



# The Evening Times.

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THE WEATHER.

Decreasing northwest to west winds, fine and cold. Saturday, moderate to fresh westerly wind; fair stationary or a little higher temperature.

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ST. JOHN, N. B., FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6, 1907.

ONE CENT

## HUNDREDS OF SALOONS CLOSED IN ILLINOIS

Eight Counties in the State Are Now "Dry."

Systematic Campaign for Closing of Saloons in Chicago On Sundays, and Several Score of Saloon Keepers Have Been Arrested.

CHICAGO, Dec. 6.—Hundreds of saloons were closed in Illinois today, the local option voted at the last election in fourteen counties becoming effective at midnight. Eight counties are now totally "dry" while six allow saloons in only a few precincts. The counties principally affected are in the southern tier and reflect the wave of prohibition that has been sweeping up from Johnson.

In some of the principal towns affected Jacksonville loses 24 saloons, Duquoin, 23, Peoria 15, Carterville 18, Marion 12, Mound City 11 and Tazewell, 10.

The prohibition sentiment was also felt further north in the state where many towns voted out the saloons. In addition a systematic campaign for the Sunday closing of saloons has been undertaken in Chicago and several scores of saloon keepers of the city have been arrested on evidence gathered by agents of the Chicago Law and Order League. Liquor dealers of the state are alarmed at the situation and have taken steps to combat the reform movements. In Chicago the local association of saloon keepers and the restaurant keepers' association have united forces and will make vigorous attempts to secure the discharge of the arrested saloon keepers when their cases are called for on December 10th.

Two Chicago saloon keepers committed suicide under remarkable circumstances yesterday. The members of their families attribute the deaths solely to worry lest the Sunday closing agitation of the law and order league ruin the saloon business here.

## A SESSION OR AN ELECTION, WHICH?

FREDERICTON, N. B., Dec. 5.—(Special)—Members of the local government left for St. John by the nine-fifty train. The impression seems to prevail here that there will be another session before action and that a by-election to fill the vacancies will be called on in January.

News of the tragic death at Holyoke, Mass., of Robert H. Buchanan formerly of St. John and Fredericton was a severe shock to his many friends here. Mrs. Buchanan was formerly Miss Christina Trimpe of Kewic Ridge.

Information has been laid against a Springfield hotel keeper for violation of the Scott Act and the case comes before the police court on Monday.

Fred P. Collier has opened a lively stable near his home on King street.

It is stated that the lumber cut on the Nepisiquit river this winter will not exceed seven million feet or less than half of last season's cut.

A report in circulation today that the body of the late Edward Currie, the Dougan man who disappeared mysteriously in September had been found in the cellar of an unoccupied house above town, created quite a sensation until investigation proved it to be without foundation.

## EX-CLERGYMAN IS SMOOTH FAKIR

BUFFALO, N. Y., Dec. 6.—(Special)—Charles How Manley, a former clergyman, was found guilty in the United States district court yesterday of a conspiracy to defraud and of using the mails to defraud. The extreme penalty is imprisonment for thirteen and a half years and \$2,500 fine.

Manley advertised in thirty magazines for customers for portable buildings of all sorts. One hundred and thirteen persons in this country and in Canada sent to Manley orders with sums ranging from \$100 to \$900. Most of them got nothing except a letter from the company. The evidence showed that Manley had no facilities for filling even an infinitesimal part of his promises. He received \$15,075 from his would-be customers and gave back about \$3,500 under pressure.

## A QUICK RUN

W. B. Howard, district passenger agent of the C. P. R., has been advised that the "Empress of Ireland," which left St. John on Saturday morning last at 6:30 a. m., and Halifax at 1:00 a. m. Sunday, passed Malin Head at 9 this morning, which would make her due at Liverpool about five this afternoon, and taking off six hours difference in time, would make her actual run six days five hours from St. John, and five days ten hours from Halifax to Liverpool. This is a remarkably quick run for this season of the year.

## OIL GUSHER DISCOVERED

BALUPUR, Dec. 6.—A new oil gusher has been opened at Surakhant, ten miles from this city. This indicates an important extension of the Bakup oil industry.

The new well gives 10,000 barrels a day. It is located on the site of an ancient temple dedicated at one time to a cult of five worshippers, and it has now been learned that the "Eternal Flames" that burned at the altar of the temple were maintained by natural gas issuing from the ground.

