

HUDSON BAY ROUTE FULL OF DIFFICULTIES

So says Government Report of Recent Date

STANLEY'S TRIP

OTTAWA, Dec. 15.—During the season of 1910 the government land surveys were made of Port Churchill and Fort Nelson, between which the choice lies as a terminus for the Hudson Bay railway. The report of these surveys which were carried out by officers of the hydrographic branch, are printed in the first annual blue book of the naval service department.

A perusal of the hydrographers' report is certainly not calculated to impress the reader with unbounded confidence either in the safety of Hudson Bay for navigation by vessels of ordinary construction, still less do the observations of the surveyors appear to justify the prediction for Port Nelson as a terminal harbor, which was attributed to the late government, and especially to the then minister of railways and canals.

The government ice-breaking steamer Stanley conveyed the survey parties to the west coast of Hudson's Bay for the season's work. On board was Captain S.W. Bartlett, one of the best known pilots for Hudson Bay and Arctic waters. On July 18th Port Burwell, just inside the strait, was found to be still frozen over. Next day the Stanley, on leaving Burwell, encountered an ice field 60 miles across. After some hours' sailing in clear water, heavy ice was again met with on the night of July 20th.

"This pack," continues the report, "appeared to be continuous from the northward to within a couple of miles of the southern shore of Hudson strait, a narrow passage along the shore being apparently kept fairly clear by tidal streams."

"After a short spell of clear water off Cape Digges, about forty miles of heavy ice drove the vessel towards Nottingham Island. "Towards evening on July 22, the ship struck the outer edge of the largest ice field met with on the whole voyage. This, for a distance of about 200 miles, was continuous. This ice was not very heavy for a vessel specially constructed, but called for considerable skill on the part of Captain Bartlett, the ice pilot, in finding leads. There being no indications of clear water on either side, it was resolved to make as direct a course as possible. The ship was seldom stopped, but was heavily shaken by the continuous pounding necessary to force her way through.

"This field was suddenly cleared on the morning of July 24th and Churchill was reached the same night without further delay.

Then, on her return voyage, having left the survey parties at Port Churchill and Fort Nelson the Stanley departed for the homeward trip on July 30th and the narrative says:

"Within a few hours of leaving Nelson the heaviest ice yet met was encountered and for about 90 miles very slow headway was made."

Again, on leaving Port Burwell, on August 9th (for the passage through the straits): "Within an hour the ship for the first time encountered ice that stopped her."

This ship was the Stanley, specially built to buck the heavy ice fields encountered in the winter service on Northumberland Straits between Prince Edward Island and the mainland. "Captain Dalton, who commanded the Stanley on this Hudson Bay trip, thus significantly summarizes his experience: "Any vessel navigating the bay must be prepared to meet ice. Whilst none of that met with on this voyage could have been dangerous to the Stanley or sealers and other specially constructed vessels now trading in the district, I am of the opinion it might be dangerous to a ship not so built. I certainly do not think any cargo vessel of ordinary construction would have been able to find or face her way through the large field met before Churchill, but

THE BRITISH HOUSES ARE PROROGUED

LONDON, Dec. 17.—(By wire)—The Houses of Parliament prorogued and will reassemble on February 14. The King's speech was read in the House of Lords before a small gathering to the members of the two Houses.

LORD KITCHENER IS RULING WITH TACT

PARIS, Dec. 15.—Lord Kitchener evidently has "made a hit" in Egypt. An interesting letter from Alexandria to the Daily Mail states that since his appointment his popularity has increased in such a manner as to bring about a remarkable change in the country. The nationalists died out in the country and apparently it is Lord Kitchener's directness of purpose and great fund of common sense that have wrought the change.

The Daily Mail relates several incidents that bring out these qualities strikingly. Some Bedouin sheiks wished to take part in the war against the Italians in Tripoli. They went to see Lord Kitchener, who has revived the patriarchal and sensible custom of receiving any of those under his administration who desire his advice or help.

Lord Kitchener listened to the sheiks, told them they could go to war and wished them good luck. Then he paused and said slowly: "Now, you Bedouins are exempt from military service by favor of the Khedive, but of course if you go to Tripoli and beat the Italians the exemption will be cancelled at once, for it would never do to loose the service of such good soldiers."

