

RUMORS OF DARK HORSES

Some Organizations Are Preparing a Surprise

IN VOTING CONTEST

Scots Brigade Still Ahead But Court La Tour Closed Gap With Big Vote Today—Only Five Days More.

With the end of the voting contest only five days away, the interest in the struggle is still as keen as ever.

Today the vote showed the Kilts still in the lead, with Court La Tour a close second.

The Foresters cast a large vote today, 3,300 ballots in all, taking second place easily and making the premier position somewhat untenable.

There is every prospect of a fight to a finish between the three leading figures in the struggle, with a strong probability of several others taking a hand in the fray. Rumor has it that a few of the less prominent contestants are getting ready to spring a surprise in a day or two.

At the same time a suspicious silence exists with regard to the intentions of some of the organizations, and it may be that they are laying plans for a sudden coup before the close of the struggle.

Yesterday the contest editor was called on the telephone by a friend of St. Mary's Band, who stated that he had a large number of votes for the musicians in his possession and wished to know their present standing in the race.

Letters continue to arrive from different parts of the province, with votes enclosed for the several contestants. The writers manifest eagerness and an enthusiasm not surpassed by those who are nearer the scene of the battle. The following was received by Colonel Buchanan yesterday:

Andover, N. B., Dec. 11, 1906.
Dear Sir—I herewith send my vote of St. Stephen's Church Boys' Brigade, wishing them success, I am, etc., Yours cordially,
N. B. McQUARRIE.

Court La Tour continues to attract outside support, following letter being received yesterday:

Dorchester, Dec. 11, '06.
Dear Sir—Enclosed please find twelve votes, which you will please place to the credit of Court La Tour, I. O. F. I am watching with an increasing interest the progress of the contest.

Yours very truly,
BYRON H. THOMAS.

The following letter proves that the youngsters throughout the province are following the fortunes of the different contestants with a great deal of eagerness: Douglasville, N. B., Dec. 11, 1906.
Editor Times Voting Contest.

Dear Sir—Find enclosed 117 votes for the Scots Boys.

I am a boy ten years old myself and want to see the boys win.

Yours truly,
BEN.

A well-known educationalist of St. John writes as follows to Col. Buchanan:

Dear Buchanan—Enclosed find 93 votes for your Scots Brigade. Hoping that you may carry off the prize, I remain, Yours, etc.,
W. M. McLEAN.

P. Harvey Straight sent a number of votes for the Kilts and a letter which reads:

Contest Editor: Having in the past taken some interest in the Scots Boys' Brigade, I wish to contribute these few votes for St. Stephen's to help them secure the gold pieces which they are fighting hard to obtain.

Wishing them best of luck,
P. HARVEY STRAIGHT.

For the information of a correspondent, the contest editor wishes to state that no ballot will be printed in the issue of Dec. 21. The contest will close at 12 o'clock, sharp, on that date and the result will be announced on Saturday, Dec. 22.

St. Stephen's Scotch B. B.	29459
Court La Tour, I. O. F.	29019
St. Mary's Band	27296
High School A. C.	15745
St. Rose's L. A. D. Society	13589
Neptune Rowing Club	14785
La Tour Section T. H. & T.	3916
Portland Methodist Y. M. A.	701
Marathon A. C.	2310
Junior Deacons	1507
Mission Church Gym.	1394
St. Andrew's Cadets	1070
Court Yukon, C. O. F.	894
Marlborough Lodge, S. O. E.	894
Y. P. S. of Centenary Church	701
Iberian Cadets	653
Y. M. S. of St. Joseph	475
Ladies' O. B. A.	485
St. George's B. B. Club	393
Alex. Section T. H. & T.	325
Bremen's Relief Assn.	272
St. Peter's Y. M. A.	249
Prot. Orphan Asylum	240
Military Veterans	200
King's Daughters and Sons	232
Ladies' Aux. to Seamen's Mission	218
Father Mathew Assn.	213
L. O. A. York S.	83

THE GRAND TRUNK CASE

TORONTO, Dec. 12.—(Special).—The suit of W. N. Robertson against Charles M. Hays, second vice-president of the Grand Trunk Railway, on a third-class rate at two cents a mile, reached the high court this morning in an application to Chief Justice Meredith for a mandamus. The chief justice refused it on the ground that there was no need for haste.