MONTREAL, Dec. 4.—Hon. Robert Rogers, who arrived from Winnipeg today, says that the grain product of the Provinces of Manitoba and Alberta and Saskatchewan will be 70,000,000 bushels of wheat, 85,000,000 bushels of oats and 25,000,000 bushels of barley, valued at \$125,000,000.

## ANOTHER AWFUL COAL MINE HORROR

Terrific Explosion In Two Coal Mines at Monogah, West Virginia.

Seven Hundred Men Are Entombed and It Is Believed a Majority of Them Were Killed.

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 6.—A terrific and disastrous explosion occurred today in Mines numbers 6 and 8 of the Consolidated Coal Co. of Monogah, W. Va.

A long-distance telephone message to the Associated Press says that the bodies of three miners have been recovered near the mouth of the Mine No. 6. They were foreigners. Supt. John Malone of the mines says there are at least five hundred men entombed.

Mine No. 6 is located on the east side of the Monogahala River, No. 8 on the west side. How the explosion occurred simultaneously in both mines cannot be explained at this time.

All is confusion at the scene of the disaster and definite information is meagre.

The explosion was heard eight miles away. It is believed that a majority of the men entombed were killed.

FAIRMONT, W. Va., Dec. 6.—An explosion is reported at Mines No. 6 and 8 of the Fairmont Coal Company at Monogah, six miles from here. It is said one thousand men are employed in the two mines. It is said to have been a dust explosion. Nothing is known here of the number of men in the mines at the time of the explosion but from the fact that the coal company which controls the traction cars has stopped traffic and are only sending out cars carrying physicians and intimate friends of the miners, it is feared the accident is a serious one. The mines are a part of those owned by the Consolidated Coal Company of Baltimore. Clarence W. Watson is president. The concussion was heard eight miles.

GAMBLING ON THE ATLANTIC LINERS

NEW YORK, Dec. 6.—The heavy gambling on the North German Lloyd liner from Prinzessin Cecilie on her recent westward voyage from Bremen, when Baron von Nottmeyer is said to have been received \$800 in cash and a large amount of promissory notes by a professional gambler and a confederate, has convinced the agents of the Atlantic lines in this city that there is a well organized gang working the steamers.

Herbert Winter, passenger manager of the North German Lloyd line said yesterday: "We have done all in our power to protect passengers on these steamers, with these card sharps, but it is very difficult, because in many instances the passengers will not take the advice of our officers and consequently they are caught." An official of the White Star line said that the company refused tickets to all gamblers that were known to them, and that in the busy season notices were inserted in the passenger lists warning the patrons of the line against gambling with strangers or taking part in large pools on the ship's daily run.

HUNDREDS ILLEGALLY WEDDED BY PRIEST

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 5.—Hundreds of marriages are technically invalidated because the Rev. Father Peter C. Phamibolis, formerly of Boston, but now of the Greek Church, in this city, was not an American citizen at the time he solemnized them.

But this fact did not deter the priest nearly as much as the fear that the members of his congregation of 800 souls might wreak vengeance upon him for attempting to forsake his own monarch for Uncle Sam.

Father Phamibolis applied for citizenship papers late yesterday, and it was then that he learned of his predicament as to the marriages. When the aged priest was asked about the matter today he was chiefly concerned lest his flock should learn of his ambition to become a citizen.

"They will hang me," he moaned. "They will turn me into the street, and they will not let me be their priest any more."

MONTREAL STOCKS

MONTREAL, Dec. 6.—(Special)—Buoyancy developed in Montreal Power today and the price rose 3 1/4 points, above yesterday's opening price. Today's opening price was 98 3/4 compared with 96 at the close and 95 at the opening yesterday, today's highest being 98 1/4. Nova Scotia Steel gained a point to 57 on small trading and an advance in Twin City was followed to 82 while Dominion Steel pfd. again sold at 40 with bonds steady at 70. Other strong features were Detroit 35 1/4; Illinois pfd, 70 3/4; Toronto Railway, 95 1/4; Lake of Woods, 71; MacKay 54 1/4; Toledo 9 1/2.

COHEN IS DEAD

BOSTON, Dec. 6.—Edward Cohen, president of the Massachusetts state branch of the American Federation of Labor, who with Denis Driscoll, secretary of the state branch, was shot at the state house yesterday by J. A. Steele, while the latter was suffering from insanity, died this morning. Mr. Driscoll showed much improvement during the early morning and yesterday stated that his case was much more favorable than had been hoped for.

## A CROP OF NEW STORIES CULLED AT CITY HALL; CIVIC ELECTION TALK

Some Of The Things the Aldermen Are Talking About Just Now--Mayor Sears To Be Included In That Ottawa Trip--Ald. Bullock Out for the Mayoralty--Other Items.

