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Read New Story Barlasch of The Guard.

TYPHOID FEVER IN NORMAL SCHOOL

Five Carleton County Students Are Affected

A DOCTOR COMPLAINS

Says Better Sanitary Conditions Should be Provided or School Sh uld be Moved from Fredericton---Board of of Education Meeting.

FREDERICTON, Dec. 7 (Special)—Lieutenant Governor Snowball presided at a meeting of the Board of Education yesterday afternoon and a large amount of business was transacted.

The report of the Interprovincial committee on Acadian readers was presented by Dr. Inch and adopted. The chief superintendent also reported on his recent visit to the Consolidated School at Riverside. He said the building was about completed and nearly equipped, and prospects were very bright for a successful school.

The following teachers were granted certificates of qualification for school garden work, on recommendation of Prof. John Brittain:—Isaac Draper, R. E. Estabrooks, Woodstock; H. F. Perkins, Hartland; G. J. McAdam, Andover; G. J. Trueman, Riverside.

A communication was read from H. W. Anden, principal of Upper Canada College, asking co-operation of the educational department in an application to the tariff commission to extend the free entry list to educational supplies. It was referred to the chief superintendent to take such action as he deemed expedient.

A letter was read from Dr. D. W. Ross of Florenceville, stating that of twenty-five students from Carleton county in attendance at the Normal School, five had already been attacked with typhoid fever. He called upon the Board of Education to either provide better sanitary conditions or remove the Normal School from Fredericton. Dr. Inch was authorized to inform Dr. Ross that the city council had taken action in regard to providing sewerage.

Miss Lillian Nicolson, teacher of the Model School primary department, was granted three months leave of absence, and Miss Mega Creed was appointed a substitute.

School Inspector Mersereau of Doaktown applied for and was granted one year's leave of absence from January first. The question of procuring a substitute was left with the chief superintendent.

Several communications on imperial topics were referred to the chief superintendent for consideration and reply.

The first was from the under secretary of the state, with enclosures from Hon. Alfred Lyttleton, relating to the importance of school children of the mother land and the colonies obtaining a better knowledge of the empire through the medium of illustrated lectures.

The second was from the secretary of the Institute of Chemistry of Great Britain requesting information in regard to appointments made by the New Brunswick government requiring chemical knowledge.

The third asked for a variety of information in regard to our training colleges and terms on which students from the mother land can be admitted to the same. Another was from the secretary of the League of the Empire relating to methods, interest and study of history and the development of the empire through the medium of debating societies.

A communication was read from the Canadian Forestry Association, inviting the co-operation of the educational department in regard to the forestry convention to be held at Ottawa in January.

Chief Supt. Inch was authorized to attend the convention as the representative of the Board of Education.

Surveyor General Sweeney has granted a permit to Jim Paul, Indian guide of St. Mary's, allowing him to capture twelve live partridges and take them to the Boston Sportsman's show. He was also given permission to take to the show a young bull moose, now in possession of James McKilligan of this city.

A consignment of rifles and shot guns of various makes was received at the crown land office yesterday from Game Warden John Robinson of Newcastle. They were seized during the past season from North Shore residents found hunting without a license. In all probability they will be sold at auction.

Christopher Manzer, a well-known Nashwaak farmer, and brother of B. B. Manzer of Woodstock, died last night from heart failure, aged 72.

Police Sergeant Kilpatrick was presented this morning with a fine thoroughbred Scotch collie pup. The presentation was made by Beverley Millidge, who says that the "wee' dog's grandfather cost $1000.

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. John McCullum invaded their home, 152 Adelaide street, last night and presented them with a handsome Morris chair and a cut glass fruit dish.

The St. John clearing house reports for for the week ending Dec. 7, 1905, show a clearing of $1,262,100. The corresponding week during 1904 amounted to $1,283,337.

MAURICE GRAU ILL IN PARIS

Famous Impressario Broken in Health and Suffering From Severe Heart Trouble.

