WORKING AMID RUINS OF JAPAN'S GREATEST CITIES

Tokyo and Yokohama now Struggling Heroically to Throw Off the Horrors of a Great Calamity.

(United Press.)

TOKYO, Dec. 14.—What do Tokyo and Yokohama look like now over three months after their desperate disaster?

Yokohama looks like all the ruin and wreckage of all the Western war front, concentrated into one place, and then smeared over with all the "Y" huts and Red Cross soup kitchens and shacks and shanties in all the world.

Three-fourths of Tokyo looks exactly the same as Yokohama.

And yet that isn't a perfect picture. For, before the earthquake Tokyo was unlike any other city in Japan. It was itself. And so, in its ruin and rebuilding, it is again, a picture without parallel. Put it this way:

You've seen the "city dump" out beyond the slums of your town—the place where all the old junk, the tin cans, the refuse was piled, awaiting the incinerator, or the barges to float it down the sea. Imagine that stuff covering twenty square miles out of thirty square miles of area that had been the third or fourth largest city on earth!

Put a million half-starved coolies to work carting the debris away. Then put them to work erecting flimsy, one-story, raw, unpainted, wooden shacks, roofed with tin. Look out over your twenty-square miles that had been a city. See nothing except these shacks, shacks, shacks—squat things; raw timber, tin-covered tops—everywhere mushrooming up through burned and blackened wreckage. Nothing except the sound of coolie carpenters hammering new shacks into shape. Workmen, in the fantastic coole garb, skin-tight blue trousers and heirogylphic-marked jacket, swarming like ants—literally like ants—over all the fantastic coolie garb, skin-"dump pile" into which a great city was almost instantly converted; building shacks and shanties, thick as booths at a county fair, throughout all the rubbished area.

That's a part—the biggest part—of the picture of Tokyo. Its all of the picture of Yokohama. But in Tokyo there are patches here and there, and a considerable stretch of suburban districts, where the fire did not reach, where the earthquake damage has been repaired and where life has just the same appearance it had before the disaster.

An amazing amount of work has been done. It is, without exaggeration, herculean. Enormous quantities of rubbish and wreckage have been carted away, and carried off on coolies' backs and several hundred thousand shacks have been built across these ruins. A million coolies have done the work. There could be a much greater death-list than even this last disaster brought, and still Japan would have almost unlimited manpower—which will continue. For in just one park, and a small one, 4,000 babies have been born or soon will be born among the refugees, according to medical reports.

The people will continue to live and do business in these shacks and barracks until permanent structures can be built—and that will at least, be a year or so, in many cases longer. And the very poor will continue all their lives to live in these shacks, or others like them, just as they did before the earthquake. The very poor coolie, if he had any sort of a roof over his head, a mat to sleep on and a paper wall around him, and a little dab or rice every day, is living just as well now as he ever did or ever expects to.

And there are the temples, and shrines. The little "Jizo's" (god of the children) stuck up in wayside places. Mother pray before Jizo and put a little bib around his neck that brings blessings to the baby. The temples are crowded.

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C. B. HAS LOTS OF BOOZE

(Canadian Press)

NORTH SYDNEY, C. B., Dec. 14.—The Lunenburg schooner Grace Black is costing the Customs of Canada at the rate of about $1,500 per week. The Grace Black alleged to have a cargo of rum aboard for the Cape Breton underground market has been lying off between this harbor and Glace Bay four weeks at noon today, and so far as can be learned has disposed of none of her cargo. Three other schooners which arrived co-incidently with the Grace Black departed a week ago. Up to the present this little show has cost the Customs about $6,000.

The unexpected slump in prices off the coast at this unexpected time is said to be due to the heavy stocks on hand ashore. Information from one in the confidence of the rum ring in the southern Cape Breton field is that the dealers have stowed away a surplus from 1922 valued at more than $100,000 in Glace Bay, and New Waterford alone, while other points in the Cape Breton area are all well supplied with everything except beer for the Christmas demand.

Bootleggers Bold Along Border

(Canadian Press)

MALONE, N. Y., Dec. 14.—A newspaper correspondent who is here investigating the importation of liquor from Canada has found evidence that the northern New York bootlegger is bold and not ashamed of his identity. One recently brought over 20 gallons of liquor, parked his car within a stone's throw of the customs house and started to peddle his wares. Another walked into the customs house, sought out an enforcement agent and blankly asked him for a permit to bring liquor over the border.