WALL STREET

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—Stocks were offered freely at the opening and declines were general throughout the list. The market closed easy.

WATER FLOWED ALL NIGHT LONG

Macanlay Bros. & Co. Suffer \$2000 to \$3000 Damage by a Minute Deluge.

Between \$2,000 and \$3,000 worth of stock was damaged in Macanlay Bros. & Co's, dry goods establishment on King street last night, as a result of an escape cock in a steam radiator on the third floor being left open.

When employees arrived this morning they discovered water leaking through the ceiling at the rear of the store and a large stock of linens and fabrics was completely soaked with water. An investigation on the second floor showed that the water had also run down through the millinery room, doing considerable damage to stock in the process of manufacture there. A further investigation revealed the fact that the water came from a small escape cock radiator in the offices on the third floor.

When the members of the firm arrived they had the damaged goods immediately removed and made inquiries about the matter. It developed that the engineer had to do the office staff to leave the escape valve open, for reasons of safety and that had been done. As a result the entire contents of the big 40 h. p. boiler in the basement had been siphoned through the little faucet and had run merrily on all night, causing great damage to the stock in the floors below. In many instances both of linen and shaker flannel, alpines, etc., were thoroughly soaked. This does not injure them to any great extent as they would be all right when washed out, but it means that they must be sold at once at a sacrifice. The loss in a case of this kind falls on the merchants as no insurance can be claimed.

Complaint was made just when the Christmas rush is on, the occurrence causes the firm considerable inconvenience.

CROSSLEY AND HUNTER

As Result of a Revival in Brockville They Made 700 Converts.

BROCKVILLE, Ont., Dec. 13 (Special).—At the union evangelistic services in Brockville under the direction of Evangelists Crossley and Hunter, seven hundred professed conversion. The services began on Monday evening and closed on November 30. Last Sunday 120 were received into the Wall Street Methodist church on profession of faith. Other churches also will have large additions to their membership.

GEORGE KEIRSTEAD WINNER OF MEDAL

He Carries Off Gold Medal as Best Essayist in High School

Go. Keirstead has been declared winner of the gold medal offered by Senator Ellis for the best essay by high school pupils. There were quite a number of entries when the contest opened but the number finally narrowed down to three: George Keirstead, Miss Beatrice McGinley and a competitor under the nom-de-plume, "Nepos."

The medal has been ordered and will be here in time for presentation on the 21st, instant when the schools close for the Christmas vacation.

THE SIX DAY BIKE RACE

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—At 9 o'clock this morning the score in the six day bicycle race was 123 miles for all the teams.

Except Walthour and Bedell who were one lap behind. The leaders were 133 miles behind the record.

The worst accident since the race started occurred this morning, when ten of the riders went down in a bunch. Holister of the Salt Lake team, and Vanoni of the Indian team were badly hurt. Pye of the Clark-Pye team was mentally affected by the accident, in which he was slightly injured, and he ran along the track shouting: "I win, they are all killed but me."

The score at two o'clock was 1,441 miles 2 laps. Walthour and Bedell being one lap behind.

OBITUARY

Mrs. Richard Whelley

The death occurred this morning of Teresa Penila Whelley, wife of Richard Whelley, at 92 St. Patrick street. Mrs. Whelley was in her thirty-third year. She is survived by her husband and a young son. She was a daughter of James McInerney. The funeral will be held Saturday at 2:30 o'clock from her late residence, St. Patrick street.

