

THE RESULT OF BYE ELECTIONS

MONTREAL, Dec. 29—The result of four bye elections in the province shows the Gouin Government was successful all through.

PASSING TRIBUTE TO MRS. EDWARD WHELAN

The death of Mrs. Whelan, widow of the late Honorable Edward Whelan one of the fathers of Confederation, has removed a familiar figure in the city, a lady universally known and very greatly esteemed.

FIRST HOCKEY OF THE SEASON

MONTREAL, Dec. 29—The first of the games for the hockey championship between the Edmonton team and the challengers and defenders, the Wanderers of Montreal, was played last evening before a crowd of five thousand.

ANDREW CARNEGIE'S GREETING TO AMERICA

NEW YORK, Dec. 28—The Times today says: Andrew Carnegie spent some at home, surrounded by relatives and friends. A cab drove up to his Fifth Avenue house with a visitor. The latter went inside the house and a moment later a liveried servant appeared and almost dragged the chauffeur inside the house, saying: "Mr. Carnegie wants you to come in and have something to eat."



A. A. McLeod, New York Artist.

THE EARTHQUAKE HORROR SIXTY THOUSAND DEAD

Fire And Tidal Wave Add to the Ruin Wrought by Scismic Shocks. Messina And Reggio Share the Fate of San Francisco. Pestilence is Feared From the Unburied Bodies

ROME, Dec. 29—(Special)—The disaster in the province of Calabria and the island of Sicily has assumed staggering proportions. Each successive report from the stricken region makes more apparent that the first stories of widespread destruction were little if any exaggerated.

Messina alone reports 12,000 victims, but it is feared this is only a partial list of the dead and wounded. Reports are coming from other towns giving estimates of the dead from 500 to several thousands. Reggio, (population 45,000) still remains in tragic isolation. It is impossible to get word from the stricken city and the silence gives rise to most fearful apprehensions.

PROMINENT CAPE BRETON LADY PASSED AWAY

SYDNEY, December 28—Miss Phoebe Luskman, a member of one of the oldest and most prominent families in Cape Breton, died this morning, aged eighty-six years. The deceased was a daughter of the late Captain Samuel Brookman and was the sole executrix of the estate, valued at one hundred and fifty thousand dollars. She is survived by two sisters.

GIDDY RUSSIAN WOMEN WANT TRIAL MARRIAGES

NEW YORK, Dec. 29—A St. Petersburg special to the Times says:—In the course of a session of the Congress of Russian women, Mme Arbasina projected that the Congress should exert itself in favor of the establishment of experimental marriages. Perpetual marriages, she declared, were often immoral, and sometimes the cause of the gravest injustice, deceit and sin. Several women delegates supported this proposal, but opponents were not lacking. Mme. Shestakova, one of the latter, was violently attacked for trying to limit the emancipation of woman, and the presiding ladies had the greatest difficulty in maintaining order.

The Government sent General Cosatto to take full charge of the troops in the devastated territory. One of the first measures will be to declare martial law. Troops pilaged the ruins of scattered buildings and stole clothing and valuables from the corpses. They were not deterred by the flames that broke out in several sections of the city but took advantage of the light for their vandalism. The night in Messina was one of horror indescribable. Fire, robbery, dead and dying on every side, the city was in the utmost confusion and the people panic-stricken and under a spell of terror. Troops began to pour into Messina and a number of steamers arrived from the Peninsula with soldiers. Patrols were at once organized and efforts made to bring order into the situation.

Bands of citizens were formed and helped heroically in the work of rescue. Many courageous acts were performed by soldiers and citizens, and in some cases the rescuers themselves lost their lives trying to help others. Everything possible is being done to succor the wounded, but the relief measures are still utterly inadequate owing to the immensity of the disaster. The finest palaces, churches and theatres of Messina are now heaps of ruins. Countless dead bodies are scattered through the wreckage and decomposition will doubtless bring pestilence to add to the horrors of the situation. The devastation over the entire district is complete. No part of the Province of Reggio de Calabria escaped. The disturbance was most severe along the shores of the Straits of Messina where the cities of Messina and Reggio are situated. The shocks caused the gas meters to explode and disastrous fires resulted. The flames helped greatly to swell the death list. The configuration of the Straits of Messina has been materially altered. The tidal wave that completed the destructive work of the earthquake was 32 feet high. Wireless telegraphy has been of the greatest assistance in getting reports from the devastated regions and helping the authorities to realize the extent of the disaster and send help to places where it was most urgently needed. A flying squadron of the Italian navy, composed of three of the best battleships had left for a cruise on the Atlantic before news of the disaster came. Through wireless telegraphy it was possible to reach these vessels and order them to proceed at full speed for Messina.

CHURCH UNION THE QUESTION

Rev. Dr. Stæle, Member of Union Conference Discusses Its Rise, Progress And How It Now Stands.