Already there is some elating for the civic elections next spring and the contest gives promise of being very interesting.

Alderman T. H. Bullock, chairman of the treasury board will be in the field for the mayoralty. It is understood that Dr. George A. Betherington will try and succeed Alderman Bullock as representative for Queens ward. It is probable Ald. McGoldrick will run at large and ex-Ald. Rowan is said to be desirous of contesting Lansdowne ward again. It is also said that Ald. Baxter will have opposition in Brooks. Ex-Ald. Lockhart is spoken of as a candidate for either Brooks or Guys ward and it is likely that there will be a contest in nearly every ward. It is announced that T. O'Brien will oppose Ald. Hamm in Kings.

### The Delegation to Ottawa

The delegation which is going to Ottawa to interview the government on wharf building expected word from Dr. Pugsley today, fixing a date for the hearing. In addition to Aldermen McGoldrick, Frink and Baxter, Mayor Sears will also go. It is said that the mayor is anxious to see the minister of public works so that he may know just what he is going to do. It will be remembered that his worship very gracefully retired from the field when Dr. Pugsley was desirous of going in unopposed as the successor to the late Dr. Stockton in parliament.

For his kindness the mayor is to receive some consideration but he has never been able to pin Dr. Pugsley to any definite arrangement, hence the trip to the capital at this time.

### The New Auditor

Adam P. McIntyre, who was appointed to the new office of controller and auditor at a salary of \$2,000 a year, at the last monthly meeting of the common council, has accepted the position and will report

### City Hall Alterations

It is rumored that a vote will be asked for the reconsideration of the report on the internal alterations at City Hall, which report was voted down by 8 to 7 at last Tuesday's adjourned meeting of the council. It is understood that Ald. Kelley and McGowan who were absent from the meeting, are in favor of the adoption of the report, or at least of making some changes, so that in the event of the matter being reconsidered the work might be taken up.

A member of the water and sewerage staff was in attendance at the meeting on Tuesday night, keeping an eye on the proceedings, it is said, in the interests of his chief, as the director of water and sewerage is said to be very much opposed to being detracted from his little kingdom in the Carmarthen street building. The proposal of the aldermen is to do away with the water building and transfer the director and his staff to the city building, so that all departments will be under the one roof.

### A New Harbor Master

The illness of Harbor Master Ferris, if very seriously protracted, will necessitate an appointment in his stead. The work is at present being looked after by Frank D. Alward, collector of harbor dues. The friends of Mr. Alward and Captain John A. Mowry, of the north end, are said to be actively canvassing for them, should a vacancy occur.

### The Harbor Inspector

The position of harbor inspector, that is a man to keep an eye on the steamers in port to prevent the dumping of ashes or rubbish in the harbor, will probably be filled in a few days. The appointment of a suitable man has been left with the

### That Car Building Plant

The application from R. D. Isaacs for concessions from the city for a big car building plant while it is proposed to build here, and which was referred to a joint committee from the safety and treasury boards, was considered a few days ago, but as Mr. Isaacs was out of the city, it was decided to meet again when he returns, to hear his proposition.

### The Work On Union Street

The payments made for the restoration of Union street, west end, have already amounted to \$35,000, and the end is not yet. Of this amount the labor bill alone is in the vicinity of \$10,000, and the balance for lumber and materials, including the rent of the C. P. R. pile driver. D. G. Clark's bill for extras for the new No. 5 wharf is said to be of no small amount. For the extra 100 feet into Union street the cost was \$16,000, and other changes and alterations amount to about \$4,000 or \$5,000.

### The New Fire Hydrants

There has been considerable complaint about the length of time taken to install and complete the new fire hydrants which are being put in at several prominent street corners. At the foot of King street operations extended over a week or more, and there is an unfinished excavation at the corner of Smythe and Nelson streets.

## NEWS FROM P. E. ISLAND

CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I., Dec. 6.—(Special)—Hector McDonald, aged 41, a native of Gardfield, P. E. I., master builder for the Guggenheims, at Bonanza Creek, Yukon, was drowned recently at Skagway, on the eve of his departure for San Francisco. While attempting to make his way across the dock to the steamer Princess Royal he tripped over a guard rail, fell backwards into the bay, and was drowned. This morning the remains of Robert Laird McGowan, aged 45, unmarried, were found in six feet of water near Queen Street, Summerside.

