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Dr. Pugsley is Determined That When the Road is Completed the Facilities for Handling the Business Will be Ready—Aid for the Gloucester Iron Co.

Ottawa, Dec. 10—Several of the ministers are very busy at present, preparing their estimates before parliament begins in January. In conversation with the minister of public works today, he said that the estimates for the ensuing year were keeping him and his staff very busily engaged at the present time.

The transportation facilities in St. John and elsewhere in the maritime provinces, are evidently not being lost sight of, because Dr. Pugsley said in the course of conversation that he had been communicating with Mr. Morse, of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway, and Mr. McNichol of the Canadian Pacific, in reference to the improvements he contemplated making at St. John.

It is also understood that the minister is strongly urging the advisability of taking immediate steps to provide terminal accommodation for the Transcontinental Railway in the maritime provinces. He is strongly in favor of adopting such measures to this end as will ensure shipping facilities being all ready and completed, as soon as the transcontinental railway is ready to send its freight to Europe via points in the maritime provinces.

The conference between the Messrs. Drummond, acting in behalf of those interested in the iron industry in Gloucester county, and the minister of railways, Hon. George P. Graham, was arranged by Dr. Pugsley a few days ago. It is understood that Messrs. Drummond, in anticipation of a very large development at the iron mines, are negotiating with the government either to build a connecting link between Bathurst and the mines, or to give the company such assistance in the way of subsidies, as are usually given in railway construction.

The question of a terminus is understood to be under consideration, with the choice between Bathurst and Chatham. There are strong points in favor of both these centres, and in making the choice, the Messrs. Drummond do not propose to be hasty, but to give them every consideration.

The Princess of Wales Pays a Splendid Tribute to People of Canada

Nova Scotia's Gift of Mink Coat to the Princess, Worn by Her on a Notable Occasion, When the King and Queen of Sweden Visited London—Her Royal Highness Wore the Beautiful Garment To and From the Guild Hall Where the Royal Guests Were Received.

The following complimentary article appears in "Canada," one of England's most influential magazines, in which is published news of importance to Canadians:—

"The Princess of Wales, in driving to and from the Guild Hall, on the occasion of the visit to the city of London of the King and Queen of Sweden, wore the fur coat presented to her Royal Highness by the women of Nova Scotia. The coat is made of the very finest mink, a.. trapped in Canada, and is more than three-quarters in length, the collar being formed of three complete skins, small and soft as sable. The cuffs are similarly made and there is a double row of gold buttons, on which the Prince of Wales' plume is raised in Canadian gems of different colors. The garment is thus comprised entirely of materials found in the Dominion, including the gold."

That a garment, the entire product of Nova Scotia, should be so highly appreciated by its distinguished recipient, the future queen, as to be used on so notable an occasion, is the highest tribute to Canadian advancement in manufactures that has ever been paid to the Dominion.

And it is especially pleasing to Nova Scotians, that throughout the British empire, her name is receiving prominence in this connection that was never dreamed of by the worthy ladies who carried out the plans for presentation. Nothing else could possibly have happened to have brought Nova Scotia so prominently in the limelight, because the advancement of a people is, to some degree, measured by the advencement of its arts and manufactures.

The fact comes out that no other province of the Dominion could have produced the gift presented to the Princess, which includes, gold, steel, wood, pearls, amethysts and mink, and these were all wrought within the province and fashioned with a skill that charmed a princess, who acknowledged the gift in a charming letter written by her own hand, and addressed to the wife of Lieutenant-Governor Fraser.

CHURCH UNION BASIS IS ABOUT COMPLETED

Committee Has Arranged Details and is Preparing a Report.

Toronto, Dec. 10—The report on administration, in its various aspects of missionary, education, benevolent, publishing and other agencies of the several churches, was the subject under consideration at today's session of the church union committee.

How best to form a general basis of superannuation on which the three denominations would agree was the question. Reports from representatives of the Methodist, Presbyterian and Congregational churches regarding their methods of managing the superannuation fund, providend fund, and widows and orphans fund were given. The report was finally amended and referred back to the committee.

The communication from the Anglicans was ordered to be printed and referred back to the original committee appointed three years ago to consider the matter.

A Congregational member of the union, S. P. Leet, of Montreal, was asked if he thought the committee would conclude its work sufficiently this session to make church union feasible to the three denominations—Methodists, Presbyterians and Congregationalists. He said he thought the committee, when it adjourned this session, would have the problem ready to present to the presbytery, conference, and other courts of the several churches, and they in turn would submit the question to the people.

