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GUESTS AT A DINNER HELD  
ON BOARD THE LADY NELSON

St. John, Nov. 19.—The great importance and the future possibilities of trade between Canada and the West Indies was outlined by D. E. Galloway, vice-president of the Canadian National Steamships and assistant vice-president of the Canadian National Railways, at a dinner given in honor of the members of the Press of the Province of New Brunswick, Saturday evening aboard the R. M. S. Lady Nelson, the first of the five great white C. N. S. liners to arrive in Canada for the inauguration of a fortnightly service between Saint John, Halifax, and British West Indies.

The vice president who was introduced to the gathering by W. S. Thompson, director of publicity for the Canadian National Railways, styled the Lady Nelson as one of the most recent "immigrants" to this country, which he hoped would be one of the most useful immigrants to come to Canada in recent years. He then told of the four white sister ships to follow, and of their great importance in the future development of trade between Canada and the West Indies.

"Canada has more than lived up to her agreement under the Canada-West Indies treaty of 1925 in providing this fleet of ships of which the Dominion should feel proud" said Mr. Galloway. "It is now really up to the Maritime Provinces and Canada generally, to go the next step in creating the trade to fill these ships" he said "for these ships are yours—yours to fill and yours to use as much as possible toward mutual benefit."

## Reciprocal Trade

"I now sincerely hope" said Mr. Galloway "that the manufacturers, producers and exporters of Canada and the West Indies will evolve some satisfactory means of marketing their products in each country. The products of the south do not conflict with the products of this great Dominion of the north. The West Indies

have commodities which Canada can not produce and vice versa, to an extent that is probably more outstanding and greater than in any other part of the world."

This, he claimed, pointed to the great future expansion in trade between these two countries.

In referring to the members of the crew on board the Lady Nelson, Mr. Galloway said they were Canadians and natives of the West Indies, British through and through. Captain F. R. Coffin, well known in Maritime ports, would become master of the Lady Nelson on Monday in place of Captain J. W. Reith, who commanded the ship on her maiden voyage due to Captain Coffin's illness.

In closing Mr. Galloway stressed the point that through the kind co-operation and support of the press of Eastern Canada much could be accomplished in building up this new trade until it reached an enormous figure.

Frank X. Jennings, managing editor of the Telegraph-Journal and The Evening Times-Globe, Saint John on behalf of the newspapermen thanked the officials of the Canadian National for their hospitality and assured them that the evening had been most enjoyable. He also congratulated the company on its enterprise in providing the new line of modern vessels to develop and foster the trade between Canada, Bermuda and the British West Indies.

J. S. Boyd, the veteran editor of the Moncton Times assured the vice president of the Canadian National Steamships the whole hearted support and co-operation of the newspapermen of the Maritime Provinces in the development of the trade between Canada and the West Indies. He congratulated Sir Henry Thornton, Mr. Galloway and other C. N. S. officials on their wonderful achievement in the construction of this line of magnificent liners and wished them every success in their forthrightly service.

POLICE COMMISSION HEARD  
SIX WITNESSES AT INVESTIGATION  
OF ESCAPE OF TWO LEBLANCS

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locked. After they got out into the cell corridor, it would be an easy matter to proceed out into the open air, as the other door leading into the outside corridor was closed by a Yale lock and could be opened from the inside with no trouble.

The main point which the commission evidently attempted to bring out was whether or not the prisoners were helped from the outside in their escape it was possible for them to make a getaway from the police station by picking the lock. The fact that the lock was picked yesterday in such an easy manner leads to the conclusion that this was the way the prisoners broke from the police station. There was no evidence to the effect that anyone was seen about the station during the day.

## Found Broken End of Blade

The implement used in picking the lock would in all probability be the broken part of a knife blade which James Whalen a fellow prisoner had found on the floor following the escape of the two run runners. This small piece of blade was very likely the article used to pick the lock for it was found lying near the cell door. The prisoners had either broken it from a jack-knife in their efforts or had had it in their pockets and brought it into use for the purpose of picking the lock.

## When They Escaped

The escape of the two Moncton from the jail and locked in the cell room runners from evidence taken, room, pending their hearing which was effected between one o'clock was effected between one o'clock and 1.30 o'clock the time which and Harry McNeill, police officer, police officer McNeill, was absent from the police station getting dinner for the prisoners. McNeill was the only person present at one o'clock and was the last one to see the prisoners. In his testimony, Officer McNeill said that the two were in the cell room when he last saw them. He had gone in to the corridor for a few minutes and the door of the cell room, where the prisoners were shut and evidently locked as

was proven by officer Hartt's testimony, who had locked the two into the cell room before going on his beat a few minutes earlier.

