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New Fire Station And a Market Place For Drummondville This Year.

NEW ITEMS AT OPENING OF LEGISLATURE, JANUARY 8TH.

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that automobilists may be compelled to take insurance has been the suggestion that all horse-drawn vehicles will be forced to carry lights to protect them from collisions with cars.

"BLIND PIGS" TO BE DEALT WITH

An amendment to the Quebec Liquor Act dealing with inmates of "blind pigs" is expected. Last session the legislature amended the act and provided that people found in "blind pigs" would be liable to sentence as well as the proprietors. This amendment could not be enforced when cases came up in the courts.

Three new members will make their bow to the speaker this session, though one of them, Mayor Camilien Houde, has been here before. He was elected in 1928 for St. Mary's division, Montreal, but was defeated in the election of 1927 which was voted by the courts.

He now comes back as victor in a by-election in St. Mary's this year. Another new member will be Amedee Caron, K. C., son of the Minister of Agriculture, Hon. J. E. Caron, who has been called to the Upper House. A third new member will be Oscar Drouin, K. C. elected at a by-election in Quebec to succeed Louis A. Letourneau, who has been elevated to the Legislative Council. Messrs. Caron and Drouin are supporters of the Taschereau Government and Mayor Houde will join the Opposition members. The budget of Hon. Jacob Nicol, Provincial Treasurer, is expected to be brought down some time in February. It has already been announced a surplus will be shown.

Rules For Broadcasting Now In Effect

Decisions of Convention adopted by 79 Countries — Aural Status Recognized Internationally — Wave Lengths Allocated.

PROVISIONS

The International Radio-Telegraph Convention, its general and supplementary regulations came into force officially at midnight Monday night, January 1st, 1929. The convention was held on November 25, 1927, representatives of seventy-nine countries, but only those which have been ratified by their respective governments. The convention is binding on the United States and Canada once bound by the convention and the general regulations, ratifications deposited here. There are not parties to the supplementary regulations, however, as they were drawn primarily for the benefit of countries where radio is a less government-owned. Ratifications which have deposited with the convention general and the supplementary regulations are Austria and Belgium, including the Belgian Congo and the mandated territory of Ruanda. The Netherlands, including the Dutch East Indies, British India, Norway and Italy, Finland and Mexico also ratified the convention and the supplementary regulations, but their ratifications have not yet reached the State Department deposit in the archives. The convention recognizes for the first time, internationally, the amateur radio operator and the amateur radio operator service as an experimenter, value in promoting international good will being taken into

DRUMMONDVILLE GAVE HEARTILY

True to the old and inspiring French-Canadian custom of "La Guignolée", which takes place annually, before the New Year's Day, the local snow-shoers, "Les Pleds Légers", went their joyous and colorful round from house to house here, on Tuesday night last, singing their way in: "Master and Mistress of this house, please give, please give... It's for the poor, it's for the poor!" And the good people of Drummondville gave heartily, as was expected. In all \$373.84 were collected in money and many loads of all kinds of good things were piled that have helped rejoice those that are actually not in fortune's reach. The custom of "La Guignolée" dates from the very beginning of New France and has always been faithfully observed by the Canadians, in every town of this Province, in the North of Ontario, and even to-day in many New England cities where they are numerous enough. The collections this year are the biggest yet recorded here and the organizers beg us to extend their thanks to the population. Hon. Laferté sent in a check for \$50 to "La Guignolée".

Telephone Co. Issues Toll Reductions

Long Distance Rates for Distance of 224 Miles or More to be Changed, Effective February 1st — Messages to the United States — Evening Rates That Will Prevail.

STATEMENT

It is announced by the Bell Telephone Company, that reductions in long distance telephone rates for distances over 224 miles have been filed with the Board of Railway Commissioners to become effective February 1st next. With the new schedule of rates some important changes in long distance practice will also become operative.

A reversal privilege will be introduced on station-to-station messages where the rate is 25 cents or more. Heretofore, there has been no reversal privilege on station-to-station calls.

