

TO THE LADIES
Send in Your Cooking Exhibits
on Wednesday afternoon, not
later than five o'clock. It costs
nothing to try for a prize.

The Daily Mail

THE WEATHER
Cloudy with occasional rain
today and on Saturday; some-
what cooler with strong north-
west winds.

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DISGRACE TO THE COUNTY OF YORK

Ten Clergymen are Disgusted at County Jail Conditions

**Men Sleeping Like Animals On Concrete Floor,
in Dark Dungeons — Young First Offenders
Here for Thirty Days for Being Drunk.**

"Conditions at the York County jail are worse than anything which one reads about in the so-called dark ages," said a prominent city clergyman this morning. Another clergyman said if Fredericton people want to see inhuman conditions let them visit the York County Jail and see conditions as we have seen them today. It is a disgrace to York County and its tax payers.

Ten ministers representing different city and county churches accompanied Councillor John F. Doherty to the York County jail at 10 o'clock this morning and were shocked at what they witnessed in that building.

A meeting of the Ministerial Association has been called for Thursday, November 14 in the Brunswick Street Baptist church, to make recommendations regarding the situation.

This morning at ten o'clock the clergymen visited the jail. They included Very Rev. Archdeacon Bate, Rev. W. J. Bate, Rev. Dr. George E. Ross, Rev. LeRoy Mooers, Rev. G. W. Guion, Rev. F. Watson, Rev. John A. Linton, Captain Kimmins of the Salvation Army, Rev. H. T. Buckland of Springhill.

What They Saw

The larger rooms on the second floor contained six men each, with hard beds and open toilets and very poor ventilation. In reply to the clergymen it was stated that the men, most of whom were in for thirty days had absolutely no exercise.

In other rooms the cells were so dark that one had to get a light to see the six men. The same conditions prevail in several of the cells. In some cases the open toilet is situated at the head of the bed, elevated so as to be just above the man's head. If he were to lift his head up in the night, he would strike the toilet. Last year the men sometimes drank out of the toilet flush.

Into these rooms are crowded the prisoners, several of them young men hardly out of their teens. Many of these come from the relief camps. Sixteen of these poor young chaps, who had come to town and became intoxicated, were sent down to this "Black hole of Calcutta," for a maximum period of thirty days. Some of them were first offenders, and here they are, serving out their stiff sentences amongst conditions which will never reform any one. As one minister said: This hole was made in the old days, when punishment, not reform, was the object. No boy or man should be made to spend thirty days in a hole like this for being a first offence drunk. It is even the wrong place for a criminal.

The worst part of the building was the dungeon down under the ground in the dark cold basement. Little small dark holes are called cells with a narrow corridor passage-way outside. If a fire were to take place upstairs and the doors in the cellar could not be opened, these men who are confined here like animals in a

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PARTIALITY TO TASCHEREAU'S RELATIVES CAUSES RIFT IN PARTY

Quebec Premier's Opponents Accuse Him of Favoring Members of His Family

Claiming that Premier Taschereau of Quebec has unwisely apportioned a large percentage of the provincial payroll to his relatives, strong opposition has accrued in the province of Quebec heretofore sofly Liberal.

The Quebec objection to the Taschereau regime is two-fold. First there was a strong antagonism to the "family compact," and secondly much opposition to Mr. Taschereau's numerous business interests, his company directorates.

Mr. Taschereau's opponents claim that over 50 of Mr. Taschereau's relatives are on the provincial payroll, including members of his direct family, his uncles and his aunts and cousins to the umpteenth degree.

Arrayed against the Taschereau government are not only the Conser-

Our Jail Menace

One loaf bread per day.
One pint of milk every second day.
One pint of molasses and one pound of cheese once per week served on Monday morning.
If a man comes in on Monday afternoon he has to get along on bread and water and the small ration of milk until the next Monday.

NO ANNOUNCEMENT YET REGARDING WOODS WAGES

**Apparent Difficulty in
Coming to Decision
Re Matter**

No announcement regarding the wage question in forest operations, was forthcoming today at noon, following a government meeting to consider the problem, according to Hon. A. A. Dysart, premier and minister of public works, and Hon. F. W. Pirie, minister of lands and mines. The premier stated that an announcement would be made late this afternoon, following the last session of the government for this week.