Mrs. John A. Lea

MONCTON, Dec. 12.—(Special).—Mrs. John A. Lea died at twelve o'clock last night after a very brief illness. Four days ago Mrs. Lea was taken ill with tonsillitis and with the last day or two grew rapidly worse. Yesterday she gave birth to a child and gradually sank until death ensued last night. Mrs. Lea is survived by her husband, two young children and her mother, Mrs. J. W. Hickman, formerly of Amherst, but now residing in Moncton. She was 27 years of age and was well known in musical circles, having been a member of the Central Methodist choir. She was a niece of the late Rev. John Prince.

MONTEAL STOCKS

MONTEAL, Dec. 13 (Special).—While the tendency of the stock market was in the direction of weakness there was very little trading. Some of the international traction issues were conspicuous in that respect, mainly owing to the influence of Wall street. Toilets sold off to 28, Twin City to 105-1-4 to 105-1-2. Detroit to 82, Dominion Iron at 67. Other features were Montreal Street Railway, 240; and Rio 44.

SIR JOHN LONG DEAD

MONTEREY, Calif., Dec. 13.—Sir John Long, M. P., who for 17 years represented Dundee, Scotland, in parliament, died yesterday, aged 78 years.

H. McClery went to Gagetown this morning.

ROOSEVELT'S INDISCREET LETTER TO MRS. STORER

CINCINNATI, O., Dec. 12.—Bellamy Storer, the former United States ambassador at Vienna, has given out the following statement in reply to the letter of President Roosevelt made public yesterday:

"My letter to the president and his cabinet was written for the cool, deliberate judgment of men who should be kept informed of the true facts in the conduct of the administration. It was not written for the public, nor hurriedly given to the press to anticipate public opinion. It stands, when taken in full, as my statement and should be taken as an entirety, and as such, I ask its calm perusal. In itself it is an answer to many things the president has seen fit to say, but as now the matter has been put forward by Mr. Roosevelt, I feel compelled to speak.

"WHEN MEMORIES CLASH.
"There was no need of violent and insulting adjectives to show that the president dislikes me and did not wish me to remain in the service or to retire from it in any customary way.

"While the past has shown that few men can differ with either the wishes or the memory of Mr. Roosevelt without at once becoming a scoundrel and a liar, I must make some comments on what he has given out at the White House.

"That anything was ever written to the president by my wife to the effect that 'Mr. Choate and Gen. Porter were not proper persons to be ambassadors' is news to both of us. For both these distinguished men we have and have had nothing but respect and good will, personally and officially. It would have been an honor to anyone to take any post ever filled by either of them after they ceased to occupy it. And the only feeling possible is one of regret that both of them have been lost to the public service since Mr. Roosevelt was re-elected.

ROOSEVELT TO "MARIA."
"As to Mr. Root, the press in 1901 was full of statements that he might not be able to remain in the cabinet on account of health and would be succeeded by Gen. Porter, which would leave Paris vacant.

"I give in full a letter from the President in answer to what he said was written by my wife. I do this both because it is a letter for him to be proud of from its full appreciation of eminent men (apart from any reference to myself), and also to show that my wife's letter, to which this was an answer, now spoken of only with a sneer, was considered differently by Mr. Roosevelt at the time it was received:

"Executive Mansion,
"Washington, Oct. 4, 1905.

"My Dear Maria:
"You need never be afraid of writing me or of asking anything. If it is in my power to grant I shall do so. If for any reasons, whether political in the narrow or in the largest sense I cannot, I shall tell you so frankly. Personal reasons can never exist when I do not do anything for my wife. Bellamy was right about it. He needed to write me in order to keep him in mind. I think of both of you all the time and have gone over several times possible plans. First, as to the cabinet, it is very unlikely now that I shall change any member of the present cabinet. You have probably seen that I have asked them all to stay. The secretary of war, Root, is one of the very strongest men before the people in our whole party. His Canton speech was the most effective delivered in the campaign last year. His advice is invaluable, not merely in reference to his department, but in reference to all branches of the service. As for his department, it is at the present time most important in the entire government. It would be a public calamity to have him

leave the cabinet now, and I use the words 'public calamity' advisedly. He is a sick man, a condition which gives me great uneasiness, not because there is the fear of his death, but lest he may have to give up his work here. If he went out I should have to consider nothing whatever but the question of getting the best man the entire country afforded to do the work necessary to be done.

