the Masses.

New York, Jan. 22.—Absurdly exaggerated notions prevail in some quarters regarding the possibility of trade with Russia at present, according to a statement issued last night by the executive committee of the American Russian Chamber of Commerce, after a meeting at which the Supreme Council's action relative to the partial lifting of the blockade was considered.

The organization represents a large number of American business firms and includes in its directorate Fredk. W. Allen Lee, of Lee, Higginson & Co. Samuel McRobert's, formerly of the National City Bank, and Darwin P. Kingsley, president of the New York Life Insurance Co.

The chances of relieving the distribution of supplies of non-Bolshevik elements and of weakening the Bolshevik domination over the masses by lifting the blockade seem very slight, the statement says, and adds:

"It is feared that the Bolshevik government will point to this action as a concession extorted by the triumph of their arms, and will be stimulated to make more strenuous military aggression both east and west."

The Bolshevik will hardly permit the co-operative societies to participate in strengthening their opponents.

MONUMENT FOR SOLDIERS

Woodstock, N. B., Jan. 21.—The county council this afternoon appointed a committee to draw up a contract with O. S. Tarbox to build and erect a soldiers' monument at a price of \$5,900. The monument will be built in white and black granite and the panels will contain the names of the young heroes of Carleton county who died in the service. The base will be eight feet square. The height of the monument will be nineteen feet with a statue, heroic, size, of a typical Canadian soldier. The work will probably be completed by July 1, and be erected on the court house grounds. The councillors spent the morning looking over the Alms House and farm recently bought from the town.

VICTORY LOAN SUBSCRIPTIONS

Toronto, Jan. 22.—Final returns on the Victory Loan Show total subscriptions amounting to \$682,032,215. The number of subscribers was \$682,032,215. The province of New Brunswick subscribed \$15,635,050 and the number of applications was 21,778.

YANKEE SOLDIERS SUBSCRIBED TO SET OLD IRELAND FREE

New York, Jan. 22.—"Setting ould Ireland free" has been the pastime, in talk, at least, of many people in the United States for generations. Now some ambitious spirits are out to get \$10,000,000 for that job, claiming it in support of the mythical "Irish Republic."

Frank P. Walsh, Chairman of the Irish bond certificate drive, now declares that the entire amount will be subscribed within the time limit of ten to twelve days. Chairmen of districts announce that \$2,500,000 "is in sight," and forget in their optimism that a bird in the hand, etc. But the canvass is on, and that ancient spirit of the "few Fenians on a raft going to take Canada" still exists in the belief that a bunch of dollars from the United States will be sufficient "to set ould Ireland free."

THE N. B. TELEPHONE COMPANY'S APPLICATION TO BOOST RATES BEFORE THE UTILITIES COMM'N

Managing Director H. P. Robinson Tells of Difficulties Under Which the Company is Operating at the Present Time—Many Municipalities Represented—Services of Experts to be Obtained—The Measured Service Not Understood.

St. John, Jan. 22.—The New Brunswick Board of Public Utilities met this afternoon to hear the application of the New Brunswick Telephone Company for authority to increase its rates. All of the members were in attendance. After hearing statements by counsel and Manager H. P. Robinson of the Telephone Company, the Commission adjourned until Wednesday February 27th.

Representatives of various cities, towns, municipalities, boards of trade and other organizations were present when the hearing opened in the Provincial Government offices on Prince William at 2.30 o'clock. These included: City of St. John—Mayor Hayes and Commissioner Fisher; St. John Board of Trade—Secretary R. E. Armstrong; City of Moncton—Mayor Handford Price; Fredericton Board of Trade—C. D. Richards; Newcastle—Ald. W. L. Durick; Sackville—J. M. McIntyre; Sunny Brae—H. M. Lambert; Sussex—Mayor W. D. Turner; Albert County—Coun. J. W. Gaskin; Northumberland County—Ex-Warden Beels; Woodstock Board of Trade—President A. D. Holyoke.