The New Brunswick Forest Operations Commission completed a two-day session yesterday and it was thought an announcement regarding the lumber wages would be made last night following a late government meeting. But this morning Premier Dysart cancelled an engagement to speak at the Amherst Winter Fair, so heavy was the pressure of governmental duties. His place was taken by Hon. A. C. Taylor, minister of agriculture.

A few more features of the proposed announcement regarding the Forest Operations Commission's suggestions have to be "ironed out" before it can be released, it was said by two of the ministers following the meeting today at noon.

Are We Civilized?

Many of us are contributing to the Canadian and Foreign Missions. Here is what is happening in the city of Fredericton, and in the County of York.

Today there are fifty-one prisoners in the York County jail. There is accommodation for twenty prisoners.

Yesterday a leading member of the York County Council visited the jail. He was accompanied by members of the Social Service League. Here is what he found. The cells up stairs all crowded to capacity. Down in the basement dungeons, men who have received a thirty day sentence for being drunk are sleeping out on a hard mattress spread out on the concrete floor. There is no heat and the men are there with their overcoats on.

One man, a commercial traveller, who was apparently suffering from a nervous breakdown, was ordered by two Fredericton physicians to be removed to the Victoria Hospital. Another man with an internal trouble was also ordered to the hospital.

This morning County Councillor John F. Doherty, of Kingsclear, accompanied by several clergymen again visited the jail and found the conditions noted above to be correct.

The overcrowding was aggravated by the fact that sixteen men from the relief camp were this week sentenced to jail for being drunk, when some other provision should have been made for them. There is no reason why they should be taken care of by County of York. They should have their own jail out there.

It is not a nice, lady-like thing to get drunk, but both men and women do this once in a while. If everyone high and low who got drunk were put in a cold dungeon and were compelled to sleep on the hardwood floor there would be an awful howl. But some mother's son will tonight be sleeping on a concrete floor in a dungeon just because he gets drunk.

We are not going to say any more. The facts are bad enough as we have stated them. We are supposed to be living in a civilized country. Are the conditions outlined civilized? Can we point a finger of scorn at people in foreign lands when right here in the County where we have our boasted educational system, and institutions of higher learning, and many fine churches with sincere Christians as members, these conditions exist.

The fault does not lie with the present sheriff, nor the deputy sheriff, nor does it lie with the former sheriff. But there must be a remedy.

One clergyman said today that conditions were worse in this jail than they were in the dark ages.

EDUCATIONAL VALUE IN THE DAILY NEWS

SAINT JOHN, N. B., November 8—An inspiring opening address by the president, Miss Genevieve Dever, timely remarks by Inspector G. J. Marr and a message outlining the progressive steps in education in Canada as directly applied to New Brunswick schools, delivered by Dr. A. S. McFarlane, chief superintendent of education in the province, featured yesterday morning's session of the 29th biennial Saint John County Teachers' Institute, which opened in the auditorium of the Saint John High School.

Dr. MacFarlane, who had to leave before the conclusion of the opening session to catch a train for Halifax, where he is scheduled to speak, declared, "We are making changes from year to year which will be beneficial. Each one is a progressive step and must be taken gradually."

He stressed the importance of the educational value of the daily news. "How many of you," he asked the more than 300 teachers present, "could examine yourselves on the

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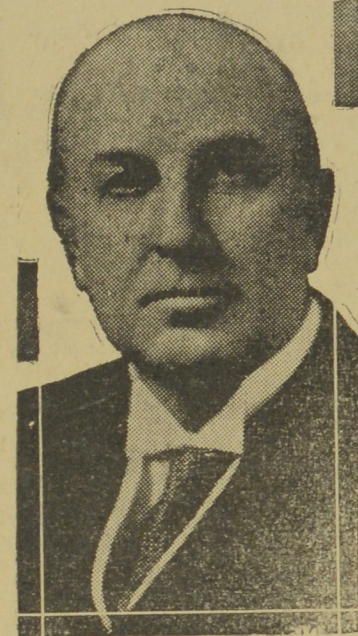
WINTER FAIR OPENS TONIGHT AT AMHERST

AMHERST, N. S., Nov. 8—Never before in the twenty-nine years of the Maritime Winter Fair have affairs been in such perfect condition for the opening.