NEW YORK, Dec. 7—Maurice Grau, the former manager of the Metropolitan Opera Company, according to a private cable despatch received in this city yesterday, is seriously ill in his home in Paris.

When Mr. Grau gave up his management of opera two years ago to be succeeded by Heinrich Conreid, he was completely broken in health and went abroad to recuperate.

He has never returned. After a year of complete rest, for the greater part of the time in the south of France, his health was greatly improved. Then, with his wife and daughter, he took up his residence in Paris. Nearly two months ago his health began to fail again, and since the last of October he has been steadily losing ground. His trouble is an affection of the heart.

LAURIER TO BERNHARDT

Premier Expresses His Regret at Behavior of That Quebec Mob.

OTTAWA, Dec. 7—(Special) — Sarah Bernhardt has received the following telegram from Sir Wilfrid Laurier, who is in Quebec:—

Quebec, Dec. 7, 1905.

Madame Sarah Bernhart, Ottawa, Ont.:

I regret, madame, more than I can say, the acts of violence of which you and your company were the victims as you left Quebec. I only learned on my arrival here yesterday what had taken place the night before and I express to you the universal regret caused by behavior so unworthy of the well-known character of a city so remarkably careful of its renowned hospitality and courtesy. As to what was said by L'Evenement, pay no attention to it. It is a newspaper which for me does not count.

(Sgd.) WILFRID LAURIER.

THE DRAG NET OUT

County Authorities After Suburban Resorts for Violating Liquor Law.

This afternoon in G. R. Vincent's office five county liquor cases will come up. Informations have been sworn out against "Lou Dillon," Emma Madgwick, "Minnie Eaton," and Mrs. Melvin, who keep road houses in the county for selling liquor without licenses. John the Greek, who resides at Spruce Lake, is also charged with selling liquor without a license.

The liquor authorities usually visit these resorts once a year, and as a result of this year's visit the foregoing persons have been reported.

PERSONAL INTELLIGENCE

A. D. Wetmore, of Truro, is in the city.

Miss Bertha Bartsch, who has been on a visit to St Andrews, returned to this city last night and will remain here until after Christmas, when she will return to California.

Senator Domville returned from Ottawa today.

Judge McLeod came from Fredericton today.

J. Morris Robinson returned today from the States.

Judge Barker arrived in the city at noon.

J. D. Hazen returned from Fredericton at noon today.

H. M. Hopper of the St. John Railway Co., left on Tuesday for a trip to Detroit.

Harold B. Robinson left for Montreal on Tuesday evening last.

INARTISTIC ENGLAND

(Sir P. Burne-Jones, in Black and White.)

The builder of the twentieth century, no less than the tailor and the dressmaker, appear to dread any note of individuality or distinction and to do his best to reduce all things to one dead and depressing level. England is today, I suppose, one of the most inartistic nations in the world.

The local police authorities have been notified to be on the look out for Frank Farrell, who is wanted for the murder of Policeman Samuel Taylor, in Barnesborro, Pa., on Sunday, Nov. 12, 1905.

Daniel Steele left today for his home in Prince Edward Island, and is taking with him the speedy pacer Alice H., belonging to M. A. Harding, to handle for the winter.

SAKHAROFF ORDERED KNOUT FOR PEASANTS, BUT BULLET FOUND HIM

Awful Cruelties Practiced by Russian General Who Was Assassinated by Terrorists Yesterday---Telegraphers Still Out---Russian Refugees Tell Terrible Tales.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 6 (morning, via Edytkuhnen, East Prussia, Dec. 7.—The news of the assassination of Lieut. General Sakharoff, former minister of war, who was shot three times and instantly killed in the governor's palace, at Saratoff, in Southeast Russia, on Monday last, had been preceded by the most horrible stories of the manner in which Sakharoff had been repressing the agrarian disorders. He coralled peasants with Cossacks and then had them beaten with the soldiers' switches. So doing Sakharoff pursued the system adopted by Prince John Obolensky, former Governor-General of Finland, in suppressing the agrarians in the vicinity of Kharkoff several years ago, when the Prince caused the peasants to be whipped by relays of Cossacks and compelled them in turn to beat their comrades. The assassin of Sakharoff has not been identified. When arrested the woman who committed the crime, declared that she had executed a decree of the terroriste' section of the social revolutionists..