M. G. Teed, K. C., filed an appearance for the Retail Merchants Association and the Grocers' Guild, of St. John.

Howard P. Robinson, managing director; Col. Frank B. Black, vice-president; R. O'Leary, of Richibucto, director; O. J. Fraser, general superintendent, and a number of other officials of the Telephone Company were present with Peter J. Hughes, of Fredericton as solicitor.

RIDICULOUS IDEAS.

After the appearances had been filed Commissioner A. B. Connell, K. C., said there seemed to be some ridiculous ideas as to measured service for telephone users and he believed it was advisable that some statement should be made in that connection.

Chairman Otty said that there were evidently some people ready to pre-judge the case without waiting until the evidence had been heard. As chairman of the commission he had, he said, received letters and telegrams from various bodies approving of the announcement that expert service would be obtained by the Commission to have a complete and impartial investigation made. That he said might be all right but this morning there had been received a telegram from the Board of Trade of Campbellton saying "A resolution was passed protesting against any increase in rates charged for either local or long distance telephone service."

Commissioner Connell—"Evidently they were under the impression that resolutions of protest would weigh against evidence."

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NEW DOMINION FRANCHISE ACT IS LIKELY TO BE DELAYED

Fountains of Political Activity at Ottawa Seem to be Frozen Up—Sir Robert Borden in Trinidad—Preparations Being Made for the Approaching Session.

Ottawa, Jan. 22.—With temperature averaging from twenty to thirty below zero the fountains of political activity at Ottawa are practically frozen up. An unusual quiet obtains in Government circles, Cabinet Councils being held only tri-weekly and little but routine disposed of. Lately, at week-ends, there has been a movement of ministers out of town.

Sir Robert Borden, from last reports was in Trinidad, with Admiral Jellicoe. It is believed here that the Admiral having been summoned to England, the Canadian premier will remain in the Tropics and seek to recuperate his health, but the South African trip, evidently, will have to be abandoned.

Certain preparations are being made for the opening parliament next month and there will be considerable legislation, but subjects which are controversial, will as much as possible be avoided.

It is not yet decided whether there will be a new Franchise Act this session or not. The probabilities are that an act will be brought down, though some of the Cabinet favor deferring it till after the census next year when in the natural course a redistribution measure will be enacted.

The invitation of the Minister of Finance that all parts interested in the tariff should make known their views as a beginning in the proposed revision has brought forth a number of memoranda, but there is no intention of revising the schedules till a fuller inquiry is possible.

PERSONAL.

R. B. Starr of St. John is a guest at the Queen Hotel.
 Rev. Father Howland of Kingsclear is in the city.
 Mr. H. J. Culligan of Newcastle is in the city today.

COULD FINANCE DRY CAMPAIGN

New York, Jan. 22.—It is estimated that John D. Rockefeller's standard oil stock alone is worth \$700,000,000. The suggestion has been made that this is ample to finance a world wide campaign on behalf of prohibition.

GENERAL SEMENOFF NOW HAS SUPREME CONTROL OF ANTI-BOLSHEVIKI CAMPAIGN

Was Formerly in Command of the Siberian Forces East of Lake Baikal—Will Attempt to Establish an All Russian Government to Succeed That of Admiral Kolchak—New French Cabinet Will Seek to Maintain Alliance.

(Special to the Mail.)

Paris, Jan. 22.—Supreme control of anti-Bolshevik activities in eastern Siberia, has been assumed by General Semenoff, who has been in command of the Siberian forces east of Lake Baikal. It is assumed he will attempt to establish a government to succeed that of Admiral Kolchak, which seems to have dissolved when its troops were defeated west of Karyoyarsk.

Will Maintain Alliance.

Maintaining the "alliance that" has saved the world" will be one of the chief aims of the new cabinet in France, Premier Miller announced in his ministerial declaration of policy today.

Causing Great Hardship.