The Bedouin chiefs were content and did not go. Some Egyptian officers also asked permission to go to war and take a regiment of Egyptian soldiers with them.

"Yes, certainly," said Lord Kitchener. "You may go at once. There is only one thing, though. The standing army of Egypt is small at this time, and I must have trained troops. If you take a regiment with you I must sent to England for an English regiment to replace them."

Needless to say, the matter was dropped and the men did not go.

C. P. R. AWARDS \$2,000,000 CONTRACT

CALGARY, Alb., Dec. 15.—The C. P. R. have awarded the contract for the construction of their two million dollar railway shops here to the Westinghouse Church Kerr Company of New York and Chicago.

JOHN DALY RECAPTURES BILLIARD CHAMPIONSHIP

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—In a remarkably well played finish, John Daly, of Chicago, last night, recaptured the world's three cushion billiard championship from Alfred DeOro, by the narrow margin of two points. The score for three nights' play being: Daly, 150; DeOro, 148. Last night's block went 114 innings.

A WORD TO CANDIDATES

The ladder reaching to victory in the Guardian's Piano and Organ Contest is not ascended by a single rung. Persistent effort, careful planning and a little patience will keep up the vote standing and make your possibilities surer and safer. Most all if not all of the candidates are having interesting experience in the collecting of subscriptions and, it is gratifying to acknowledge the readiness with which their friends have responded to the call for new and renewal subscriptions.

In a big competition of this kind each candidate must be "up and doing"—guarding every channel where a vote can be coaxed into the ballot box.

In seeking subscriptions you do not know how influential the one you are asking is, and it frequently happens that one subscription is the forerunner of several others.

VALUABLE MILL PLANT DESTROYED

WINNIPEG, Dec. 17.—(By Wire)—The Canadian Cereal Merger lost valuable plant in the total destruction of the Robinhood Mills at Moosejaw. The lost is \$200,000. The capacity of the plant was 1,500 barrels. This is third milling plant in the west destroyed in the last ten days.

ADDRESS AND PRESENTATION

At the meeting of Cornwall Division S. of T. held on Monday evening last the following address accompanied by a gold watch fob was presented to G. Purdy Scott, Worthy Patriarch of the Division. Mr. Scott leaves on Tuesday, 19th, for Marshfield, Oregon, U.S.A., where he will reside: To G. P. Scott, W. P. of Cornwall Division S. of T.

Dear Brother—We regret very much to learn that you are about to sever your connection for a season with this Division and Community. You will be much missed in our Division room, where your genial disposition and your untiring efforts for the advancement of the cause has won for you the admiration and the esteem of all your associates. We cannot allow you to depart from our midst without showing in some tangible way our appreciation of your services as our Worthy Patriarch and as a faithful member of our Division.

We therefore ask you to accept this watch fob, not for its intrinsic value, but as a small token of the esteem in which you are held by your associates. We wish you every success in the land of your adoption and hope that in the not very distant future you may be found again in our Division room. Cornwall Division.

Yours sincerely,
BERTHA SCOTT.

EMPRESS OF IRELAND HAS 1,500 PASSENGERS

ST. JOHN, Dec. 15.—The steamer Empress of Ireland sailed from this port about 5.40 this evening for Liverpool via Halifax with more than 1,500 passengers, one of largest number taken out of this port by a single steamer.

INVESTIGATING RAILWAY COMPLAINTS

ST. JOHN, Dec. 15.—E. N. Lalonde of Ottawa, Inspector with the Railway Commission, who are touring the Maritime Provinces to look into complaints, spent the day here and left tonight for Bridgetown, N.S.

SUPT. LAING DEAD

HARTFORD, Ct., Dec. 15.—O. M. Laing, Supt. of the Central New England Railway died here this morning of typhoid fever. He was born in London, Ont., 39 years ago, and leaves a widow.

COMMUNICATION THROUGH PROVINCE AND WITH MAINLAND

The Northumberland left this port at 7.30 a.m. Saturday with passengers, freight and mail, docking at Pictou at 10.45 a.m. She left on return at 1.05 p.m. with passengers, freight, express and N. S. mail, arriving here at 4.20 p.m. She leaves this morning at 7.30 for Pictou.