The following is a description of Sakharoff's arrival at Rovoanschina, one of the villages of the province of Saratoff:

"He came with Cossacks and artillery. The peasants were surrounded by Cossacks and Sakharoff addressed them demanding that they surrender their leaders. The village elder replied, but gave the general no information. The elder was immediately beaten until he lost consciousness.

"Sakharoff then retired to the court house, leaving the peasants at the mercies of the Cossacks, most of whom were drunk, and they began torturing them, puling out their hair and beards and even tearing pieces of flesh from their faces. Thirty-three peasants were thus maltreated."

ST. PETERSBURG, Wednesday, Dec. 6—It is rumored that the military engineers at Odessa are mutinously inclined.

MOSCOW, Wednesday, Dec. 6, via Eydtkuhnen, Dec. 7.—The elaborate measures taken by the police and military for the protection of men who are willing to return to work failed to induce any of the striking telegraphers to resume their employment. A meeting of 2,000 strikers today unanimously pronounced against yielding. The Finnish delegates declared that all the telegraphers of Finland were ready to enter the union and support tthe strike. Three hundred strikers have already been dismissed under the decree of interior minister Durnovo.

VIENNA, Dec. 7.—Despatches received here from Lemberg say that large numbers of Russian refugees are coming in daily. There are 800 of them at Cracow. They all give exciting, terrified accounts of the occurrences in Russia. Many of the refugees were formerly men of considerable wealth and standing, but they left everything behind and now are almost reduced to beggary.

The people of Lemberg declare that murders and rioting continue at Kieff. The refugees who have arrived at Podwoloczyska say that excesses against the Jews have occurred at Schmerynka and Serbinowow. No details are given.

Trains from Odessa and Kieff are now arriving at Podwoloczyska on time.

The telegraph operators at Czernowitz say that the governor of Odessa has posted notices in the streets to the effect that the slightest disturbances will immediately be put down with rifles. Large numbers of troops are stationed in and around Odessa.

An official statement says that 8,000 persons have been killed at Odessa since the beginning of the troubles. Advices from Bucharest, Roumania, say the people of Moscow and Nikolaieff are suffering from lack of water, bread, light and meal. Almost all the factories and Jewish homes in Rostoff have been destroyed. In a recent encounter at Odessa between students and troops many students were killed. Funeral services for the students were held at the university building. The latest arrivals at Jassy, Moldavia declare killings and plunderings continue at Odessa by day as well as at night.

WARSAW, Dec. 7.—Thirteen unions of civil engineers, lawyers, teachers, physicians, clerks, etc., have formed a Polish league of leagues as an annex of the Russian league of leagues. The local police have petitioned the chief of police for better pay, housing and treatment. They require a favorable answer during the week, otherwise they threaten to strike.

Advices from Odessa, Kieff, Rostoff and Kharkoff say that merchants of those cities are finding it impossible to transact business and are sacrificing their interests and leaving the country.

PREMIER McBRIDE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA IS PROUD OF HIS PROVINCE

Hon. Richard McBride, premier of British Columbia, passed through the city at noon today en route to Halifax.

To a Times man he said his visit had no political significance, he was just going to renew old acquaintances and attend to some matters of a private nature. Premier McBride is not a stranger in this part of the country, having visited St. John some years ago. He was also a student at Dalhousie where he graduated L.L.B., in 1890. Although his hair is plentifully sprinkled with gray the premier is still a young man, being only 35 years of age, and his smooth shaven face and pleasant expression impresses one at once with the idea that his is a most genial nature, an impression that is verified by a few moments' conversation.