Defrauder Committed For Trial

(Canadian Press.)

ST. JOHN, N. B., Dec. 14.—In the police court today Magistrate Henderson committed for trial Harry Rabinovitch arrested at Halifax on charges of conspiring to defraud to the extent of approximately $80,000 in connection with a liquor transaction.

Condensed Specials

RATE.—2c per word, net each insertion in this column.

*TO RENT—SIX ROOMED HOUSE one mile from Charlottetown. K. F. McRae, St. Peters Road, R. R. 3. 12-8-6i.

*FOR SALE—FOUR FEMALE patch foxes. A W. Douse, City. 12-14-3i.

*WANTED—AT ONCE A MAID for general housework. Apply at 146 Pownal St.—tf.

WE WANT A QUANTITY DRESSed poultry at once, must be good quality. Also car turnips. John H. Gill & Son.—12-15-2i.

*WANTED—MAID FOR GENERal housework. References required. Apply at Guardian Office 12-13-tf.

*TO LET—HOUSE CORNER POWnal and Euston Streets, modern conveniences. Apply F. B. French 55 Upper Prince. Phone 601—L.3i

I HAVE FOR SALE OR TRADE about 100 old coins and bills.—R. T. Peel, Box 506, Charlottetown, 12-15-2i

WANTED TO BUY SECOND hand organ in good repair. Write stating price to "B" care of Guardian. 534-12-15-2i

LOST, SATURDAY MORNING IN this city, a personal letter. Will finder please drop in Post Office to be delivered to the address on same? 12-12-tf

*FOR SALE—3 FEMALE SILVER black fox pups, eligible for registration. Will be sold cheap to quick purchaser. Apply to J. J. McKinnon or Col. A. G. Peake. 3i

*NOTICE.—IT WILL BE TO THE interest of those owing for Rawleigh goods to pay at once, to the old address, 114 Kent street, Charlottetown. J. C. Hirtle. 12-12-3i

*FANCY WORK SALE HOSTEL of St. Francis, 126 Sydney St Articles suitable for Christmas gifts. 12-14-2i.

*TO LET—IN PRIVATE HOME, furnished bedroom and sitting room on ground floor. Pleasant and central location. Apply by letter to "K" Box. 116, City. 12-15-tf

*TO LET.—NEW DOUBLE TENEment house on Park street, finished in British Columbia fir, with hardwood floors. Modern conveniences, moderate rent. Apply 198 Cumberland street. tf

NOTICE— APPLICANTS DESIRIous of entering January Class of North Adam's Training School for nurses, North Adams, Mass., will please write Superintendent. 524-12-126sat

MEN—AGE 18-40, WANTING RY., Station-Office positions, $115-$225 month, free transportation experience unnecessary. Write Baker, Supt., 592 Wainwright, St. Louis. 12-15-1i

*WANTED—GIRL FOR GENERal housework. Apply 301 Kent St. 3i

FEATHERS—WE BUY FEATHers, old or new. Cash or trade. Beer & Weeks. 12-15-6i.

TO LET—SEVEN ROOM COTtage on Villa Street. Furnace and all modern conveniences. Apply to McLean & McKinnon, Royal Bank Building. 12-15-tf.

*LOST—IN PRINCE EDWARD Theatre, Thursday night, black silk parasol. Kindly leave at 218 Kent Street. Reward. 1i.

*WOOD SALE AT WINSLOE ON Saturday, Dec. 15, at 1.30 p. m. Fire wood, Juniper posts and rails, on the premises of O. W. Campbell. J. A. McDonald, Auctioneer. 12-15-1i.

INTERNATIONAL FOX SHOW WAS BIG SUCCESS

S'Side Co. Awarded World Championship Honors—Island Makes Good Showing

(Special To The Guardian)

BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 14.—The International Silver Fox Exhibition closed this evening after being voted a grand success.

The judging of foreign and Alaskan sections ended at noon and the final results were announced immediately after. The grand sweepstakes championship goes to Canuck Jane of the Pure Canadian Company, Summerside, with 96.67 points, the runner up being the Bunbury Giant owned by Colonel MacKinnon with 96.17.