### WAGE SCHEDULES POSTED

### AT SYDNEY COAL MINES

GLACE BAY, N. S., Dec. 6.—(Special)—Today at noon the Dominion Coal Company posted schedules of wages. If the men sign a three year's contract the rates to low-paid labor will be somewhat higher than if they did not. The matter must be settled by December 16. The company will not discuss the question any longer. A cut will be made on pillar men at all mines.

### THE FINANCIAL SITUATION

PARIS, Dec. 6.—The Associated Press was informed today by an authority competent to speak in the premises, that the Bank of France expressing the desire of France further to assist the United States financially will continue indefinitely to remit gold to the United States by the discounting American commercial paper or else by sending gold to England through the purchase of time sterling bills.

This aid will be rendered so long as it is needed, but always with the understanding that the Bank of France will meet first the gold requirements of French banking institutions.

Steamship Empress of Britain, from Liverpool for St. John, via Halifax, was 100 miles east of Cape Race at 4:30 o'clock this morning.

No. 4 crib was moved today behind No. 3, where it will remain till the site is ready. It is hoped that everything will be in readiness to place the crib in position the first of the week.

### HAUNTED BY FEAR.

There is considerable anxiety among the people on the west side of the harbor. There has been no hostile demonstration for two days past on the part of dredge owners, wharf builders or engineers. This is a most unusual state of affairs, and no explanation is offered. It is feared something serious is about to happen and the inhabitants are sleepless and wretched.

### ELECTORAL REFORM.

Mr. Peter Binks has been approached by

## LITTLE TRUTH IN THIS YARN

BUDA PEST, Dec. 6.—The Nap, a newspaper of this city, published a sensational story today to the effect that an anarchist plot upon the lives of Emperor Francis Joseph and Archduke Francis Ferdinand, heir to the throne, has been discovered. The story would appear to be founded on the fact that the Hungarian police were informed recently that four well known anarchists had left Geneva for Hungary with the object, it was declared, of making an attempt upon the life of Francis Ferdinand. The police were instructed to keep a close watch on them, but so far as is known, no anarchists have yet entered Hungarian territory.

VIENNA, Dec. 6.—In answer to an enquiry concerning the reported anarchist plot to make an attempt upon the lives of Emperor Francis Joseph and Archduke Francis Ferdinand, it was officially declared here today that the government had no information whatever to bear out the suggestion that the anarchists who are supposed to have left Geneva for Hungary had any designs upon the emperor or the heir to the throne and the idea that any such attempt was probable, was discredited.

### ACCIDENT ON THE I. C. R.

AMHERST, Dec. 6.—(Special)—A lad smash up took place on the main line of the I. C. R. here this morning some time after midnight, when night freight No. 15 in charge of Conductor Coles, and Driver Morrison, going west, ran into a shunting engine, No. 86, of the King. The shunter was almost totally demolished, the forward truck as well as the rear. The driver and fireman of the shunter jumped and escaped injury.

A carload of machinery of the Robb Engineering Company for the Chambers Electric Company, Truro, was tipped completely over and the machinery badly damaged. Two flat cars were almost smashed into splinters. Fortunately the track was not damaged in the least, the only damage done to the freight engine was the tearing away of her pilot.

The machinery being shipped by the Robb Engineering Co. was a cross compound engine on which they had been working night and day, their men were at the train ready to accompany it to Truro to set up in the electric station and the delay will cause serious inconvenience. The machinery is valued at about \$9,000. It is hard to say who is to blame for the accident. The auxiliary from Moncton is here clearing away the track.

## MUST BE NO MORE DELAY

OTTAWA, Ont., Dec. 6.—(Special)—It has been arranged that a week's Monday next the Oriental immigration question will be discussed in parliament. This arrangement was secured by the British Columbia members. The attitude they will take is that if Mr. Lemieux does not obtain an amicable settlement, legislation must do it and that at once.

### MOUNT ALLISON MAY BE IN HOCKEY LEAGUE

SACKVILLE, N. B., Dec. 6.—(Special)—At a meeting of Mount Allison Amateur Athletic Association last night it was decided to send a representative to the inter-collegiate hockey league meeting and if it is found that the matter of expense of having a team in the league can be satisfactorily dealt with, Mount Allison will be represented. At last night's meeting J. L. McSweeney, '08 of Moncton was elected business manager of the hockey team.