Regarding the superannuation question, Mr. Leet said he thought the Methodist church had the best system because that church made it compulsory, or rather it was understood, that every minister subscribes to the fund, thus resulting in a well-filled treasury.

GIVES $50,000 TO McGILL

Robert Reford Creates a Fund the Revenue From Which is to be Used to Increase Salaries of Professors.

Montreal, Dec. 10.—In answer to the urgent appeal for financial assistance made by McGill University, Principal Peterson announced today that Robert Reford, one of the board of governors, had donated securities to the value of $50,000, the revenue from which is to be used towards the increase of the salaries of the professors in the various faculties.

In making the donation, Mr. Reford stated he was well aware of the necessity of an increase in the salaries of the professors of McGill if first class men are to be retained, and the standing of the university maintained. McGill's needs call for $2,000,000.

The Hibernian Knights will hold a special meeting in the rooms of Division No. 1, A. O. H., tonight to prepare for their anniversary celebration.



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Marmot-lined Coats, Persian Lamb Collar	$50.00
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Muskrat-lined Coats	70.00 to $125.00
Big Comfortable Coon Coats	$55.00 to $125
Waterproof Coats from	$5.75 to $18.75
Rainproof Coats from	$10.00 to $16.50
Firemens Rubber Coats	$5.75 to $6.50
All Kinds of Neckties	25 cents to $1.00
Gift Braces in Boxes	75 cents to $1.50
Men's and Boy's Mufflers	50c. to $1.50
Men's Unlined Gloves	90 cents to $4.00
Men's Lined Gloves	90 cents to $6.00
Men's Woolen Gloves	35 cents to $2.00
Men's Linen Initial Handkerchiefs	
Silk Initial Handkerchiefs	25 cents to 75 cents
Plain Hem. Hankderchiefs	All Prices
Holiday Shirts, Colored, etc	79 cents up
Best Cardigan Jackets	95 cents to $4.40
Fur Caps, Various Furs	$2.50 to $45.00
Fur Gloves, Various Furs	$5.50 to $35.00
Fur Collars, Various Furs	$2.50 to $42.00
Sweaters, Men's and Boys'	65 cents to $5.00
Leather Valises, from	$1.50 to $25.00
Suit Cases, all kinds	$1.85 to $16.50
Fitted Suit Cases and Bags	$14. to $50
Fitted Dressing Cases	$2.50 to $22.75
Purses, Bill-Folds, Cigar Cases, etc.	
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Knitted Bonnets, Silk Trimmed	95 cents to $1.35
Woolen Toques, from	25 cents to 55 cents
Woolen Sashes, only	30 cents and 50 cents
Warm Red Mittens	30 cents
Blanket Coats, hooded, for boys	$4.00, $4.75
Fancy Suits, various styles	$2.75 to $6.75
Fancy Overcoats, Russian	$3.75 to $6.75
Boys' Sweaters, from	65 cents to $1.65 each
School Bags, only	50 cents and $1.40
Boys' Neckties, big line	25 cents and 50 cents
Children's Woolen Gloves	50 cents to 75 cents
Children's Windsor Ties	20 cents to 60 cents
Children's Mittens	15 cents to 35 cents
Christmas Tree Mats	75 cents
Esquimaux Dolls	$1.20 to $2.00
Children's Grey Squirrel Furs	
Children's White Mongolian Furs	
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Baby's Mongolian Furs	
Baby Sleigh Robes	$5.00
Children's Umbrellas	55c., 75c., $1.00
Oak Phonograph Stands	$11.00, $15.00
Oak Gramophone Stands	$12.00, $14.00
Girl's Secretaries	$5.00 to $30.00
Children's Secretaries	$3.75 to $5.00
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DR. PRINGLE TOLD OF LIFE IN YUKON

Addressing Canadian Club He Said That the Possibilities of the Great Gold Country Are as Yet Unknown—Some Day It Will Startle the World.

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Rev. Dr. John Pringle, late of the Yukon, delivered the first address of the season to the members of the St. John Canadian Club in the parlors of the new Y. M. C. A. building last evening. Taking the Yukon territory and the Klondike for his subject, he gave a most interesting description of the climate, resources and future possibilities of this almost unknown land which borders the Arctic circle.