Saturday the Empress had 20 passengers from Summerside to Point du Chene. Her outward cargo consisted of 3 cars mixed freight. Returning she had 50 passengers and one car flour, one car pumps and three cars mixed freight. Besides Saturday's C. P. R. mail she brought over the mail of the previous day and docked at Summerside at 7.30 p.m.

On Saturday the eastern express was on time, the southern express was 15 minutes late, the western accommodation was on time, the Summerside accommodation was 30 minutes late, the eastern accommodation was on time and the western express was 10 minutes late.

Minard's Liniment Cures Colds, &c

THE GREAT DURBAR IS NOW OVER

Change of Capital Popular—Royalty's Movements.

DELHI, Dec. 17.—(By Wire)—The great Durbar, with its relief of festivities, lasting since the arrival of King-Emperor and Queen-Empress on Dec. 1, was brought to conclusion today. Their Majesties left the camp in a State procession, the road to the station being lined with British and Native troops.

King George has departed on a shooting expedition while Queen Mary has gone to Agra. LONDON, Dec. 17.—(By wire)—The Times correspondent at Delhi says: "All my inquiries tend to show that the King's Durbar announcement of the transfer of the Capital from Calcutta to Delhi is producing rising enthusiasm."

It was a brief and colorless speech, success of the declaration is absolutely assured and the remainder of the Imperial visit will be one long triumph. "Grave political risks were taken but apparently the danger is passed."

FAMOUS CARRIAGE ANNULMENT OPPOSED

MONTREAL, December 15.—The suit opposing the famous marriage annulment which separated Eugene Hebert from his wife, Emma Marie Clouatre, under the Ne Temere Decree, will enter a final stage today, when Mrs. L. Hebert's attorney, Arnold Wainwright, will continue the argument. Mr. Wainwright will take up the thread of historical argument at the session and will proceed thence to the year 1866 when the present code was brought into effect. His contention will be the same as in his previous addresses, namely, that in the interval between 1764 and 1866, there was nothing in law then existing to obligate Catholic to go before their parish priests or bishops in order to be married, and that consequently ministers of a faith other than the Catholic were not restrained from officiating at such marriages.

If it is legal, the marriage stands as valid; if it is illegal, the minister and not third parties should be punished. This will be the core of Mr. Wainwright's argument.

CAR BUILDING IS RAPIDLY DEVELOPING

MONTREAL, Dec. 14.—Although Canadian car builders are shut out from the United States by a prohibitory tariff, which works out to the disadvantage of the Dominion in every instance, car building is developing rapidly, according to N. Curry, President of the Canadian Car and Foundry Company, Ltd. This year's output of the concern will foot up to \$12,500,000, and he thinks that the figure for 1912 will reach at least \$16,000,000 for the good reason that they have about \$10,000,000 worth of orders for next year already on their books, and the total will certainly be sixteen millions and perhaps will total up to seventeen and a half millions before the end of next year.

WEATHER FORECAST &c.

TORONTO, Dec. 18.—Some snow flurries, but mostly fair with much the same temperature.

The temperature at three o'clock this morning by the Rezal Store Tested Thermometer was twenty-six degrees above zero.

The lowest temperature recorded yesterday was twenty-six and at above zero and the highest was twenty-nine degrees above. The lowest recorded the previous night was thirty-four degrees above. At nine a.m., yesterday it was six degrees above zero and at nine p.m., it was twenty-seven above.

The lowest temperature recorded yesterday was 24 degrees above zero and the highest was 25 degrees above. The lowest recorded the previous night was 23 degrees above. At nine a.m. it was 24 degrees above and at nine p.m. it was 25 degrees above.

The length of today will be eight hours and forty-nine minutes. The tide will be high this morning at 9.33 and tomorrow morning at 10.28; it will be high tonight at 8.52 and tomorrow night at 9.31.

The sun sets this afternoon at 4.21 and tomorrow afternoon at 4.21; it will be high tomorrow morning at 7.33 and Wednesday morning at 7.33. The moon rises tomorrow morning at 6.54.

ROLLIE NORMAN SECURES HOCKEY MONSTON

OTTAWA, Dec. 15.—Rollie Norman was in the capital yesterday and will have four or five local stick-handlers on his list. They leave next week. Norman tried to arrange for a visit of the Ottawas to Halifax and Moncton next month, but President McGee, of the champions, informed him that they would not be able to spare the time.

