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## QUEEN MARY REPLIES TO THE MESSAGE OF PREMIER KING; HIS MAJESTY IMPROVING

Ottawa, Dec. 25—A message from Queen Mary at Buckingham Palace, where King George is slowly improving from his serious illness, was forwarded today by the Governor-General who is spending Christmas at The Citadel, Quebec City, to Premier Mackenzie King at Laurier House, Ottawa. "On this Christmas morning," said the Queen, "my children and I thank you from our hearts."

The Queen's message was in reply to one sent by Premier King on Sunday conveying to King George Christmas greetings on behalf of the government people of Canada who "join our prayers to those of all parts of the Empire for the complete restoration of Your Majesty to health and strength."

### The Message.

The message from His Majesty was as follows:

"Please be assured that the message of greetings which you have so kindly sent on behalf of the King's Government in Canada and the people of the Dominion will be highly appreciated and valued by the King when his progress to recovery is sufficiently advanced for him to receive it personally. The expressions of love and devotion of the Canadian people, the knowledge of their prayers and sympathetic solicitude during the past anxious weeks, and the messages of joy and thankfulness to God for the hopeful condition of the King touch me profoundly, and on this Christmas morning, my children and I thank you from our hearts. I look forward to the day when the King will be completely cured and strengthened by this testimony that the heart of Canada is with him in weal and in woe."

(Signed) "MARY R."

### Official Bulletin.

London, Dec. 25—The King's physicians tonight issued the following bulletin on His Majesty's condition: "The King has passed a quiet day. The local condition is improving and the strength is maintained. The next bulletin will be issued tomorrow evening."

(Sgd.) "HEWETT,  
"RIGBY,  
"DAWSON."

### Happy Day.

London, Dec. 25—Christmas proved a good day for the King in his progress toward recovery and a happy day for his united family which rejoiced with the nation in the steady continued improvement of the Sovereign.

The bulletin of the physicians at Buckingham Palace, tonight gave to the public the cheerful news that the Royal patient had passed a restful day and shown improvement in the local condition of the diseased lung. Maintenance of strength was also reported, indicating that the general condition of the King was at least holding its own despite the long siege of illness.

### No Papers Published.

Newspapers were not published today nor will they be on Boxing Day, tomorrow. The bulletin was therefore posted in the windows of post offices in all towns having telegraph stations and it was also broadcast by radio.

All members of the Royal Family except two sisters of the King, Queen Maud of Norway and the Princess Royal, were at the palace today, participating in the homely family pleasures incident to the season. They attended divine service this morning and then all lunched together with the exception of the Prince of Wales, who left the palace to make an appeal by radio in behalf of his unemployed subjects who are suffering distress as the result of the closing of the mines.

Tonight Queen Mary had gathered around her four sons, her daughter and the Duchess of York in a dinner party which fittingly ended the day with quiet domestic conviviality.

The last Christmas that the Royal family had spent together at Buckingham Palace they had the late President Wilson as their guest. That was 10 years ago, when the United States executive was on a state visit to London.

### Doctor as Guest.

Beside the sons and daughters there was another important guest at the Royal dinner party. This was Sir Stanley Hewett, the faithful physician

who has been in close attendance on the King since the illness developed more than six weeks ago. Except for short intervals he has been at the palace day and night for weeks, and he again stayed over tonight.

During the day Queen Mary and her children paid brief visits to the sick-room and saw His Majesty. It was a very quiet Christmas indeed, but there was an air of happiness and relief through the palace as the result of the assurance that the King has been improving.

## CAPT. PERKINS PASSES AWAY AT SUSSEX, N. B.

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ning the Kolapore Cup in that year for the first time. He followed rifle shooting up to last year and has a large number of medals, including a handsome Kolapore Cup medal.

The deceased was a grand officer of the Orange Lodge for many years, was a past president of the Sons of England, had a long service and also a Fenian raid medal, was an excellent musician and an active member of the Church of England. He leaves to mourn his death a widow, with whom he celebrated his golden anniversary five years ago; one son, J. Albert, of Sussex three daughters, Mrs. R. B. Rossborough of Campbellton; Mrs. J. R. Edmunston and Mrs. James Hargreaves, of British Columbia. The late Mr. H. G. Winter of this city was a brother-in-law.

Service will be held at his late home at 3 o'clock on Thursday, Dec. 27, with interment in Sussex Corner cemetery. Rev. Canon Mansel Shewen, rector of Trinity Church, will officiate at the home and grave.

## ALD. D. W. ROSS PASSES AWAY SUDDENLY

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o'clock tomorrow afternoon from the homestead at the corner of Charlotte and Carleton streets, with services by Rev. Dr. Warren. Interment will be made in the rural cemetery extension. The members of the city council and civic officials will attend in a body. The funeral will go under the auspices of Hiram Lodge F. & A. M. of which the deceased was a member.

The deceased was a native of Peel N. B., where he was educated, later attending the Provincial Normal School in Fredericton and teaching at Grand Falls and elsewhere. His medical education was secured at McGill University, Montreal, by which he was graduated in 1894. He first practised his profession at Florenceville, later at Marysville and for the last fifteen years at Fredericton.

In the various communities in which he was located as a physician he took a prominent place in public as well as professional life. In Fredericton he had represented Carleton ward in the city council for four years and a few weeks ago had been placed in nomination for the mayoralty as the result of a largely signed requisition. He was also a director of Fredericton Exhibition, Limited, and a past president of the Board of Trustees of Victoria Hospital in this city and he was also a member of the Tourist Committee of the city council. In Carleton county in past years he was president of the Peel Lumber Company and one of the founders of the Central Telephone Co., the system which was afterward merged in the lines of the New Brunswick Telephone Company. Dr. Ross was a member of several fraternal societies, the Masonic Order, Knights of Pythias, Oddfellows and Foresters. He was charter member and past master of Carleton Lodge, F. and A. M. at Florenceville.