Premier McBride appeared considerably interested in St. John affairs and asked numerous questions regarding the growth and advancement of our city during the past few years. He referred to a number of St. John men with whom he was acquainted, among them Supt. Wm. Downie of the C. P. R., Dr. A. W. Macrae, John A. Sinclair, J. King Killey and others. He also spoke of the large number of New Brunswick men who are now located in British Columbia.

In response to an inquiry as to conditions in British Columbia, he said the province was never more prosperous; coal and other mines, saw mills, fishing, fruit growing and in fact everything was booming. Referring to the fruit growing he said British Columbia was making rapid strides and at the recent Imperial exhibition in England, British Columbia had received the gold medal for the best collection of fruit in the Empire, while Nova Scotia had to be content with "honorable mention."

Speaking of politics, he said there had been many changes in B. C. politics, but, while the party lines were drawn strongly, the greatest good feeling prevailed, both in the house and in the conducting of elections.

Regarding the approaching elections in Saskatchewan, he said he had not much information concerning them, but thought it probable that with the strong influence exerted by the federal government, the result would be a liberal victory.

Speaking of immigration Premier McBride said they were getting a very desirable class of immigrants for the most part, many of them coming from the Northwest, where they had met with success, and settling in British Columbia.

On the Japanese problem, about which British Columbia has had considerable trouble, the premier holds strong views, and thinks some way will have to be discovered of dealing with the matter.

He spoke of the legislation which had been passed by the government there, and which was annulled by the Dominion government. He said there should be a law to regulate the number of Japs which were coming in there, as it was a menace to the white laborers, and he thought the white men should receive every protection. There had been a considerable decrease in the number of Japs coming in while the war was going on, but now that it was over he expected that there would be a great many more of the camp followers and such like.

Premier McBride has been in Ottawa for a few days on business connected with departmental matters, and has been in consultation with the minister of finance and Premier Laurier.

MINTO WILL MAKE TRIP

Government Steamer Will Take the Lunenburg's Place for a Trip to the Magdalens.

CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I., Dec. 7. — (Special).—Owing to the loss of the Lunenburg the Minto has been ordered to make a trip to the Magdalens. She leaves here tomorrow morning for Pictou, thence to Georgetown, taking freight at these places for the Magdalens.

The annual meeting of the P. E. I. Hockey League was held last night, with representatives from the three clubs, Crystal Pioneers, Victorias and Abegweits, present. The following officers were elected: President, Creel McArthur; vice-president, H. Bethune; secretary-treasurer, H. S. McLeod; executive, H. M. Baker, A. B. McLeod, Summerside; L. B. McMillan, James McMillan, Abegweits; W. B. Prowse, J. S. McLeod, Victorias.

This evening the Albert street school, Carleton, will hold a high class concert in City Hall, and a crowded house is anticipated. Principal McKenzie has used every endeavor to make the entertainment a success. Students of the school will take part.

LEGISLATURE MEETS FEB. 8TH

Premier Tweedie and Hon. Dr. Pugsley to Confer With Minister of Militia.

The provincial legislature will meet on Thursday, Feb. 8th, for the despatch of business. This has just been decided on by the government.

Premier Tweedie and Hon. Dr. Pugsley have been appointed a committee to confer with the minister of militia on the subject of military drill in the schools, and the premier will at once communicate with Hon. Dr. Borden and arrange the date of the conference.

Premier Tweedie has been invited to attend the banquet to Premier Gouin of Quebec on Monday night. Owing to pressure of business he will be unable to attend, but it is probable that Hon. Dr. Pugsley will go to represent the New Brunswick government.

In the police court this morning two drunks were fined $4 each and one $8.

OYAMA IS IN TOKIO

Accompanied by His Staff He Made a Triumphal Entry Today Amid Great Enthusiasm.