HAD STORER IN MIND.

"It may be that after carefully looking over the matter I should conclude that Bellamy was the man for the purpose. It may be that I should have to conclude that someone else, of whom I have no thought at present, would be the best man, and if so, I should be in honor bound to take him and not to consult any personal reference of mine in a matter so vital to the country. I do not believe that Secretary Long intends to leave the navy. In this department Bellamy would be admirable; but in filling my vacancy in the cabinet I would have to take note of all kinds of considerations. I should count Bellamy's religion in his favor for a cabinet place. Other things being equal, I should like to have a Catholic in the cabinet. I am exceedingly well as secretary. I do not know whether, geographically, he would be the right man. For instance, I should like to get a Pacific slope man into the cabinet, and particularly in the navy department, and I do not wish to leave New England unprotected. At present I see no Pacific slope man who would be competent to fill the position. Moreover, if possible, I should like to get one or more members of the cabinet who are in close touch with the people, carrying weight (Continued on page 7.)

BIG FIRE AT LONDONDERRY

AMHERST, N. S., Dec. 13 (Special).—A serious fire occurred at Londonderry this morning. The Knights of Pythias hall, three stories and one dwelling were burned. Among them was the store occupied by George L. Munro, hardware.

The stock was saved, but badly damaged. Munro's insurance is \$1,000. Other insurance is not available.

TRURO, N. S., Dec. 13 (Special).—Fire got into the business section of Londonderry early this morning and has been extinguished with a loss of twenty thousand dollars and only seven thousand in insurance.

Four buildings were destroyed, owned by the Foreman estate, Isaac Turner, Mrs. Tatters, and F. P. Johnson and occupied by John McInnes, grocer, H. A. McLean, boots and shoes; James

Harrison, confectionery; C. Gough, small wares; E. L. Munro, hardware, and the Oddfellows, Masons, Orangemen and Knights of Pythias. The latter held a meeting in their lodge room last night.

The insurance reported today is as follows: McInnes, \$1,500; McLean, \$1,500; Munro, \$1,000; Foreman estate, \$1,000; Masons, \$800; Orangemen, \$600.

All the insurance is carried by the Sun and Ottawa companies.

Frederickton, N. B., Dec. 13 (Special).—The managers of the Nannery-Kennie Dramatic Company have not yet made a settlement of the claim put in by their employees for salaries due.

M. F. Moore offered to pay the claim of the actors in full but Mr. Nannery declined the offer.

Bishop Richardson held a conference with the Cathedral sidemen last evening and discussed plans in connection with his work here.

Miss Ethel Gamble late of the Victoria Hospital nursing staff and Europe, who has been engaged her services.

The Board of Health has passed a regulation prohibiting ice dealers from taking ice from the river at any point below Smythe street.

WANT REDUCTION IN DUTY
OTTAWA, Dec. 13.—(Special).—Walter Champ, of the Hamilton Bridge Works wants the duties on certain articles such as rolled plates and angles decreased.

The Nova Scotia Steel works is the only establishment that demands such a concession. They have agreed to a reduction, J. D. Ferguson asks for a decrease in the duty on slate. There is only one slate quarry in Canada and it cannot supply one-fifth of the market. The duty was increased in the last revision.

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CHURCH HAS A SURPLUS

Brussels Street Church Will Close Year with Balance on Right Side.

At a business meeting held in Brussels street Baptist church last evening officers and committees were elected for the ensuing year. Though the financial report was not submitted last evening (it being reserved for the annual meeting at the close of the year), it has been learned that the church will close the year free of debt and with a surplus to start on for the next year.