## Asked About Chief

Dominic LeBlanc, the father, a man of about fifty years of age, had asked McNeill "where the Chief was" and was told that he had gone to dinner. The prisoner then asked if there was any penalty attached to a prisoner escaping from jail. Prisoner said he knew that at Dordrecht there was a penalty. Upon being told by the police officer, he subsided and remained quiet. Nothing further was said. Officer McNeill upon being questioned said that he hadn't the least notion that the two could escape from the police station; he thought they were as safe there as they would be in chains. The possibility of their attempting to escape hadn't entered his head for a minute.

As stated before there were six witnesses heard. They were Chief Jones, Mr. Smith of the Western Union Telegraph who had issued a telegram message telling of the arrest of the two, Thomas Young, lock expert of this city; James Whalen, Miramichi man, who was in the cell with the two Moncton men earlier in the day, before their escape, but who was later taken to the jail to serve a term of 30 days for being drunk; Dell Hartt, police officer who had brought the two men up from the jail and locked in the cell room runners from evidence taken, room, pending their hearing which was effected between one o'clock and 1.30 o'clock the time which and Harry McNeill, police officer, police officer McNeill, was absent from the police station getting dinner for the prisoners. McNeill was the only person present at one o'clock and was the last one to see the prisoners. In his testimony, Officer McNeill said that the two were in the cell room when he last saw them. He had gone in to the corridor for a few minutes and the door of the cell room, where the prisoners were shut and evidently locked as

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been postponed from the morning by consent of counsel. The evidence furnished by Mr. Smith was merely delivery of telegram message dealing with the arrest of the two.

## Thomas Young

Thomas Young, local locksmith, was next called. He stated that he had picked the lock in the police station on Sunday afternoon performing the feat twice in ten minutes. He used nothing but a jack knife, which was similar to the one used by the two runaways, judging from a comparison of the blades. When questioned, Mr. Young said that he didn't think every lock could be picked but a number could. He didn't think that a lock of the Yale pattern would unlock in this manner. Officer McNeill was present with him when he picked the lock yesterday. Mr. Freeze questioned him about the broken blade and witness said that he thought that the break in the blade was a recent one, possibly broken from a jackknife on Wednesday. Witness was of the opinion that the lock could be picked from the inside of the cell or the outside. He thought that the inside would be the easier, however. The point was then raised by Mr. Freeze that the police commission should have the benefit of a demonstration of how the lock could be picked and it was decided to have it at three o'clock this afternoon.

## James Whalen

The next witness called was James Whalen, an elderly man from Miramichi who had been arrested on a charge of being drunk and was remanded on the morning of the 14th, a few minutes previous to the time set for the LeBlanc hearing. He didn't know the prisoners. He paid little attention to them. They were talking in their own language, between themselves, was the evidence given by Whalen, and he paid little attention to them. It was Whalen who found the pack-knife blade on the floor of the cell enclosure. He had been brought up from the jail by Police Officer Hartt and placed in the same cell from which the two Moncton men had escaped. He detected the blade on the floor and picked it up and handed it to the police.

## Dell Hartt

Police officer Dell Hartt was next (Continued on Page Four.)

FARM LOAN  
BOARD SOON TO  
BE APPOINTED

Ottawa, Nov. 17.—The approaching creation of a Federal Farm Loan Board was indicated today by Hon. J. A. Robb. "I am not yet able to announce the personnel," he said, "but we are getting on with it and there will be appointments shortly."

The functioning of the Board will put into effect the legislation passed two years ago subject to provincial adherence for the establishment of a system of rural credits throughout Canada. Sufficient of the provinces have joined in the scheme to warrant it being put into operation through a board of which the Minister will be chairman. The principal officer will be a commissioner.

The rate at which loans on farm property can be made will be contingent upon the price secured for the bond issue by which the plan will be financed and, also upon the cost of administration but it is expected that the rate will be less than that of the chartered banks.

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\* AT GAIETY THEATRE \*  
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"The Lion and the Mouse" is the photo play at the Gaiety with Lionel Barrymore the featured player.

The picture which is as true to the play as most of 'em are, presents the enmity of two fathers and the love of their two children. "Ready Money" Ryder "breaks" his life long friend, Judge Rossmore, because the jurist has handed down a decision injurious to the financier's interest. The picture is well done with no hoakum to detract from the central theme. May McAvoy takes the role of the mouse. Alec. Frances an old timer who hasn't been seen much lately and Buster Collier turn in admirable work, but Barrymore the Lion walks away with the lion's share of the laurels.

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Masters of magic who gathered here in solemn conspiracy to mystify their fellowmen also decided that the services of a small boy are no longer necessary.

The modern conjurer possesses only a few colored silks, a rope or

"Another good thing about soup" says the Kansas City Star "is that no enterprising restaurateur has ever succeeded in selling it in sandwich form." "Twould be a bit messy on a leaf of lettuce."