(Continued from yesterday.) If union should take place it is provided that churches entering it will conduct their affairs as they do at present and they voluntarily seek a change. And it is quite likely that for some time names of churches and churches will remain as at present. An illustration of this is seen in the city of Toronto where every one of the churches, "Bible Christian Church," appears although this name is rarely used at the time of the last Methodist Union, almost a generation ago. Provision is also made in the basis of Union for other causes entering and retaining their peculiarities, although when entering their usage may be distinct from any of the churches negotiating churches. ADMINISTRATION. Here is where the committee experienced its greatest difficulties. Grave questions of law were involved regarding properties and tenues. It was found that most of the properties of the Methodist and the Presbyterian churches were held on leasehold. This remark however does not apply to the properties held by the Congregational churches nor to quite all the Presbyterian Churches. However after much consideration all legal difficulties were solved and all rights of local churches were secured. The lawyers who were members of the committee rendered excellent service on all these important points. Another matter that required much consideration before a solution was reached was the funds for the support of aged and infirm ministers their widows and children. It was found that the leading churches had nearly one million and three quarters invested for the benefit of the classes mentioned above. It was evident to all that faith must be kept with the claimants and prospective claimants. It was agreed if feasible to unite all these funds, and whether possible or not it was decided to pool all the income from the funds and use the income arising therefrom for the claimants, and if necessary to supplement this by assessment on the churches. Provision is made for any ministers who may not be claimants to pay into the fund and so entitle them on the same conditions as others to be beneficiaries. This is similar to the action taken at the time of the Methodist Union. So that all the ministers in the United Church were made members of the fund. All agreed that in the United Church all ministers should be members of the Superannuation Fund on such terms as may be agreed upon. NAME OF CHURCH. No action was taken upon this. One gentleman proposed that the full name should be "The United Church of Christ, Methodist and Congregational Churches"; and the other suggested "The United Church." Other suggestions were made, but the committee did not deem it to be part of its work to name the church. But several names, merely suggestive, will be sent down to the Church Courts. (To Be Continued.)

Condensed Advertisements (Too late for classification.) FOUND purse containing a small sum of money. Owner can have same by applying at Sanderson & Co. 12-30d11p. WANTED a girl for general housework. Apply at 159 Grafton St. 12-30d31p. BOARDERS WANTED a few boarders can be accommodated at the Rustico House, 76 Pownall St. 12-30d31p. WANTED, Raw furs viz mink, Otter, Fox and Muskrats. Highest cash prices paid. W. A. Johnson, Montreal. 12-18d3nos. THE FARMERS' INSTITUTE of T. Kin stone at Clyde River offers for sale two registered Shorthorn bulls rising three years old to be sold by private sale until January 9, 1909. If not disposed of before that date will be sold by public auction on the 9th at the hour of two o'clock at Clyde River Corner near Presbyterian Church. Until that date one can be seen at John McLean's Clyde River, and the other at John Murray's, Clyde River Baltic Road. Should above day be unfavorable sale will take place on 11th at same hour. By order of committee. 12-30d1121p. Everyone should look up the program which appears in this issue of the musical and theatrical entertainment to be given in St. Paul's Schoolroom this evening.

Table with market data for Chicago and Toronto, including prices for wheat, corn, and other commodities.

Messina. The British squadron at Syracuse left at once for Messina, taking doctors and supplies of medicines for the succor of the wounded. Also several Russian ships at Syracuse. It is reported from Catania that the Bishop of Messina is buried under the ruins of the residence of Signor Fucili, a member of the Chamber of Deputies from Messina, together with the family, reported dead. The Fucili family is one of the most prominent in Catania. The dome of the cathedral at Catania collapsed and other churches as well as the city hall threaten to fall at any moment. The tidal wave sank numberless small boats in that harbor. At Riposto the tidal wave was 35 feet high. It swept with appalling power and lasted 42 seconds. CATANIA, Dec. 29—(Special)—Mount Aetna, the great volcano a short distance from here, is showing considerable activity and detonations which can be heard in the city, together with a volume of smoke rolling out of the crater, have added to the panic. According to the director of the local observatory this activity is directly connected with the earthquakes which have wrought such havoc. ROME, Dec. 29—(Special)—A despatch from Palermo, Sicily, says the death at Messina as a result of the earthquake and tidal wave are estimated at twelve thousand.

Scores are still alive beneath the ruins. Owing to the inadequacy of the rescue forces it will be impossible to reach these people and bring them out alive. Messina has a population close to one hundred thousand. Other despatches place the death at Messina at even more appalling figures. The Tribuna publishes a special telegram saying the casualties will reach a total of seventy five thousand people. This report has not been substantiated. LONDON, Dec. 29—(Special)—A special despatch from Catania says only a few thousand out of the population of Reggio have escaped death or injuries. The population of Reggio is placed at fifty thousand persons by the best authorities. ROME, Dec. 29—(Special)—A condensation of the reports already received here places the total death between sixty and seventy thousand. Refugees from Messina state that one hundred foreign guests perished in the Hotel Trinacria, the hotel being completely demolished. Queen Helena refused to permit her husband to proceed alone to the scene of the disaster and determined to share the dangers with him. Consequently both the King and Queen left Rome this afternoon for the south.