TOKIO, Dec. 7, 11.30 a. m.—Field Marshal Oyama and his staff made a triumphant entry into Tokio today. The enthusiasm and magnitude of his reception equalled that given to Admiral Togo. Despite the inclement weather, crowds of students and representatives of various classes and interests thickly lined the streets and although exposed to the rain, lustily cheered the marshal and his staff while en route to the imperial palace.

The newspapers of all shades of opinion are highly eulogistic today of the achievements of Marquis Oyama, his generals and the men under his command.

A holiday has been declared in the whole city in honor of the day.

Miss Agnes Beatty entertained a number of her friends at her home on Tower street, Carleton, last night. During the evening dancing was indulged in, and gramophone selections rendered. An orchestra furnished the music and the company broke up in the early hours of this morning. Miss Beatty left this morning for Boston, where she will reside during the winter season.

ROCKEFELLER JR. TALKS OF GRAFT

He Deprecates Sordid Motives Actuating Men

IN ENTERING POLITICS

Says Nine Out of Every Ten Look for Good of Their Pockets and Not for Benefit of Their Fellows---Advice to Bible Class.

NEW YORK, Dec. 7—"Graft seems to be the watchword in every line of life," said John D. Rockefeller, Jr., at the annual dinner of the Young Men's Bible Class, attended by about 250 members, and their friends, at the Hotel Vendome last night.

"I suppose," he continued, "that of every two men who go into politics, one goes, not for what he can do for his fellow man, but for what he can get out of politics. Yes, I should say that four out of every five, perhaps nine out of every ten, go into politics for what they can get out of it for themselves.

"In this life of today, so full of struggle and contest, in the effort to get ahead, to gain wealth, power, influence or position, the watchword seems to be, gain it honestly if you can, but gain it at any cost. No quality should receive such careful consideration and cultivation among young men as moral courage. For, unless the young men exhibit this courage, this great republic is doomed to the end of civilization gone before."

Mr. Rockefeller said his class would not be broken up, but he hoped another leader would be chosen.

EXPLORER IS SUCCESSFUL

Amundsen Has Travelled the Northwest Passage From East to West.

SEATTLE, Wn., Dec. 7—Amundsen, the first man in history to travel the northwest passage from east to west, is still at Fort Egbert, Alaska, waiting for an answer to the message he sent Monday night to Nansen in Christiania.

His appeal for funds and assistance has borne fruit, Norwegians of this city telegraphing him money.

From the fact that Amundsen and his expedition are in winter quarters near the mouth of McKenzie River, his object, which he made public before leaving Christiania, in May, 1903, has been fulfilled.

NOT SOLVED YET

Identity of Man Found Drowned is Still Unknown.

The identity of the victim of Saturday's fatality at Likely's lumber pond is still unknown. Many think he is Joseph White, of Chatham.

Several persons called at Chamberlain's undertaking rooms this morning and viewed the remains, among them being two young men who knew Joseph White in Prince Edward Island, and both are sure that the body is that of White.

The young men are James LeClare and Patrick Riley, both of P. E. Island.

A telegram was sent to Mrs. Jimmo, a sister of White, this morning, asking her when he left Chatham, and any other particulars she may be able to furnish.

At one o'clock this afternoon no answer had been received.

William Newcombe, of the Clairmont House, Torryburn, also viewed the remains and said that the body was that of a stranger who called at his house on Thursday last. The stranger was cut and bruised about the hands and face; the front of his overcoat being covered with blood. His face seemed badly scratched and the blood was frozen to his face. Mr. Newcombe says the unfortunate man mentioned several names, among them being "Nellie." He said he wanted work and seemed to think Mr. Newcombe had employed him. It has also been learned that the wanderer frightened several persons in the vicinity of Torryburn. He was again seen by Mr. Newcombe on Friday morning.

Henry Gilbert, of Rothesay, who purchased a ticket for a stranger, was to have come to the city this morning to view the remains, but at 2.15 this afternoon he had not seen the body and no reply had been received from Mrs. Jimmo as far as could be ascertained.