His address was listened to with close attention. He was warmly thanked by Dr. T. D. Walker, the president, at the close. The luncheon was served in excellent style by the King's Daughters' Guild. The new crockery ware, with the crest of the club, was used for the first time, and received much favorable comment.

After luncheon a few introductory remarks were made by the chairman, and Dr. Pringle, who was given a great reception, then began his address.

The Yukon, he said, was as large as Ontario, having its apex in the Arctic circle and bounded on the west by the 141st meredian and on the east by the Rocky Mountains. The Klondike was only a small district within fifty miles of the western boundary. Dawson City, lying in a hollow did not see the sun for three months in the year. He described the situation of the Bonanza, the Eldorado and other creeks which had yielded the richest placer gold in the world. All the creeks headed up, he explained, in a dome. The creeks had no source as there were no springs, the ground being frozen to a depth of 200 feet.

From this small district, half the size of P. E. Island, Dr. Pringle said, had been taken out $120,000,000 in gold and beyond its borders practically nothing was known of the mineral wealth of the Yukon. He ventured a prophesy that when a railway was built a dozen Dawsons would spring up and be the wonder of the world.

Passing on to discuss the climate, Dr. Pringle said that while his hearers might doubt the statement it was the finest in Canada. For nine months in the year it was the best on the continent; during the remaining three it was certainly very cold. It was, however, possible to sleep practically in the open with the thermometer 58 below zero. It was not the cold, but the absence of the sun which caused depression. Owing to frost fog in the valleys, artificial light was necessary even at noon day.

Referring to the possibilities of agriculture during the summer, Dr. Pringle said he believed wheat would ripen as well as in Manitoba. He had seen sweet peas nine feet high and vegetables were as good or better than in other parts of Canada. Dawson being only 300 miles from the coast, had the benefit of the ocean winds, and except in a few places there were no Arctic plants in the territory.

Speaking of the Yukon being shut in from the sea, Dr. Pringle referred to the killing of the McKenzie & Mann railway bill in 1898 as one of the greatest mistakes ever made. It threw the whole of the products and trade of the Klondike to the United States. Not $5,000,000 worth of all the gold was shipped into Canada and the Americans secured seventy per cent. of the trade. Dr. Pringle characterized Canadians as slow compared to citizens across the border, and gave instances in which American manufactures took precedence.

As to the resources of the Yukon, the speaker said the territory would prove the most valuable mineral asset Canada possessed. Some day the mother lode in the hills, from which the placer gold was derived, would be discovered, and the result would startle the world. After referring to the other mineral assets, Dr. Pringle said that if he were a young man with ability to handle a pick he would not stay a week but make for this land of opportunity. Canadians would be prospectors for another generation. They had not realized their natural resources. He believed some day the water powers in the dominion would give Canadians the whiphand over the people to the south.

In closing, Dr. Pringle urged his hearers to keep an eye on the Yukon territory. In time no part of Canada would prove so good a market for the products of the east.

After Dr. Walker had briefly thanked Dr. Pringle for his eloquent and interesting address, the meeting closed with the national anthem.

CANADA'S TRADE WITH BERMUDA

Mr. Flood's Report Shows That it Has Greatly Increased and Islands Are Anxious for Further Extension.

Ottawa, Dec. 10—A gratifying increase of trade between Canada and Bermuda is reported to the department of trade and commerce by E. H. Flood, trade commissioner. In ten years the commerce between Canada and the islands has just doubled. The government of Bermuda is alive to the importance of a still further increase.

Cattle are generally imported from the States, principally from New York, but the colonial secretary expressed the hope that Canada will secure this trade.

The onion crop in Bermuda is valued annually at $300,000. Heretofore it has been marketed chiefly in New York, but last year the Texas onion crowded it out, with the result that Bermuda growers suffered serious loss. As there is no likelihood of refaining the New York market the Bermuda government would like to market the onion crop in Canada where it should find a ready sale in the early spring without interfering with the Canadian product.

There is a disposition on the part of the Bermuda government to give Canadian products a preference in return for a similar preference in Canada of early vegetables and onions from Bermuda.

The Scots Cadets are called for uniform drill in St. Stephen's church school room at 7.30 o'clock this evening.

The St. John Teachers' Association will have a social evening in Foresters' Hall this evening.

Rev. Dr. John Pringle left on the late train last night for Sydney.

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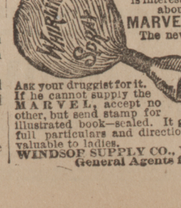
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