### BABY BURNED TO DEATH

LYNDEN, Ont., Dec. 6.—(Special)—Mrs. Albert Blaisdell, living near here, in the absence of her husband, sent her son for bread but on route he had lost the money and returned home. The mother then started out, accompanied by a boy to find the lost coin, leaving her two-year old boy in bed alone in the house. During her absence an overheated stove set fire to the house, totally destroying it, the little boy perishing in the flames.

### MUST BUY NEW STOVE

Ham Wing, charged with disobeying the orders of the chief of the fire department in that he refused last night to extinguish a fire in a very decrepit stove, in his laundry on Brussels street, was in court this afternoon with Tom Wat, as interpreter. T. P. Regan appeared for Wing and John Kerr prosecuted.

Wing was instructed to purchase a new stove, stove pipe and new tin shield. This he promised to do. The judge told him that Building Inspector Thompson would then inspect the premises and see that the law had been fully complied with.

In the Probate Court a petition was presented for the passing of accounts in the estate of the late Thomas L. Foley. A citation was granted returnable January 1908. T. P. Regan.

## HE HID IN FALSE CELLAR FOR MORE THAN A MONTH

A ST. JOHN BOY ARRESTED ON A THEFT CHARGE

Leonard Moore Taken Into Custody in Moncton Today.

He Is Charged With Robbing Passengers On I. C. R. Train -- The Steeves' Mountain Case--Hockey Prospects.

MONCTON, N. B., Dec. 6.—(Special)—Leonard Moore, of St. John, employed as news agent on the midnight train between St. John and this city, was arrested here early this morning, charged with the theft of money aggregating \$35 or \$40 from two passengers on a train. Moore, who was employed at one time in the Royal Hotel, St. John, was remanded until this afternoon, when passengers whom he is said to have robbed while they slept, will be here to give evidence.

Conductor Buchanan telegraphed the Moncton police from Amherst that two passengers on his train had been robbed, and that the newsboy was suspected. Moore was located at the \$20 to Hotel, and when searched about \$30 was found on him.

Three young lumbermen who tried to steal a ride on the Maritime express were arrested on the arrival of that train here this morning. Their names are Hilare Cormier, Edmond Cormier and Alfred Sawyer. They had been working in the lumber woods near Blackville, and claim to have bought tickets from that place to Rogersville, and say they threw them away when the conductor did not collect them. Sawyer paid a fare after reaching Moncton, and the other two were placed in jail.

Jimmie Williams, left wing of former champion New Glasgow hockey team, passed through Moncton a few days ago. It is said that in consequence of the disbanding of the team, Morrison, goal tender, and Music, point, would go to Fredericton, where a very strong team is being organized. Both are exceptionally clever men in their positions. Music being probably the best point player in the provinces today. Williams also said that two Cornwall, Ont., players are to line up with Marysville. Fredericton hockey-ists have made several offers to Chester Gregory, the crack Moncton centre.

Chief of Police Rideout went to Steeves Mountain this morning to secure witnesses for the preliminary examination of Christopher Allen Horsman, whose preliminary examination on a charge of murdering his wife, will be resumed before Magistrate Kay in the police court tomorrow morning. Horsman in jail here seems to be very much depressed, and talks frequently about the welfare of his children. Ex-County Councillor Jones went to Steeves Mountain yesterday and the Horsman children were divided up among several neighbors who will care for them from the time being.

### MR. SANCTON TO RETIRE

He Will Leave the Dominion Savings Bank on January 1.

G. Fred Sancton, accountant in the Dominion Savings Bank, will retire on January 1, and S. P. McCavour, of the St. John Mercantile Company, is mentioned as his successor.

Frederick Fowler, formerly employed with W. H. Thorne & Co., and latterly with James S. Neill, of Fredericton, has accepted a position with the Carrutte, Patterson Co., and will enter on his duties there on January 1.

## ALMOST A TRAGEDY ON THE I. C. R. TRESTLE EARLY TODAY

Luke Brayley Found in Water in Exhausted Condition---Took An Hour's Hard Work to Resuscitate Him---A Mystery About It.

After clinging to a cross bar on the I. C. R. trestle, Long Wharf, for some time Luke Brayley was rescued by longshoremen about 3 o'clock this morning and only regained consciousness after being worked over by Dr. Berryman for more than an hour, after which he was taken to the hospital.

George Brown, Arthur Wright and Thomas Short were returning from work on one of the steamers at the terminus and when nearing the trestle they were attracted by feeble cries from the direction of the water.

As it was very dark it was some time before they located the spot where the cries came from. Finally they made out the form of a man hanging to a cross piece with just his head out of the water.