LIST OF THE BOSTON FATALITIES

BOSTON, Dec. 27—Several sudden accidental deaths and one shooting affair which is expected to result fatally, marked the holiday in Boston. Pasquale Grazio was arrested late Friday charged with assault with a loaded revolver upon John Covino, who was taken to the Relief Hospital with a bullet wound in the abdomen. It was believed that Covino could not recover. It is alleged that Grazio, who was a boarder at Covino's home in the North end, caused a disturbance and was ejected from the house. Coming back later it is alleged that he fired a revolver shot through the front door but did not hit any one. Later the two men met in Covino's yard and the shooting, which resulted in Covino's wound followed. The police chased Grazio and he made considerable resistance. An unknown man, believed to have come from Arlington, fell down the steps of the Union Station of the Washington Street tunnel and died while being removed to a hospital. The Harbor Police recovered the body of an unknown man from the Charles River.

COMPARISON OF SHRUBB AND LONGBOAT

TORONTO, Dec. 28—The following will prove very interesting to admirers of the great runners. ALFRED SHRUBB. Nationality—English. Age—30 years. Weight—136 pounds. Height—5 feet 7 inches. Stature—6 feet 6 inches. TOM LONGBOAT. Nationality—Canadian Indian. Age—20 years. Weight—135 pounds. Height—5 feet 11 inches. Stature—5 feet 6 inches. Shrubb's Best Performances—Five miles, 24m. 33.25s.; ten miles, 50m. 40s. Jan. 15, 1908, defeated five men in relay in Boston, ten miles; time, 51m. 33.25s. November, 1907, beat relay of Tom Meyers, Sam Williams and Frank Kanaly, ten miles; time, 52m. Shrubb has never attempted to race the Marathon distance. Longboat's Best Performances—Won the Boston Marathon last year, establishing a record of 2h. 24m. 24s. for the distance, twenty-five miles. After that he ran several races, including the Montreal Star King's Birthday race in 1907, in which he covered 15 miles in 1 hour 26.55. Just before going to the Olympic Marathon, he ran over the same course in 1.24.08. Last October he won the same race in 1.25.44. Then he started to prepare for the series of races that are to be run in Madison Square Garden. On Feb. 13, 1908, beat relay of three men in Boston, ten miles, 50m. 52.35s. (Track was afterward said to be short.) Defeated Dorando in regular Marathon distance in Madison Square Garden. The temperature registered 14 degrees above zero at 3 o'clock this morning. TRY the SAUNDRS SAUSAGE 12c per lb at SAUNDERS & NEWSOM'S.



LONGBOAT AND HIS TRAINER AND MANAGER TOM FLANAGAN.

BROTHER SHOT BY BROTHER

HAWKESBURY, Ont., Dec. 29—J. M. Assaly, was fatally shot by his brother, Salem Assaly. The murderer then turned his revolver on a woman his cousin and fired a shot which took effect at the base of her brain. Both parties who are still living but the doctor holds out no hope of recovery in the case of the man; while the woman is in a critical condition. J. M. Assaly, one of the victims, had been a resident here for the past five years, and was a wealthy merchant. The shooting was the result of a quarrel over a demand of the younger man for money to start him in business. Salem Assaly got away, but his capture is certain.

FIREMEN CALLED AT MIDNIGHT

BRASEBRIDGE, Ont., Dec. 29—A midnight fire was discovered in the upper story of a block owned by G. W. Sibbett, and occupied by I. M. Godson, as law offices. There was a heavy gale blowing, and the fire gradually spread westward into the block owned by M. E. Cost, of Orilla, and it was also burned.

A WONDERFUL FREAK OF NATURE

CHATHAM, Dec. 28—A wonderful freak of nature or art was presented to James Shields, with a complete monetary address, by brother sport man in the curling rink on Christmas. It is the head of a rabbit with miniature antlers. Arthur Tweedie shot it in the woods or at Emma's, and had it mounted for Mr. Shields. It is a great curiosity and the doctor is proud of it.

YUKON HERO IS OFF FOR THE WEST

SYDNEY, December 28—Rev. Dr. Prince, the famous Yukon preacher, left yesterday for Montreal and the west. Causing his call to St. Andrews and his possible settlement in Sydney with The Herald, he said that he had been in the thick of a strenuous life for twenty-six years, and his inclination was now toward a smaller congregation, where he might have at least some opportunity to read and write. The doctor is full alive to the power and the opportunities of the press. The doctor says that he will come to a decision in the matter by the middle of January and will announce it at that time.

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