The Prince Edward Islanders made a most remarkable showing as in the fifteen foreign classes competed in, they won fourteen as follows: Colonel D. A. MacKinnon, Charlottetown, seven firsts; Mrs. Colonel MacKinnon, one first; Pure Canadian Company, Summerside, five firsts; Charles White, exhibiting Lea's Foxes, two firsts. In addition they won seconds and thirds. Of the sixteen International Championships the Prince Edward Islanders competed in fifteen classes winning fourteen as follows:—Colonel MacKinnon, six; Mrs. Colonel MacKinnon, one; Pure Canadian Company, five; Lea's Foxes, two. The remaining championship was won by J. P. Duffus, New York.

In the Alaska section Milligan and Morrison of Northam won four firsts with four foxes shown. The prize for matched pairs went to the Pure Canadian Company with Colonel MacKinnon second. A very flattering offer has been made by C. M. Daniels of Sabattis, New York forthe Pure Canadian's grand sweepstakes champion.

Mr. George Callbeck of Summerside was one of the judges giving universal satisfaction.

3000 BANDITS LOOT TOWN IN CHINA

(Canadian Press.)

SHANGHAI, Dec. 14.—Three thousand bandits under the leadership of the notorious chieftains Chen Yen Teh and Wang Han Yieng captured the town of Chaho Wednesday burning and looting houses and carrying off the magistrate and education commissioner and two other officials,and altogether more than 100 residents including many women, according to despatches received here from Changhia. The town is in the southern part of the inland province of Hunan.

Decision in Case of Minudie Coal Company

(Canadian Press.)

AMHERST, Dec. 14.—In handing down the decision in the matter of settlement of claims against the Minudie Coal Company, Judge Patterson ruled yesterday that 175 miners who have a claim for wages amounting to forty thousand dollars would get first consideration in the settlement of the company's affairs.

In all there are claims amounting to four hundred thousand dollars.

The judge ruled that the government would come second and the workmen's compensaton board third.

Official Standing of British Parties

(Canadian Press.)

LONDON, Dec. 14.—With election returns in from the University of Wales which completes the general election results and gives to Labor the seat formerly held by the Liberal G. M. L. Davis, and Labor having defeated Prof. Joseph Jones, Liberal there remains a bye-election in West Derbyshire caused by the death of E. F. White Liberal candidate. It will take place on December 20.

Following is the present standing of the parties:

Conservatives—263.
Labor—186.
Liberal—153.
Other Parties—12.
Deferred Election—1.
Total—615.

Social Workers Plan Big Parley

(Canadian Press)

TORONTO, Dec. 14.—Preparing for the national conference of Social Workers to be held here June 26—July 2, a meeting was held today at the headquarters for the federation for community service.

Accommodation is being arranged for between 3,000 and 3,500 expected delegates from the United States and Canada.

BARON SHAUGHNESSY DIES AT MONTREAL

A famous chief of the Canadian Pacific Railway, who was president of the company from 1899 un-til 1918, and since that time, chairman of the board of directors, died in Montreal on Monday. Under his regime the C. P. R. became the greatest single transporation system in the world. Foresight, courage and optimism were characteristics of Lord Shaughnessy. He threw himself whole-heartedly into the winning of the war, and both his sons served overseas, the younger one being killed. His heir is Lt.-Col. the Hon. W. J. Shaughnessy.

TWO STILLS WERE SEIZED BY THE PROHIBITION OFFICERS

Successful Raids Carried Out in the Vicinity of Emerald and Argyle.

The Prohibition officers under Inspector Barbour have been engaged successfully on a "still" hunt this week.

On Wednesday, on premises on the County Line road, near Emerald, the officers found and seized part of an alleged still, consisting of a boiler made from a five gallon tin, together with a quantity of "wash" suitable for the manufacture of spirits. The find was in the back kitchen of the house and it appeared that the still was in the process of being set up when the officers arrived. A keg of the "wash" was found hidden in a manure pile at the back of the farm house. There was some more in a crock jar in the cellar, the jar having been broken before being discovered.

On Friday another successful raid was made on premises at Argyle. A complete still was found, having a capacity of from eight to ten gallons, and consisting of a boiler, with worm and cooler combined. The boiler had the appearance of an ordinary stove boiler, with the cover brought to a funnel shape, having a small opening at the top center. The worm, of a diameter of about three quarters of an inch, appeared to have been at one time part of the equipment of a brewer's vat, and was considerably the worse for wear. Some mash was also found. This outfit was discovered in a room over the kitchen.

Both stills found were for the manufacture of hard liquor. In the mash found at the first still seized there were some sliced potatoes in addition to the usual ingredients, which usually consist of molasses, yeast cakes, water and sometimes prunes and raisins.