The deceased leaves a family and a number of brothers and sisters. Surviving are his wife, two sons, Earle A. Ross of Chicago, and Dr. B. R. Ross, of Moncton, and a daughter, Mrs. G. Eldon Merrithew of Fredericton. Surviving brothers and sisters are Wallace, in the Yukon, Edward of Vancouver, Russell of

## THE STOCK MARKET HELD UP WELL AFTER THE HOLIDAY

The stock market today was fairly active and steady but there were no marked price changes. New Nickel sold in Montreal at 42½ while Fraser dropped a fraction below 80. C. P. R. sold in New York at 234½ and Union Pacific at 210½.

### The Stock Quotations.

(Quotations furnished by McDougall & Cowans, Members of the Montreal Stock Exchange, by special arrangement with their Saint John office.)

### New York Market.

Am. Can. ....	105½
Am. Tel. and Tel. ....	196½
Anaconda ....	111
Baltimore & Ohio ....	118½
Bethlehem ....	83¼
Canada Dry ....	79¾
C. P. R. ....	234½
Continental Can. ....	59½
Corn Products ....	89¾
Consolidated Gas ....	105½
Curtiss Aero ....	144¼
Erie ....	69¾
Fox Film A. ....	94¼
General Motors ....	194
General Electric ....	198
Great Northern Pfd. ....	108¾
Hudson Motors ....	88¾
Intl. Harvester ....	365
Int. Tel. and Tel. ....	189½
Missouri Pacific ....	62¾
Montgomery Ward ....	146¼
New Haven ....	71¾
N. Y. Central ....	186¼
Northern Pacific ....	106½
Paramount-Fam. Players ....	52½
Radio ....	361
Sears Roebuck ....	180¾
Southern Pacific ....	125¼
Studebaker ....	76¼
Union Pacific ....	210½
U. S. Steel ....	156

### Montreal Market.

Asbestos, com. ....	17
Asbestos, Pfd. ....	70
Brazilian ....	74¾
B. C. Power ....	57
Brompton ....	35¼
Car. Com. ....	93
Car. Pfd. ....	106½
Can. Power and Paper ....	28
Industrial Alcohol ....	40¾
Dom. Bridge ....	92½
Dom. Textile ....	117
Fraser ....	79¾
Hollinger ....	8.25
Int. Nickel (new) ....	42¼
Lake of Woods ....	55¼
Massey Harris, com. ....	86½
Montreal Power ....	109
Power Corp. ....	90
Shawinigan ....	87
Winnipeg ....	105

### Bank Stocks.

Montreal ....	400
Royal ....	380

### Montreal Curb Market.

Imperial Tobacco ....	11
Imperial Oil ....	90
International Pete ....	95
McColl-Frontenac ....	30¼
Noranda ....	63

### Passed Dividend.

At their regular meeting in Montreal Wednesday, the board of directors of Abitibi Power & Paper Company, Limited declared the regular quarterly dividend of 1½ per cent on the 6 per cent cumulative preferred shares of the company, payable Jan.

Pell, Mrs. Wilmet Rideout, of Hartland, Mrs. Markey of Andover, and Mrs. Rideout of Regina.

21, 1929, to shareholders of record of Jan. 10.

In view of the unstable conditions in the newsprint industry, no dividend declared on the no par value common shares of the company, according to the statement issued.

### Radio-Victor Merger.

Definite plans of a merger between the Radio Corporation of America and Victor Talking Machine Company are expected to be announced about the middle of next week. Directors of both concerns are meeting at present following negotiations which have been proceeding for some time. Pending the announcement, financiers are somewhat at sea with respect to relative values of the two shares. Trading in both is active.

### Christmas Music

Local radio fans are a unit in declaring that the program of Christmas Music which was put on the air Christmas Eve by the National Broadcasting Company was the best ever. Beginning at midnight, Christmas Carols were rendered by a choir of 300 voices with symphony orchestra accompaniment. During intermission there were short talks by Rev. Dr. S. Parker Cadman and others.

### A Christmas Gift

Premier Baxter was the recipient of an unusual Christmas gift yesterday in the form of a bouncing boy born at his home on Dufferin Row St. John west. The new arrival has been given the name of Frederick Coster Baxter.

### The Curlers.

At the Curling Rink on Christmas Day the President vs. Vice-President rinks started to play their annual Christmas match. Owing to the soft condition of the ice the game had to be abandoned without any score. It is hoped to continue the match on New Year's Day.

### Midnight Mass.

A midnight Mass was celebrated by Rev. Father Donohue at St. Anthony's Church of North Devon on Monday night. There was a very large congregation which included many from Fredericton.

### CHANGES IN TRAIN SCHEDULES C. N. R., JANUARY 6, 1929.

The Canadian National Railways announce the following changes in train schedules effective January 6th, 1929. Train No. 237 will arrive Fredericton 11.40 p. m., Monday, Wednesday, Friday, instead of 11.15 p. m., from McGillivray, which place it will leave at 9.05 p. m., instead of 9.15 p. m.

### Stanley.

Motor train service now operating between Stanley Junction and Stanley will be cancelled. Service between these points will be by Trains Nos. 237 and 238, Mondays, Wednesdays and Friday. Train No. 237 will leave Stanley Junction at 9.23 p. m., arriving Stanley 9.50 p. m., leave Stanley 9.50 p. m., arrive Stanley Junction 10.20 p. m. Train No. 238 will arrive Stanley 10.15 a. m.; leave Stanley 10.45 a. m.

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