CONDENSED ADVERTISEMENT:

(Too late for Classification.) SAUNSON'S SAUSAGES made fresh every day. Saunders, Newsum & Co. 11-13d2mpd. FURS, I pay highest prices for mink, fox and muskrat, J. D. Jenkins, Charlottetown, 11-18d1mpd. OST, Dec. 15, between Jas. McKenna's, Queen St., and Pickard's Wharf, woolen horse rug, colored with stripes. Finder please leave at 225 Queen St. 12-18d3mpd. BOWLING, Burke's Alleys, under market, open lawful days ten to eleven. 3-25dtf.

Minard's Liniment cures garet in cows

SIR CHARLES TUPPER IS REPORTED BUT LITTLE CHANGED

THE GALLANT RESCUE OF THE PRINCESS

GIBRALTAR, Dec. 17.—(By Wire)—It now seems that the life of Princess Royal was saved by the joint efforts of Admiral Craddock, Duke of Fife, and a passenger named McCaulbell. When the cutter in which the Princess was escaping from the stranded steam ship was swamped and its occupants thrown into the water, the three men named went to her assistance and supporting her with one hand, each swam with her through the surf to the shore.

TANGIER, Dec. 15.—A moderate breeze buoy from the steamer Delhi to the land and sixty members of the crew of 100 who had stood by the vessel since she went aground Wednesday were taken off. All the passengers except one with a broken leg, previously had been sent ashore. A special tackle is being prepared for the rescue of this man.

The captain and forty members of the crew of the Delhi still remain on board and when the stormy weather abates will make an effort to have the specie the vessel carries removed. The condition of the wreck, however, has grown more precarious as the stern tight compartments in the stern have burst. The big breakers are still crashing against the steamer inundating her cabins and the cargo in the holds.

TORONTO POLICEMAN COMMITTED SUICIDE

TORONTO, Dec. 15.—While walking along Colborn Street with Patrol Sergeant Martin about 2.30 this morning, Policeman Arthur Staples, committed suicide by shooting himself through the heart.

The Patrol Sergeant had discovered Staples to be unfit for duty and was escorting him to the Police Station. He had no warning of Staples' intentions, as policemen had both hands under his cape and drew his revolver without being observed.

NEGRO HANGED IN THE THEATRE

JACKSON, Ga., December 15.—The scene of a legal hanging was hastily changed from the local jail to the town opera house here yesterday to prevent possible race troubles.

Will Turner, a negro preacher, was to pay the death penalty for killing Jesse Singley, a white man, last August. A large crowd gathered in the jail yard, and fearing serious trouble, the authorities quickly removed Turner to the theatre and he was hanged on the stage before but few witnesses.

DEAD BODY OF A HALIFAX MAN HAS DISAPPEARED

KINGSTON, Ont., December 15.—The body of William Cokerman, a Halifax man, killed while working on the C. N. R. has disappeared. After the inquest the body lay unclaimed, as there were no relatives in this part of the country. It was alleged the remains were buried in Cataract cemetery, but it never reached there, nor can it be traced to any other cemetery hereabouts.

NEW ZEALAND HOUSE TO DISSOLVE

LONDON, Dec. 15.—A Christ Church, New Zealand, despatch says that Labor holds the balance of power at the polls and dissolution will probably follow. The News, says the election probably means the fall of Sir Joseph Ward. His popularity has been generally declining, the final touch being his acceptance of the Coronation Baronety.

Minard's Liniment Cures Diphtheria.

THE EARTH HAS GROWN OLD

The earth has grown old with its burden of care, and the voice of the Christ-child tells of that minkind are the children of God.

The heart of the jewel burns lustrous and fair, and its soul full of music breaks forth on the air, when the song of the Angels is sung.

It is coming old earth, it is coming tonight! On the snowflakes that cover thy feet the foot of the Christ-child fall gentle

A FIENDISH ATTEMPT OF BLACKHANDERS

BOSTON, Dec. 17.—(By Wire)—Thirty-five people narrowly escaped serious injuries and perhaps death when a bomb placed by blackhanders exploded in a five story in the west end section. The explosion damaged the walls of the building. Beyond a severe fright and slight bruises sustained in making a hasty exit, none of the tenants were injured. The house was occupied by Italians.