The mash found at Argyle seemed to contain only molasses, yeast cakes and water. The worm equipment, which was combined with the cooler, went through a creamer which was filled with water to condense the steamed liquor.

The seizures in both cases were made under the Inland Revenue Act.

LABOR PARTY PREPARES TO TAKE GOVERNMENT REINS

(British United Press.)

LONDON, Dec. 14.—Labor leaders are seriously preparing to assume office early in the year. While they rigidly refuse to consider conditions or compromise in their views they apparently believe that in the divided condition of the other parties they can win sufficient support from progressive members to carry on the government and inaugurate a substantial policy.

The problem is difficult but if Ramsay MacDonald can completely dictate the Labor policy it will certainly be to drive ahead with plans for a settlement in Europe and amelioration of unemployment, believing that popular approval of such efforts would prevent the formation of any effective party or coalition against him. In a recent statement MacDonald bluntly warned thoughtful people that any coalition created solely for the purpose of defeating Labor would not accomplish its purpose and that in the next election he would put in power a Labor party far more aggressive and uncompromising in spirit than at present.

The probability of a Labor Ministry is indicated by the backdown of the Singapore expenditure and also on a proposed sale of the Anglo-Persian Oil Company.

The first international problem to which labor proposes to devote itself is the creation of a new conference of the nations to discuss interallied and German debts. MacDonald is known to be favorable to a general settlement on this fair to both debtor and creditor nations. It will investigate German finances along the lines of Mr. Hughes' proposals and hopes in this connection to have more co-operation from France than previous governments obtained.

Winnipeg Soldiers in Need of Assistance

(Canadian Press)

OTTAWA, Dec. 14.—A plea that the returned men in Manitoba be looked after at this time of acute unemployment in the prairie city was made to Hon. H. B. S. Beland, Minister of Soldiers' Civil Re-establishment, by a deputation which arrived in Ottawa today. The deputation said that the situation in Winnipeg was most serious and that some of the veterans out there were nearly destitute.

Five Years for Firing Revolver

(Canadian Press.)

YARMOUTH, Dec. 14.—George Clements was given five years in Dorchester Penitentiary yesterday for having discharged a revolver at Henry Nickerson and Mrs. Nickerson at Arcadia, near here, a few nights ago.

Clements pleaded guilty to the charge of shooting with attempt to cause grievous bodily harm, and the Magistrate told him that he was getting off lightly as the maximum penalty was life imprisonment. Mr. and Mrs. Nickerson were not hurt as the bullet went wde of the mark.

Five Years for Carrying Burglar's Tool Kit

(Canadian Press)

TORONTO, Dec. 14.—W. G. Carrier, arrested recently on a downtown street with a complete outfit of burglar's tools in his possession was sentenced today to five years in Portsmouth penitentiary. Carrier has a long police record and refused to give the police any information concerning himself

Austrian Postal Strike is Over

(Canadian Press.)

VIENNA, Dec. 14.—The strike of postal workers, which has been in progress for several days and which practically isolated Austria from communication with the outside world, has ended.

The strikers yesterday agreed to accept the government's plan for provision of adequate salaries for public employees which will be adopted by parliament without modification.

The government agreed to the creation of premiums for economies effected by the employees and to pay a bonus at Christmas of seven thousand crowns to each

RETURNS FROM NEWFOUNDLAND

Marine Official Reports Extensive Work at Cape Norman Light Station

Mr. Ed. Lavergne, foreman mechanic for marine signals returned to the city last night from supervising operations at the Cape Norman light station, in the northern point of Newfoundland. The existing steam equipment was changed for an oil burning plant and a new standard fox alarm system was installed. The landing at this station was blasted to accommodate large ships and a new concrete wharf was built.

Mr. Lavergne's work at Cape Norman started last August. To reach the light station he made a fifty mile trip by motor boat from Flowers Cove. After the completion of the job he sailed on the Newfoundland Government Steamer "Senef" for St. Johns, Nfld, a stop being made at every point en route, the trip lasting seven days.

The peculiarly spring-like weather has been enjoyed in Newfoundland and is a source of surprise to the oldest inhabitant. They had one snow-storm there on Nov. 15th but it got milder again and there is still open water in every direction.