FUNERALS

The funeral of Arthur Daniel took place at 2.30 this afternoon. Rev. Canon Richardson conducted a burial service in Trinity church, and interment was in Fernhill.

The funeral of Mrs. John Williamson took place this afternoon from her late residence, Victoria street. Rev. R. P. McKim officiated, and interment was in Cedar Hill.

The body of Mrs. Mary Jane Johnston was laid to rest in Fernhill this afternoon. A large number of floral tributes were sent, which showed the high esteem in which Mrs. Johnston was held.

WHERE TO GO TONIGHT

Lucier's Minstrels at the Opera House.

Wrestling at York Theatre—Jos. Gilbert vs. Eugene Hardy.

Special service at St. Mary's church.

Albert street school concert in City Hall, Carleton.

Special meeting of the Thistle Curling Club at 7.45.

Dr. Westenbaker, wife and child, are at the Clifton House. Dr. Westenbaker is on the Marine Hospital service, and will be stationed here during the winter port season. Dr. J. W. Kerr, who arrived here about two weeks ago, has been transferred to a Southern station. During their short time in this city Dr. Kerr and his wife have made many friends, who will be sorry to learn that they will soon leave St. John.

CONDENSED ADVERTISEMENT

HALL TO LET—OVER LILLEY & SONS, Main street. Apply LILLEY & SONS. 12-7—3t

THE SIX DAY RACE

Progress of the Riders in the Madison Square Garden Grind.

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—Thirteen thousand times the six-day bicycle racers in Madison Square Garden had circled the saucer shaped track at 8 o'clock this morning. At that hour they had completed only a little more than half their long ride. Tricky spurts, dangerous falls down the steep incline of the track, and the frequent appearance of rolls of money sent into the enclosure by spectators who offered good sums as prizes to the team who would outride their competitors and gain an extra lap, filled the hours from midnight until daylight today with excitement.

Once, on the incline at one of the turns, Stol, riding at the top of the embankment, slipped and fell, and as his wheel slid to the bottom of the track, he struck and upset both Achorn and Dussol. The three riders went down like a land slide, but they remounted and went ahead again with a loss of less than half a lap. Early this morning two women who occupied a box seat sent $100 into the track for the Achorn-Downey team, provided these riders would gain a lap. The team failed to make the distance. Physicians who are attending the riders say that thus far their loss in weight has been scarcely appreciable. There are still ten teams in the race. The score at 8 o'clock was as follows: Bedell-Bedell, 1,314 miles, 4 laps; Vanderstuyrt-Stol, Root-Fogler, Keegan-Logan, McLean-Morgan, Downing-Bowler and Hopper-Hollister, 1,314 miles, 3 laps; Galivan-McDonald, 1,314 miles, 2 laps; Achorn-Downey, 1,314 miles, 1 lap; Doreflinger-Dussot, 1,314 miles, 0 laps.

OBITUARY

Gordon Neilson

Word reached the city this morning of the death at Montreal of Gordon Neilson, the sixteen year old son of Matthew Neilson, formerly manager of the St. John Railway Company. The young lad, who was the oldest of the family, was a particularly bright boy. About five days ago Gordon was operated on for appendicitis at a Montreal hospital, and it was thought to be entirely successful, but this morning he took a sudden turn for the worse and died shortly afterwards.

THE EXAMINATION OF DR. PRESTON AND HOWARD CAMP TO COMMENCE TOMORROW

The real interest in the case of Dr. Preston, who is charged with using means, with intent to commit an abortion, and that of Howard D. Camp, charged with counselling means used with intent to commit the said criminal offence, will practically begin tomorrow morning, when the preliminary examination will commence in the police court before Magistrate Ritchie.

Dr. A. W. Macrae will be in attendance in the interests of Camp, and Scott E. Morrill and B. L. Gerow will defend Dr. Preston.

Heretofore it has been the custom for the solicitor-general to await the introduction of criminal cases into the higher court, but tomorrow the crown's case will be conducted in the inferior court by Solicitor-General Jones.

