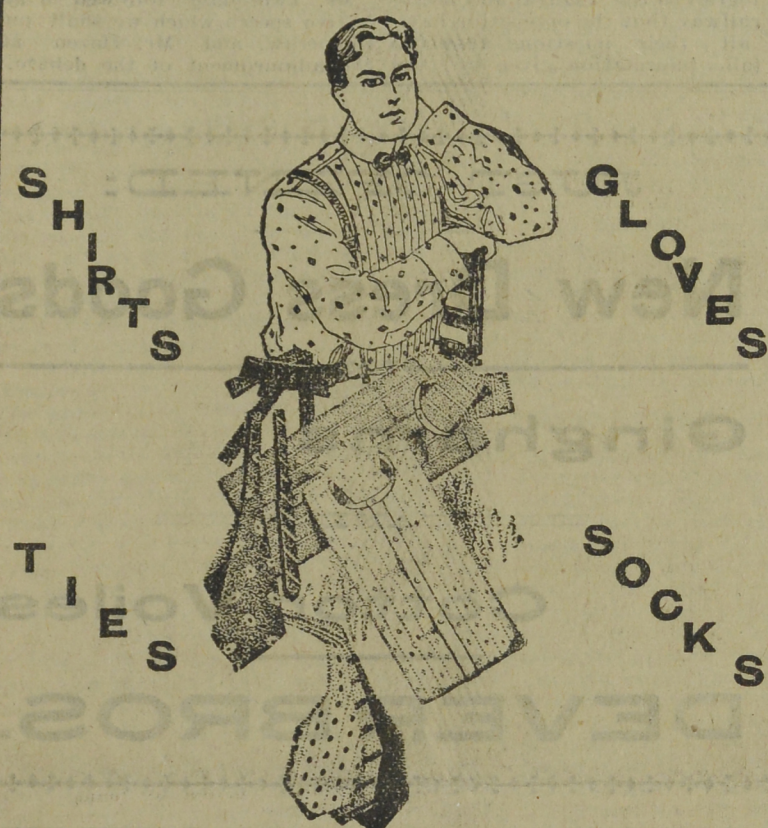


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JAPS AGAIN ON THE MOVE.

Rebuilding Hun River Bridge and Opening Railway to Mukden.

RUSSIANS STEADILY RETREATING--WARM WEATHER AND BAD ROADS FOR TRANSPORT.

With the Japanese armies in the field, March 28.—(Special)—The Japanese army near Mukden is clearing the battle field and sorting enormous quantities of stores and materials captured, and attending to prisoners.

The engineers are rapidly repairing the railroad bridge across the Hun river, which was badly damaged by the Russians.

Trains are now running to the

Hun river, and will reach Mukden in a few days.

The weather is very warm and the ground is thawing rapidly, making the movement of guns and transport by wagons difficult.

Gunshu Pass, March 28.—The Japanese are again moving forward and the Russians are falling back.

Reports show the Russians sacrificed vast quantities of stores.

I. C. R. TRAFFIC BLOCKED.

Immigrant Special Derailed Last Night Near Springhill Junction.

CARS STREWN ON BOTH SIDES OF THE TRACK--
NOBODY INJURED.

Expresses Held Up Till Line Can be Cleared.

Springhill, N. S., March 28.—(Special)—An engine with three colonist cars and two baggage cars on an Immigrant special left the track near Salt Springs on the I. C. R. last night and the road is totally held up for traffic, cars being strewn on both sides.

Wrecking crews were sent from

Moncton and Truro.

The latest word this afternoon is that the Montreal express is on one side of the wreck and the C. P. R. from St. John on the other.

Three hundred and fifty immigrants were on board the derailed train. Nobody was injured.

BOURASSA TALKS TODAY

Grandson of Papineau Speaking on the Autonomy Bill.

Ottawa, March 28.—(Special)—The debate on the autonomy bill is being continued today by Mr. Bourassa.

He will contend that the educational clause does not go far enough to meet his views, and will offer some amendments in committee.

He will however, vote for the second reading of the bill and against Mr. Borden's amendment.

FOR MANSLAUGHTER.

Hockey Player Charged With Death of an Opponent.

Cornwall, Ont., March 28.—(Special)—The trial of Allan Loney, for manslaughter in causing the death of Alcide Laurin, in a hockey match, opened this morning.

There was great trouble in selecting a jury, full panels being exhausted. The Crown rejected twenty and the defence, eight.

THE ST. LAWRENCE.

Not Much Fear of Floods This Year.

Montreal, March 28.—(Special)—Old French Canadians, familiar with the St. Lawrence, hazard the statement that there will be no flood this year.

The water in the river is rising slowly, but is not so high as at this time last year.

The ice is still firm.

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A WILD CAT SCHEME.

Which Did Not Find a Single Supporter in Railway Committee of Parliament.

Ottawa, March 18.—(Special)—The Canadian Canals Corporation which wants to build part canal and part railway on which to portage the boats in a somewhat similar manner to the old Chignecto scheme, between Georgian Bay and Lake Ontario, came before the railway committee with its scheme today, and it was without a single supporter.