At St. Johns last Saturday evening there were people sitting on benches outside the hotel, as if enjoying a midsummer night. Some eskimos whom Mr. Lavergne talked with told him from the appearance of animals' fur and the peculiarities of certain birds they were confident of a very mild winter.

There is immense work going on in the erection of pulp and paper plants in Newfoundland, the largest being at Corner Brook where the English firm of Armstrong and Whitworth are preparing to operate. The construction work is employing thousands of

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REBEL OUTPOST CLASHES WITH FEDERALS

(Canadian Press)

NOGALES, Ariz, Dec. 14.—Federal troops at Tepic Nayarit have retaken the city and routed the rebels and were pursuing them toward Jalico according to official advices from Mexico received today.

ELPASO, Dec. 14.—Reports of severe fighting between outposts of the advancing rebel army and federal troops entrenched in their path of march to Mexico City were received in El Paso today by the De La Huerta Junta and confirmed in mengre advices to government sources in Juarez.

General Gallegos, operating for De La Huerta in the state of Guara Juato has revolted and captured the town of Celaya, where Obregon's summer home is situated, advices further state.

Serious Charges Against B. C. Members

(Canadian Press.)

VICTORIA, B.C. Dec. 14.—A Royal Commission will be appointed immediately to investigate every serious charge of wrongdoing in the Pacific Great Eastern Railway affairs, Premier Oliver has announced.

Charges that Hon. Wm. Sloan, minister of mines and W. J. Bowser, opposition leader, each received fifty thousand dollars from the Pacific Great Eastern Railway promoters in return for a promise of protection after elections, and many other charges will be investigated by the Royal Commission, it is understood.

U. S. Sub. Grounds Off Long Island, Crew Safe

(Canadian Press.)

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—The United States submarine S-26 grounded this morning on Mudbank off Execution Rock in Long Island Sound about three miles from New Rochelle but pulled herself free this afternoon and proceeded to New York. The sub. was slightly damaged but was running on the surface when struck and none of the crew of forty were hurt.

Jumps 6 Stories to Escape Bill

(Canadian Press)

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—Anita Southwick, a young woman living in Hotel Brevoort, Greenwich Village, today jumped from a sixth storey window, crashed through the roof of a motor car parked below, and was only slightly hurt. A waiter had just handed Miss Southwick a check for a luncheon party of 27 girls. She left the room, and then leaped. When the manager sought an explanation from her companions, he found they all had disap-

CITY RECEIVES AT LAST FEDERAL STREET GRANT

Cheque For $34,617 Received Yesterday By Mayor Jenkins, Who With Coun. Rattray Worked Untiringly to Secure The Grant From the Federal Government—City Councillors all Jubilant Over Settlement of Claim.

A special meeting of the City Council was held yesterday afternoon and His Worship Mayor Jenkins made the pleasing announcement that a cheque for $34,617.06 had been received through the Provincial Government from the Federal Government for street work carried on by the city. "I would not mind calling a meeting every day if we had as favorable a report to make," said His Worship. "As you know, we have for some time been endeavoring to get a grant for street work from Ottawa. We have been following it up right along and today we have received the cheque, which must be a source of gratification to every member of the Council." This covers forty per cent of the payment of the following street work accounts:

For work done in 1919-20	$35,820.90
For work done in 1921 . .	$27,521.75
For work done in 1922	$23,200.00
Making a grand total of	$86,542.65

The federal grant covered the work done on the main thoroughfares connecting with the highways, namely, Elm Avenue, Great George Street and Grafton Street, andthe cheque for $34,617.06 represented the forty per cent as paid by the Government on highway work.

The accounts, His Worship stated, were audited by the Government auditor. He found them in excellent shape and there was practically no variation from the original figures.

His Worship thanked all who in any way assisted in securing the grant. There were so many that it would be practically impossible to mention everyone. He included the press in his commendation. He read a telegram from Hon. Mr. Sinclair stating that the cheque was mailed on December 10th. His Worship had replied, tendering his thanks. The cheque is being placed in the bank to the credit of the permanent work fund.

Coun. Rattray, Chairman of the Street Committee called upon, arose with a broad smile of satisfaction which he was at no pains to conceal. "We all appreciate receiving this and the great help given by different parties co-operating with the Council," he said, explaining that Mayor Jenkins and himself had made two trips to Ottawa for the purpose of pressing the claims of Charlottetown. They had been assisted by the local members at Ottawa.