The formal opening of the Fair will take place this evening, when Hon. A. A. Dysart, premier of New Brunswick, will deliver the inaugural address. Prior to this, a citizens' banquet will be held at the fair building, to be attended by the premier, Winter Fair officials, members of the Amherst exhibition committee and prominent citizens.

It pays to advertise in The Daily Mail.

F'ron City Club Annual Dinner Pleasing Function



HON. DR. R. B. HANSON, K. C.
Who Spoke on Country's Problems At
The City Club Last Night.

Senate Speaker Probably From New Brunswick

The appointment of the speaker of the Ottawa Senate is likely to be made soon, is learned from well informed circles.

The new appointee would succeed Hon. P. E. Blondin, Montreal, who presided over deliberations of the Upper Chamber in the last Parliament. The practice has been to alternate between English and French Speakers in successive Parliaments.

Prominently mentioned as likely selections are Hon. W. E. Foster, Saint John, N.B., former New Brunswick and Dominion secretary of state for a short time in 1925; Senator C. W. Robinson, Moncton, N. B., a former premier of New Brunswick; Senator E. S. Little, London, Ont.; and Hon. A. B. Copp, Sackville, a former secretary of state.

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**Excellent Address by
Hon. Dr. R. B. Hanson,
K.C. — Presentation to
H. W. Woods, Ex-M.P.
P., Leaving City.**

The annual city club dinner is always a popular function and the dinner last evening was one of the most enjoyable yet held.

About seventy-five guests assembled at 6:30 o'clock, and were received by President R. L. Phillips; vice-president, J. D. Palmer, H. A. Smith, A. W. Barbour, Hedley S. Murray and other officers of the club.

President R. L. Phillips, presided at the table. On his right was Hon. Dr. R. B. Hanson, K.C., M. A. Johns and D. M. Kydd, H. W. Woods, ex-M. P. P. and J. W. Niles, M. P. P. sat the left. Vice-President J. D. Palmer occupied the vice chair.

After the national air O Canada had been rendered under the leadership of George W. Brown, President Phillips on behalf of the members of the club presented H. W. Woods, who is removing from the city with a handsome silver cigarette box suitable for home use. In making the presentation Mr. Phillips referred to the fact that Mr. Woods had come to Fredericton many years ago for the purpose of educating his family here. He spoke of the active part which both Mr. Woods and his wife had taken in all activities for the good of the city. Their departure from the city which recent events had made necessary, would be regretted by all.

Mr. Woods in reply impressed his thanks and said that he departed from the members of the club as well as from the city with feelings of the very greatest regret.

Mr. Woods expressed thanks at the kindly reference to Mrs. Woods whom he said, had tried to do her part and had not spared herself day or night in welfare work. She had tried also to act as a mother to many girls and to girls' organizations. Mrs. Woods like himself would, he said, miss their good friends in Fredericton. He referred at some length to his connection with the public service in different official positions under different governments.

He advocated the amalgamation of the A. and B. Club of which he is president with the city club and pointed out how the two organizations could make one strong organization and how considerable improvement could be made along our river front.

When Mr. Woods resumed his seat those present arose and sang "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow".

Hon. Dr. Hanson
The president, then called upon Hon. Dr. R. B. Hanson, K.C., former minister of Trade and Commerce, who was received with hearty applause. Hon. Dr. Hanson, delivered an excellent address which was heard with attention and which was very favourably commented upon by those present.

Hon. Dr. Hanson referred to the benefits of a social club to the citizens of Fredericton especially to the business and professional men. He paid a hearty tribute to Mr. Woods, whom he had known and respected for thirty-five years. He also spoke of the sterling qualities of Mrs. Woods and of the good work which she had

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LACROIX WILL NOMINATE SON TO RUN AGAINST TASCHEREAU

Lacroix, Rival of Quebec Premier, Unable to Resign Ottawa Seat

OTTAWA, Nov. 7—Edouard Lacroix, Liberal member-elect for Benoit, checked in his attempt to resign his seat in order to oppose Premier Taschereau in the provincial election, has hit upon an alternative. He will nominate and run his son against the Quebec Premier.

Lacroix exhausted all channels to get rid of his own seat in the Federal House to which he was re-elected

by a majority of 13,000. With such a majority he is considered to have pretty close control over the electorate and his campaign against the Premier will give Mr. Taschereau an anxious time.

Quebec political observers indicate that there was a strong feeling in the province against the Taschereau provincial government some months ago.