Dublin, Jan. 22.—The English parliamentary labor delegation which visited Tipperary yesterday talked with the local officials of the trades unions, who protested to them against the military closing the fairs and markets. They declared that this action had increased the cost of living 125 per cent, and that it was causing immense hardships to the poor.

U. S. NEEDS SEED POTATOES

Washington, D. C.—Seed stocks of Irish potatoes commonly available to growers contain many mixtures not infrequently diseased and as a rule not as productive as they should be. The chief of the Bureau of Plant Industry, United States Department of Agriculture, makes this statement in reporting on the progress of work in developing improved seed stocks.

It is a recognized fact he says that the yield of potatoes in this country is far below that secured in some other countries and the difference is commonly attributed to the use of relatively inferior seed stocks.

Seed improvement work is being carried on by the department in co-operation with agricultural experiment stations in practically all of the important potato producing states. The best seed stock of the leading varieties in different regions is being grown in the various States.

During the progress of the season the various plants are inspected several times for the purpose of eliminating diseased plants and those which are not true to name or to type. At the harvest time carefully studied selections are made for the purpose of obtaining the best strains of the different varieties.

POWHATTAN TO BE TOWED TO HALIFAX

(Special to the Mail)

Halifax, N. S., Jan. 22.—The steamer Lady Laurier, Capt. C. Travis, got a line aboard the U S transport Powhattan early this morning and a start was made for Halifax. No attempt will be made to transfer her passengers unless weather conditions greatly improve.

tion with the church is 280. Total number of communicants for year was 390.

During the last year the New Maryland and Hanwell missions were separated from St. Paul's Church and established their own under the Home Mission Board.

The congregation of the church has made a very handsome addition to the salary of the minister Rev. J. S. Sutherland.

MANY WELLS IN COUNTRY GOING DRY

Lack of Rain is Causing a Great Deal of Inconvenience—The River at a Low Level.

The present winter has been remarkable for extreme cold weather, scarcity of snow and entire lack of rain. The cold weather started early in December and up to the present time there has not been a single "soft" spell. There is no sign of the proverbial January thaw, and unless it comes soon considerable inconvenience will be occasioned in the rural districts by scarcity of water for domestic use. Already a number of wells along the St. John valley have gone dry and water has to be hauled from the river. Not for some years has a similar state of affairs prevailed.

Farmers are finding it very difficult to procure sufficient water for their stock. The water in the St. John river is at the present time almost down to summer level, although up to the present time no difficulty has been experienced in getting an adequate supply at the pumping station.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH ANNUAL MEETING

NEW BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTED LAST NIGHT

Increase in Salary of Rev. J. S. Sutherland—Hanwell and New Maryland Missions Separate.

At the annual meeting of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church last evening the total revenue for the year was announced to be \$10,705.22. Of this amount the session received \$1665.86 and the Trustee Board \$6,321.06. There were subscriptions for the new bell to the amount of \$480.57.

Contributions

Contributions were as follows:
 Sunday school \$451.85
 Ladies' Aid Society \$54.11
 St. Pauls Guild \$227.01
 Womens Missionary Society.. 180.18
 St. Paul's Mission Band 68.58
 Christian Endeavor Society .. 95.80
 Benevolent Society 64.35
 Choir 295.54

Total \$10,705.22
 Of this amount \$2123.99 was devoted to missionary and benevolent purposes.

New Trustees

It was noticeable that the retiring trustees all declined reelection, on account of the younger men who have been taking such a prominent part in the Inter-Church Forward Movement.

It was decided to elect these younger men to the board of trustees.

The four new trustees are J. D. Palmer, W. S. Thomas, John Neill and Luke S. Morrison. It has been stated that the canvassers for the Forward Movement Fund were meeting with success and it was predicted that when the canvass was complete next week the full amount asked for would be obtained.

Congregational Statistics

The session report for the church showed that 48 new members had been admitted during the year, 25 by certificate and 23 by confession of faith. The number of families in connection