16 PER CENT INCREASE IN IMMIGRANTS

OTTAWA, December 15.—Immigrant settlers to the number of 281,898 arrived in Canada during first eight months of the current fiscal year, April 1st to December 1st. Of the number 180,206 arrived at ocean ports, and 101,692 from the United States.

These figures show an increase of 16 per cent, as compared with those for the corresponding months of the last fiscal year, which were 150,618 at ocean ports and 92,453 from the United States, making a total for the eight months, April 1st to December 1st, 1910, of 248,071 persons.

During the month of November, this year, there were 16,065 arrivals, 7,946 of them having been at ocean ports, and 8,119 from the states, as against 15,296 for November last year, 8,089 of whom were at ocean ports, and 7,207 from the United States.

TRIED TO BRIBE THE DETECTIVE WHO CAUGHT MCNAMARAS

CLEVELAND, December 15.—Declaring that other arrests in the McNamara case may be expected soon, and that attempts to bribe him and his men had been made, Detective William J. Burns made an address here today before one hundred members of the National Metal Trades association. He stopped here on his way to Indianapolis, where he will continue his investigations.

Burns made another attack on Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, declaring he would not cease his attacks until Gompers is thrown out of organized labor.

EXPEDITION OFF FOR THE SOUTH POLE

CHRIST CHURCH, New Zealand, Dec. 15.—Capt. Robert Scott's exploring ship the Terra Nova sailed today for the Antarctic. The Terra Nova which goes to seek the South Pole will not take the same course as will Amundsen, who is going by way of the Beardmore Glacier.

AN ACTRESS FOUND DEAD

NEW YORK, December 15.—The dead body of Mrs. Oliver Rankin, 79 years old, wife of McKee Rankin, the actor formerly known on the stage as Miss Kitty Blanchard, was found yesterday in a bath tub full of water in her apartment in a Broadway hotel.

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The feet of the humblest may walk in the field, where the feet of the holiest have trod. This, this is the marvel to mortals revealed.

When the silvery trumpets of Christ-mas have pealed, That minkind are the children of God.

—Phillips Brooks.

Eminent Canadian is Evidently Seriously Ill. HIS SON'S VISIT

LONDON, Dec. 17.—(By Wire)—A bulletin from Bexley Heath states that there is very little change in Sir Charles Tupper's condition.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—Reports from Bexley Heath this morning are to the effect that Sir Charles Tupper's condition continues to improve. A St. John despatch says: Among the passengers on the Empress of Ireland today was Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper, of Vancouver, son of Sir Charles Tupper, Bart., who is seriously ill at his London home. Sir Hibbert expressed fear that his father would not recover from his illness as the bronchitis attack had weakened his heart action.

FIRST REPORT ON CANADA'S NAVAL SERVICE

OTTAWA, December 15.—The Annual report of the Department of Naval Service covering the operation of the Department since its inauguration last fiscal year, was issued today. It embraces the naval, fishery protection, tidal and hydrographic survey and wireless telegraph branches. In regard to the first branch a summary is given of the inauguration and organization of the staff of the establishment of the Naval College at Halifax, the operations of the Rainbow and Niobe, and various details as to recruiting cadets in training, etc.

The total expenditure on the naval service during the year was \$1,790,017. The number of recruits received up to end of the year, in addition to the 21 naval cadets now in training, totalled 223, of whom 155 went to the Niobe and 38 to the Rainbow. Nova Scotia contributed 27 men to the Niobe, Ontario 45, Quebec 28, P. E. Island 11, and New Brunswick 3. The recruits for the Rainbow were with the exception of two from Ontario and one from Alberta, all obtained in British Columbia. Neither Manitoba nor Saskatchewan was as yet sent a single man to the naval service.

HINDUS CAN BRING FAMILIES TO CANADA

OTTAWA, December 15.—The Sikh delegation which came to Ottawa last week seeking a relaxation of the immigration regulations as applied to Hindus, received its official answer from the government today. It is that Hindus now in Canada will be allowed to bring their families into the country under strict regulation, otherwise there will be no change and the regulation providing for \$200 and continuous passage from India will remain in force. Permission to bring in wives and families, effects about 4,000 Hindus chiefly in British Columbia. The deputation was well satisfied and leaves for the west tonight. The government will send a man to the coast to study the situation.

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