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DOCTORS HOLD A LENGTHY CONSULTATION ON THE KING'S ILLNESS AND ISSUE BULLETIN

London, Dec. 20—Doctors who have been attending the King today took the people into their confidence and told the nation that it might entertain good hopes of the slow recovery of the King.

They issued a lengthy communication in the afternoon after a medical consultation at the Palace. The result was wholly welcome.

"That is the best Christmas card we could have," remarked one man as he read the bulletin when it was posted in front of the palace. What he read was this:

**The Review.**

"A consultation has taken place in order to make a comprehensive survey of His Majesty's present progress and to discuss the lines along which treatment in the immediate future had best proceed.

"The condition of the right side of the chest has improved and there is evidence of more normal respiratory functions.

"The healing of the empyema, with its severe local infection, though satisfactory, must of necessity be a lengthy process.

"The heart is slowly gathering power and while the exhaustion remains profound, a slight accession of general strength is noticeable.

"The future of course of the illness must, from its nature, be slow and not without difficulties, but we are happy to state that the King's progress is now established on a firmer basis.

(Signed)—"HEWETT  
"RIGBY  
"BUZZARD  
"ROLLESTON  
"DAWSON."

**Sharp Contrast.**

The announcement was notable not only for the good news which it contained, but for being in sharp contrast to the terse and closely edited bulletins which have been the rule since the King was taken ill.

The very length of today's announcement was considered a good augury and people read it with sighs of relief, virtually disregarding its

warning that there was still difficulties ahead of their monarch and that complete cure would be a protracted affair.

**Evening Bulletin.**

The evening bulletin consisted of only two sentences. It said:

"As there already have been two bulletins today, a further one is not issued tonight. The position continues to be satisfactory."

The morning bulletin merely recorded the fact that the King had passed a good night and that there was a continuation of His Majesty's slow progress.

These regular announcements were signed by Sir Stanley Hewett and Lord Dawson of Penn, physicians, and Sir Hugh Rigby, the surgeon who performed the drainage operation on the King's chest last week. But for their afternoon consultation they called in Sir Humphrey Rolleston and Sir E. Farquhar Buzzard and all five signed the "Christmas card."

**Parliament Adjourns.**

Parliament adjourned tonight for its Christmas vacation and the whole nation had been anxiously looking toward the palace, wondering whether it could rightly indulge in seasonal rejoicing. Apprehensions have been weighing heavily, too, upon all business and trades.

It was believed that all these factors were taken into consideration when the doctors decided to take the public into their confidence. It seemed certain tonight that their report would remove many of the uncertainties which have been bothering the nation.

**More Hopeful.**

According to a semi-official statement the atmosphere at Buckingham palace tonight was much more hopeful. The consultation of the doctors this evening was for the purpose of continuing their discussion which was begun in the afternoon as to the future method of treatment. It was decided, however, to continue the ray therapy cure.

XMAS TRADE PROMISES TO BE VERY BRISK

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to 60 and 70 cents a pound. All appearances point to an abundant supply of high grade birds.

**Beef is Scarce.**

Beef is reported to be very scarce and the demand cannot be supplied at prices ranging from 13 to 15 cents by the quarter. On the other hand pork is exceedingly plentiful and the price by the quarter is the lowest in several years.

The local merchants are heavily stocked with seasonable goods and are looking for a record breaking trade between now and Christmas. It does not look as if old Santa Claus would have any great difficulty in filling all the stockings in this neighborhood which may be hung up on Christmas Eve.

The railways will operate special trains to and from the city on Saturday and Monday to accommodate the holiday shoppers.

WEST INDIAN NEGROES USE AN IRISH ACCENT

Montserrat, West Indies, Dec. 21—Many of the native negroes of this British island claim descent from the Irish settlers who flocked here in large numbers about the year 1640.

A considerable fraction of the colored population speak with a strong Celtic brogue. A tourist, recently from Dublin, returned to his ship and remarked: "I met an Irishman on shore who said he had been here for only ten years. But, would you believe the powers of the tropical sun, that Irishman was as dark as my hat."

C. S. Wetmore of Moncton is in the city today.

MANY PRESENT AT CLOSING OF THE SCHOOLS

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School Board presided. The High School orchestra furnished music.

The University of New Brunswick and the Provincial Normal School closed yesterday and the students have all left for their different homes. The schools will reopen on January 7th and the University and Normal School on January 8th.

RECOMMENDS REDUCTION IN THE SALES TAX

Montreal, Dec. 20—A recommendation urging that the Sales Tax be cut from the present level of 3 per cent. down to 1½ per cent. was adopted at a meeting today of the legislative committee of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, Quebec division.