During the present year the pastor, Rev. A. B. Choate, and the officers and members generally have been putting forth extra efforts to close this year with a balance on the right side, and they have succeeded. This is understood to be the first time in some years that the church has had a surplus, and a great deal of credit is due Rev. Mr. Choate for his work. L. A. Belyea and C. J. Stammers were elected deacons. The board of deacons had never been complete since the death of Deacon Denison a few years ago and last night's election brings the board up to its full number of seven.

The report of the nominating committee for officers for the ensuing year was as follows:

Treasurer—Frank Fales.
Clerk—W. H. Golding.
Finance Committee—Deacons William Allwood, E. C. Vail, A. H. Chipman, L. A. Belyea and C. J. Stammers and Messrs. F. Fales and W. H. Bedding.

Other committees were also appointed.

HIGHEST PRICE IN TWENTY YEARS

Finnan Haddies Are Now Worth 9 Cents per lb.—General Fish Market Good.

The price for finnan haddies has gone up another notch, bringing the retail figure to nine cents a pound. A local fish dealer told the Times today that he had not seen the price of haddies so high within the last twenty years, and attributes the unusual advance to the rough weather, which makes it very difficult to procure the fish. He says further that the cold weather makes it possible to ship them to the Pacific coast as well as to the United States. The haddies now being offered for sale at the local fish markets are large, fat and very extra.

The general fish market supply is fairly good and present indications are that there will be little or no difficulty in procuring fish dinners during the season of advent.

Haddock are bringing 6 cents a pound, cod 5c, cod steak 10c, North Shore and Kennebecensis smelt 12c, fresh herring 24c, a dozen, halibut, 15c, a pound, salmon 15c, to 20c, flounders 8c. Frozen mackerel are worth 12c, to 25c, etc.

The supply also includes some very fine Newfoundland blotters and lippers. The former bring 24c, a dozen, the latter 35c.

BRITISH OPINION OF CANADIAN PAPERS
MONTREAL, Dec. 13.—(Special).—A special London cable says:

Before the Royal Colonial Institute, Arthur A. Beckett read a paper on the "Colonial Press." He took the line of high and cordial appreciation of the press and pressmen as a whole and referred to the slight hold home and European news possess generally. Canada, in proportion to its population, had a large number of newspapers. The old country had nothing to learn from the Canadian press which, like Canadian politics, was largely dominated by the manufacturing interests.

It was a curious fact that while London newspapers reflected British opinion sent to Australia, the knew of no London letter coming to Canada except to one or two unimportant papers. The space was devoted to local interests rather than to the interests of the empire, but the papers from a journalistic point of view were quite excellent. If there was a fault, it was the absence of the danger of transmitting news to the colonies through foreign agencies. He said he was filled with a feeling of pride that his colleagues in the distant lands were maintaining the dignity of their calling and proving themselves worthy of the title of gentlemen of the press.

A large number of passengers arrived on the Atlantic express from the west today and will sail for Liverpool tomorrow on the royal mail steamer Empress of Britain. It is expected that upwards of 1200 passengers will leave port on the big liner.

Following the custom of some years back, Senator J. V. Ellis was this morning presented by the staff of the Globe with a bunch of 45 carnations, this being the forty-fifth year of the senator's editorship of the Globe.

Dr. F. Packard, who has been employed by Dr. J. D. Maher for some time, left the city on Monday last, and it is said his absence is sincerely mourned by a few creditors. Dr. Packard's wife and family accompanied him. While here the doctor, who originally belonged to the States, proved himself proficient in his profession, and his departure was not anticipated by his friends.

The charge is made, apparently with truth, that King Leopold of Belgium has kept a lobby at Washington to head off any accident he had a fortnight ago last Tuesday night. The officer was looking about the I. C. R. yard, when he espied a lad endeavoring to gain access to Harris' floor. The officer gave chase and had just placed his hand upon the youthful miscreant when both feet went up in the air, and he alighted on the roof of the building.

Dr. James Christie, the railway's doctor, is attending Officer Needham, who is able to be on duty.

Enquiry at the hospital this afternoon elicited the information that Ebenezer Vey, who was injured yesterday at Sand Point, is resting comfortably.

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