The effort had started about two years ago and the claim was so difficult to establish that there seemed at times no hope of success. He had been optimistic, however, always believing that the money would be forthcoming because of the justice of the claim. At Ottawa the officials were very strong on the legal side of the question and technicalities had to be smoothed over to win their approval. He trusted that the money would be spent only for permanent work, as that is what Charlottetown requires. In twenty years time citizens will see the benefit of streets such as are being laid now.

Couns. Moran, Prowse, Pierce, Connors, Taylor and McLeod then spoke in turn, all heartily endorsing the words of the preceding speakers. Each one paid high tribute to the untiring efforts of Mayor Jenkins and Coun. Rattray, to whom a great deal of the credit is due. Of the co-operation of the former Provincial Government and the Federal Government they also expressed appreciation. Coun. Yeo was unavoidably absent from yesterday's meeting.

It was the general feeling of the Council that whoever the members comprising the new Council may be, the permanent street work should be carried on to completion. It is understood that other main connecting thoroughfares will be paid for on a forty per cent basis in the same manner as the streets above mentioned. The highways, so called, now finished, commence at the extreme end of Elm Avenue, continue along Great George Street to the Bank of Nova Scotia, thence along Grafton Street to Davis & Fraser's. The balance is from the railway crossing along Euston Street to Great George Street corner and from the pork factory to the bridge.

COLD WAVE HITS SOUTH, MANY PERISHED

(Canadian Press.)

CHICAGO, Dec. 14.—With snow as far south as Alabama the cold wave is predicted to penetrate even to southern California in the southwest, where a blizzard has claimed a least twelve lives in New Mexico and West Texas. Rescuers were aided in their work today by the rising temperature and the recovery of six bodies is reported at El-Paso.

Last night brought the number of victims from freezing in that section to twelve. Five members of a Mexican family and a sheep herder were found frozen to death. And bodies of six were found Wednesday. Heavy gales were reported along the Washington and Oregon coasts.

Pleaded Guilty to $85.300.08 Embezzlement

(Canadian Press)

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., Dec. 14.—Former City Tax Collector Howard Smith, to-day pleaded guilty to embezzlement of $85,300.08 of the city's funds, and was sentenced by Judge Isaac Wolfe in the superior court to not less than three nor more than six years in State prison.

Smith disappeared during May, 1922, when an examination of his books disclosed a shortage.

New South Wales Reds Aid Soviets

(Canadian Press)

SYDNEY, N. S. W., Dec. 14.—The legislative assembly, after a stormy debate, agreed today by a vote of 52 to 31 that New South Wales should hold its first prohibition referendum in 1928.

Announcements, Coming Events, Meetings, Etc

RATES.—2 cents per word each insertion.

**Reserve Thursday, December 20th for Christmas concert at Harrington. 536-12-15-2i.

**Entertainment and Christmas tree in Bradalbane Hall on Thursday evening, December 20th. 538-12-15-1i.

**Reserve December 20th for Concert and Xmas tree in Annandale Hall 12-15-1i.

**Reserve Tuesday, Dec. 18, for the Carleton School Christmas concert in Cape Traverse hall, commencing 7.30. Ladies with boxes free. 12-15-1i

**Xmas Tree and Concert, Tuesday evening, December 18th in Brookfield Hall. 535-12-15-2i.

**Come to the entertainment and basket social in Clyde River Hall, Thursday, December 20th. Admission 15 cents and 25 cents. Ladies

Irish Farmers Carrying on at Serious Loss

(Canadian Press)

DUBLIN, Dec. 14.—The condition of the farming industry in the Free State is described as very serious, and it is claimed that despite the high cost of farm produce to the consumer the farmer is carrying on at a loss. Mr. Hogan, the Minister of Agriculture, says that the non-productive traders are fleecing the farmer, and if this is continued the government will be asked to regulate retail prices.

Milk sold by the farmer at a shilling a gallon, and in some cases at six pence a gallon is retailed to the consumer in Dublin at half a crown and the minister hinted that the government might therefore be compelled to take over the milk trade.

The Weather, Etc.

TORONTO, Dec. 15.—Maritime northeast and west winds fair and cold.

Temperature yesterday: Maximum, 39; minimum 22.

High tide this afternoon at 5.36 and tomorrow morning at 5.50.

Sun sets this afternoon at 4.15 and rises tomorrow morning at 7.26.

Full moon Sunday, Dec. 23rd 8.33 a. m.

Summerside tide eighteen