A resolution embodying the proposal will be forwarded to a meeting of the Association's special committee on taxation which is to be held Friday at Toronto.

Another resolution adopted at today's meeting would seek revision of the present income tax law under which depreciation of machinery and equipment in a manufacturing plant must be written off at the rate of 10 per cent. per annum, the entire outlay to be worked off in a period of 10 years.

It was pointed out that whether the firm operated at a profit or a loss for any period during the 10 years, there was still required of it the writing off of depreciation on its equipment. Thus, the government shared in the profits, but not in the losses of manufacturers, it was held.

Mr. M. O. Muir of Moncton is in the city today.

THE STOCK MARKET TODAY DISPLAYED SOME STRENGTH

The stock markets today displayed considerable strength in regard to some issues while others were inclined to be irregular. Nickel deposit certificates sold at 263 and on the new stock sold at 43½. C. P. R. sold in New York at 234, an advance of 4 points. Fraser stock was rather steady at 81.

**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	102½
Am. Tel. and Tel.	189½
Anaconda	112½
Baltimore & Ohio	118¾
Bethlehem	80
Canada Dry	78¾
C. P. R.	234
Continental Can.	50½
Corn Products	89
Consolidated Gas	104½
Curtiss Aero	149½
Erie	67½
Fox Film A.	90½
General Motors	189¾
General Electric	190¾
Hudson Motors	85¾
Int. Tel. and Tel.	189
Montgomery Ward	136¾
N. Y. Central	189¾
Northern Pacific	106½
Paramount-Fam. Players	53¾
Radio	366
Sears Roebuck	163¾
Southern Pacific	125¾
Studebaker	75½
Union Pacific	210¾
U. S. Steel	156¾

**Montreal Market.**

Abitibi	36½
Asbestos, com.	19
B. C. Power	57
Cement, Com.	31
Cement, Pfd.	98
Car. Com.	92
Car. Pfd.	107
Industrial Alcohol	42¾
Dom. Bridge	92
Dom. Textile	115
Fraser	81
Hollinger	8.25
Int. Nickel	263
Int. Nickel (new)	43½
Lake of Woods	55
Massey Harris, com.	88
Montreal Power	106
Power Corp.	86
Shawinigan	85½
Winnipeg	108

**Bank Stocks.**

Montreal	327
Commerce	328

**Montreal Curb Market.**

B. & A. Oil	48¾
Can. Malting	32
Hiram Walker	70¾
Imperial Tobacco	10
International Pete	73¾
McColl-Frontenac	41¾
Noranda	61
Reliance Grain	85

**Nickel and Brazil.**

The financial editor of the Montreal Star writes:

"International Nickel dominated the market and trading was on a record scale with prices advancing rapidly. It was noted how remarkably the shares held during the recent severe break in the New York market and this firmness was followed by enormous accumulation of the shares at rising prices. The Mond Nickel people

are reported to value their shares at \$45, and as the exchange is on a share for share basis for the New International Nickel, the latter is expected to sell well over \$45 before the ratification is completed.

"Back of all this is the value of the property and the rapid development taking place which, it is expected, will within a year or so, swing the company into earnings fully justifying the amazing market appreciation of the shares.

"Brazil Traction dragged somewhat until Friday when heavy buying came in and the stock advanced rapidly to 77 on Saturday morning. It was noticeable that less buying was required to move the stock and this indicates that the shares have been going off the market or into stronger hands. Higher prices are currently expected in this security before the end of the year but it is usually a mistake to buy Brazil after a rapid rise, as it is sensitive to general market conditions and can react rather quickly when the trend changes."

MAINE FARMER ENDS HIS LIFE BY HANGING

Fort Fairfield, Me., Dec. 20—When Samuel Colbath, 77, a farmer failed to come in from his woodlot for dinner at noon today, his niece Rose Burns, who kept house for him went to the woods and picked up his trail in the snow leading off into the deep growth. She followed his tracks for nearly a mile and found his body hanging from a tree. Investigating officials pronounced it a case of suicide.

Colbath had been despondent for some time from age infirmities and illness.

For Radio Fans

The high lights in tonight's radio program will include great moments in history and Wrigley Review from the W92 network, United Service hour from WOR network and the United Opera Company also from WOR. The United Opera Company will sing in English, beginning at 9 o'clock, Atlantic Standard time. Radio fans report a good reception last night from station WPG, WOR, WEEI, WEZ, WEAJ, and WGY. The speeches delivered at the annual banquet of the Dominion Commercial Travellers' Association at the King Edward Hotel, Toronto, were broadcast from station CNRB.

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R. G. LADD,  
Assistant Treasurer.

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