The originators of the scheme said it would cost about \$65,000,000.

THE MILITARY SCHOOL.

No Cause for Alarm in Reported Transfer of Troops.

A local military authority does not think that the rumored transfer of the troops from this city to Halifax need cause much alarm. He points out that at the present time the company is so much over strength that the accommodation at the barracks is over taxed, and it has been necessary for the present to discontinue the school of instruction. He does not think that the authorities intend this state of affairs to continue long, and so, in the very near future they will send the surplus of the troops, and probably several of the officers, off to Halifax. So far as abolishing the depot goes, he does not think the authorities at Ottawa have ever considered such a proposition.

The best you have ever done is not good enough to be your ideal for the future.

The accident of energy has made more millionaires than the accident of birth.

OUR CURLERS MAKE MERRY.

The Annual Beeswing and Presentation of Prizes.

PLEASANT GATHERING AT THE RINK LAST EVENING.

Messrs. Hazen, McLatchey and Murray, M.P.P.'s Were Among the Speakers.

The Fredericton curlers held their annual beeswing and presentation of trophies at the rink last evening, and it was certainly a grand success. The ways taken an interest in the game. His club had always been defeated in foreign matches, but they were always hoping for better things.

Mr. Simmons, who was greeted with "He's a curler," rendered in chorus, returned thanks in a brief speech characterized by charming modesty.

Mr. J. D. Hazen, M. P. P., presented the Coleman cup to Mr. Hawthorn, and made what was undoubtedly the speech of the evening. He was in a reminiscent mood, and spoke very entertainingly of the old days when he was a member of the club.

He alluded to foreign matches played at Chatham, Newcastle, St. John and elsewhere, and related a number of laughable incidents connected therewith. He paid a graceful tribute to the late Mr. John Neill, the founder of the club, and made mention of some of the old time games played on the St. John River at this city. He was glad to know that the club was in such a flourishing condition.

President Hawthorn replied in a felicitous speech, which was heartily applauded.

Inspector Bridges being called upon delighted the gathering with a song, rendered in his usual spirited manner.

Mr. R. Murray, M. P. P., in a happy speech, presented the Shute cup to Mr. D. E. Crowe, who represented the winner, Mr. J. A. Winslow, Mr. Murray referred to curling as being the noblest of games.

Mr. Crowe, made a witty speech in reply, and attributed his success in winning the cup to the fact that the rink was composed of red headed men.

Mr. Massie delighted the gathering with another song after which Mr. H. C. Rutter presented the McSweeney cup to Dr. Bridges for the winner, Mr. T. L. Fowler. Mr. Rutter gave a brief history of the cup, and Dr. Bridges made an eloquent reply in accepting the trophy.

The Grievous points medal, was presented by Inspector Bridges to Mr. George Y. Dibblee, in the absence of the winner, Mr. L. C. Macnutt, who was also the winner of the Vanwart cup. The Inspector remarked that Mr. Dibblee's style corresponded with that of the winner, and they were able to wear the same blanket coat.

From the 7th of December up to the time the first robin was seen, Mr. Macnutt had seldom missed a night at the rink. As for Mr. Dibblee, he had been frequently absent during the winter just ended. This was probably due to the fact that he was not his own master to the same extent as in previous winters.

Mr. Dibblee replied in a witty speech, which provoked great laughter and applause.

Another song by Inspector Bridges followed, after which Dr. Hannay, at the instance of the president, presented the Dover handles to the winner, Mr. S. D. Simmons.

A toast to the visiting curlers, proposed by Mr. J. G. Settle, elicited speeches from Messrs. Hazen, McLatchey and Murray.

A number of impromptu toasts and speeches followed, and at one o'clock the pleasant gathering broke up with the singing of Auld Lang Syne.

THE STOCK MARKET.

C. P. R. Steady in Today's Trading--Slight Decline in Dominion Coal and Montreal Power.

Montreal, March 28.—(Special)—There was a slight decline in Dominion Coal and Montreal Power, and this was the feature of this morning's trading.

C. P. R. was steady. Opening and noon prices were as follows:

Dominion Coal, 81, 80½.
Dominion Iron & Steel, 22½, 22½.
Dominion Iron & Steel, pf'd., 71, 70.

Nova Scotia Steel, 64½, 64½.

C. P. R., 147½, 147½.

Twin City, 114, 113½.

Montreal Power, 89½, 89½.

Miss Elsie Mersereau of Doaktown, is visiting friends in the city.

TOOK FRENCH LEAVE.

Notorious St. John Woman Skipped Out to Avoid Complications.

St. John, March 28.—(Special)—Laura Ward, a well known character in police circles, has disappeared. Last Friday night a house occupied by James McCordick, in Mathews Alley, was raided and several arrests made.

Laura was ill in bed, and the secretary of the S. P. C. A. was instructed to look after her, but today Laura is among the missing.

WEATHER PROBS.

Toronto, March 28.—(Special)—Moderate to fresh, north-west to west winds, fair and mild. Wednesday, fair and very mild.