The ante-mortem statement of Edith F. Clark which, according to the evidence adduced was signed by her, was, when read at the inquest last night, a matter of surprise to the general public, as Howard D. Camp was the only person mentioned in the body of the note; and it also stated by what means she had attempted herself to effect a cure of her trouble, and that she had been unsuccessful in the attempt. The coroner, however, stated that she could not possibly succeed, and that the operation had been performed by some skillful practitioner.

Immediately after the verdict of the coroner's jury was returned, B. L. Gerow visited Dr. Preston in the jail and informed him of its result.

The court room was packed to the doors last night after the jury had retired, and many of the spectators anxious to learn the news gained access to the court room by climbing up the wall of the court house and through the window, as there was considerable shoving and crowding by those at the door.

THE TIMES NEW REPORTER

The St. John Star has decided to submit the printers' strike, if it occurs, to arbitration. Mr. Hiram Hornbeam has consented to act in the matter.

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PUT THEM UNDER BONDS.

The city engineer wants piling driven along Union street, Carleton, and also along the Rodney wharf. Union street, it appears, wants to join the strip of harbor front presented by the City to the C. P. R., from the C. P. R. wharf toward the Beacon, and it is felt that the C. P. R. has got enough city property already. This freak on the part of Union street, which has always been a steady going thoroughfare, is giving the aldermen a lot of worry, for they say it is liable to decamp in the night and take all its belongings. With regard to Rodney wharf, a careful examination shows that it also has developed wandering proclivities, and may not even wait to be half-soled again before starting on its travels. Therefore the city engineer recommends that both it and Union street be put under bonds. The board of works will at once consider the matter, and the treasury board will prepare the bonds. The treasury board is strong on bonds.

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Either Ex-President McCurdy or McCall, of the big insurance companies, will be asked to come to St. John and act as financial adviser of the city council. The civic debt is growing so rapidly that some person of great capacity in dealing with millions is needed to devote his whole time to it.

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There is a rumor that Santa Claus is preparing a platform and a set of candidates for the Citizens' League.

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The manufacture of large tax bills is a leading industry in the City of St. John.

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Everything has been so quiet out Loch Lomond way lately that Landlord Barker is trying to get up some kind of minstrel performance to relieve the monotony. Engineer Hunter has consented to be the interlocutor, and there is no scarcity of bones. The city has already agreed to supply about a half a million bones to help along the show.

TRYING TO OUST McCALL FROM THE CONTROL OF THE NEW YORK LIFE

NEW YORK, Dec. 7—Clarance H. Venner applied to Supreme Court Justice Greenbaum yesterday for a mandamus directing John A. McCall as president of the New York Life, to furnish him with a complete list of the policy holders, their addresses and the amounts of their policies. Venner also wants leave, as a policy holder himself, to inspect the company's books.

The object of Venner's move is to obtain proxies to be used at the election of trustees next April. His counsel, George H. Yeaman, submitted to the court a statement embodying some of the disclosures at the insurance investigation, and declaring that there exists sufficient dissatisfaction among the policy holders to warrant the election of new trustees and other officers. Without a list of the policy holders, said Mr. Yeaman, it would be impossible to organize a movement to displace the present management.

John G. Milburn, representing Mr. McCall, opposed the application strenuously and submitted an affidavit by McCall, in which Venner's motives are attacked.

McCall in his affidavit says that the name and address of a policy holder are considered confidential matters in an insurance office, and that if a list were given to Venner he might use it to the company's disadvantage and his own personal profit.

Regarding the insurance revelations, McCall denies that the campaign contributions testified to were given for political reasons. He says they were given to help safeguard the interests of policy holders and in accordance with McCall's best judgment. He says that there is an action pending to test the legality of the payments, and should the courts decide adversely to his contention he will refund the money from his own pocket.

McCall adds that the insurance investigation is a one-sided affair, and that the dissatisfaction among policy holders is gradually dwindling.

Justice Greenbaum reserved decision.