With the help of some others the unfortunate man was gotten on the wharf. In the meantime a telephone message to central station brought Patrolmen McNamee, Ward and Boves of the Water street beat and Patrolmen Rankine and Covey of the north end, also arrived quickly. Efforts

Elderkin, Who Broke Jail at Digby, Recaptured Thursday

He Was Living In a False Cellar Mouth---He Is Wanted For Burglarizing the Weymouth Post Office.

DIGBY, N. S., Dec. 6.—(Special)—Elderkin, the man who escaped from Digby jail on the night of October 31st, last, was captured in a false cellar under the end of the house he and his family occupied at Weymouth, yesterday afternoon, by Chief of Police Bowles, of Digby, and brought here on a special train late last night. He did not resist his arrest, although he is said to be somewhat of a desperado, and the Weymouth people thought he was heavily armed.

Elderkin was arrested in Boston on a charge of burglarizing the Weymouth post office. He was brought to Digby October 22nd. Since his escape his alleged assistants have been tried by the speedy trials act and discharged.

Elderkin declares his innocence and insists that at least one of his companions was guilty.

WANT THEIR PAY BEFORE THEY GO

An aftermath of the recent trouble between the steamship men and the longshoremen was the refusal of forty-nine men, sent here from Montreal to work as laborers, to return home without their two weeks' wages as per their agreement.

The local officials of the C. P. R. stated that the money would be paid to the men when they reached Montreal but this does not satisfy the laborers and they refuse to leave the city without their money.

A number of the men called on the mayor this morning to ask him to intercede for them, but it is unlikely he will interfere. The men brought down by the Donaldson line people were sent back last night. They will be paid in Montreal.

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## INSANE MAN'S AWFUL CRIME

BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 5.—An insane man walked into the anteroom of the executive chamber of the state house this afternoon, and finding Governor Guild's door closed, turned on three prominent labor leaders and fired three shots at them, probably fatally wounding Edward Cohen of Lynn, president of the state branch of the American Federation of Labor, and seriously wounding Dennis D. Driscoll of Boston, secretary of the same board, and inflicting with the muzzle of his revolver, Arthur M. Huddell of Boston, former president of the Central Labor Union of this city. The insane man who was John A. Steele of Everett, was released last month from the Danvers Insane Asylum was overpowered by Private Secretary Charles S. Groves and General J. H. Whitney, chief of the state police.

BAD BOYS ON GARDEN ST.

Residents of the vicinity report that there is very bad language used by boys who congregate on Jeffrey's hill every night for coasting purposes. As ladies are among those who find it necessary to pass up and down Garden street, it is felt that out of common decency the boys, and they are reported as old enough to know better, should refrain. They are all boys of respectable families, which makes the matter worse. Last night this nuisance was particularly pronounced.

Attorney General McKewen and Hon. Messrs. Farris and Sweeney came in from Fredericton on today's Boston train.

## THE TIMES NEW REPORTER

### A GOOD TIME ASSURED.

OTTAWA, Dec. 6.—(Special)—Quarters for the St. John delegation have been secured at the Russell, and parliament will take recess during their visit, in order that the men from the winter port may be given a good time. A large reception room has been reserved for Mayor Sears, and Dr. Pugsley will assist his worship in receiving visitors.

"I am much indebted to Mayor Sears," said Dr. Pugsley this morning. "The resources of my department will be exhausted to make his visit to the capital as pleasant for him as his withdrawal from the field made my election in St. John easy for me."

The news that the delegation is largely a dry one has caused some disappointment

in bibulous circles, and is contrasted in the city, which is famous for the flavor of its whisky.

The purpose of the delegation in coming is not yet clearly understood, but that makes no difference. Sir Wilfrid Laurier is understood to be favorable to any proposition made by a St. John delegation because the session of parliament would be very dull if no delegation came up from the winter port. There is some hope that in the joy of welcome Dr. Pugsley may get relief from the malady from which he has suffered ever since he recovered the shocking intelligence of that Tory corruption fund.

ELECTORAL REFORM.

Mr. Peter Binks has been approached by

a group of influential citizens and asked to be a candidate for the council on a platform the chief plank of which is the exclusion of all those without whiskers from the privilege of the franchise. It is held that there are too many bare-faced rascals in politics.

### HAUNTED BY FEAR.

There is considerable anxiety among the people on the west side of the harbor. There has been no hostile demonstration for two days past on the part of dredge owners, wharf builders or engineers. This is a most unusual state of affairs, and no explanation is offered. It is feared something serious is about to happen and the inhabitants are sleepless and wretched.