Appointment and messenger rates which hitherto have been fifty per cent additional over the day station-to-station rates, will be eliminated. This type of message will be on the same basis as person-to-person rates, or 25 per cent over the station-to-station rates—a substantial reduction.

On messages to United States cities, effect will be given to the new schedule of rates embodying important reductions just announced by the American Telephone and Telegraph Company.

Evening rates on station-to-station messages, which hitherto have become effective at 8:30 p. m., will apply from 7 p. m. to 8:30 p. m., with a minimum rate of 35 cents, but 25 per cent from day rates will prevail. Night rates, at a reduction of 50 per cent for day rates will prevail on station-to-station messages from 8:30 p. m. to 4:30 a. m. with a 25c minimum rate.

Commenting on the new long distance schedule of telephone rates, Manager L. J. Papineau, for this district, says:

BIG SAVING

"We are making continuous extension and improvement in our long line facilities. It is the policy of the company whenever possible to pass along to telephone users in the form of reductions in charges, the benefits of these changes. While on the individual message the reductions are not large, we estimate that they will mean in the aggregate a saving to telephone users of Ontario and Quebec of \$80,000 annually.

"Many features of the new schedule will, we believe, be welcomed by our patrons. For example, on station-to-station calls it will be possible to reverse the charges. Appointment and messenger calls become simply person-to-person messages at lower rates, and the report charge maximum is cut in half!

"The change by which the reduced rate period for station-to-station calls begins at 7 p. m. instead of 8:30 p. m. as formerly, is made in recognition of the popularity of long distance service at a lowered rate during the evening and night hours. The new regulations are designed to take care of this business more satisfactorily than before,

Those Two Important Municipal Projects to be Proposed at the Next Meeting of the Town Council, Tuesday Next — If Approved They Will Have to be Ratified by the Rate-payers — Would be Built in the Course of Next Summer — On Heriot St.

CIVIC NECESSITIES

Owing to the progressive growth of Drummondville these last few years the need of a more modern Fire Station and of a more adequate Market Place here has, since quite a time, been keenly felt. That need has to-day become rather a necessity. On that account there will be moved, at the Town Council, Tuesday next week, that they both be built this year.

According to the projects, which are of course only officious as yet, the Fire Station, as proposed, would cost approximately \$25,000, and would be located at the corner of Berard and Heriot Streets, in place of the present public Market; the latter would be on the north side of Heriot Street, between the Pelletier Block and Rolland Store.

If those two projects have the approval of the Council and are voted by it the rate-payers will be called upon to ratify them before they can be put to execution.

OPTIMISTIC NOTE IN NEWS OF HIS MAJESTY

Latest Bulletin States that Even Restless Night for His Majesty Which Doctors Reported Yesterday Did Not Cause Patient to Lose Any Ground Since Improvement Noted — Palace Circles Gratified that There Has Been No Check in Progress, Which, However, Continues Slow.

GRADUAL IMPROVEMENT

London. — There was an optimistic note in today's news about King George. He has retained the improvement which the doctors reported yesterday. The cabinet minister who is closest to affairs at Buckingham Palace by virtue of his position, Sir William Joynson-Hicks, Home Secretary, feels so reassured, he says, about the King's condition that he left for a brief holiday in the south of France.

"I feel that the worst of the illness is over," from the Home Secretary were the most cheering words about the Royal patient that the public has heard for many a day.

Even a restless night for His Majesty which the doctors reported yesterday did not cause him to lose any ground since the improvement noted. Palace circles were gratified that there has been no check in this progress which, however, continues to be slow.

It is understood that the new calcium treatment for toning up the blood, in connection with which

Professor E. C. Dodds, brilliant young chemical pathologist from the University of London, was called in, is being continued, and further benefits from it are hoped for.

Sir William Joynson-Hicks, Home Secretary said last night that he believed the worst is over for King George. He expressed the opinion on leaving for the Riviera, where he feels free to go after a talk with the King's doctors about His Majesty's condition.

"I had a consultation with the doctors before I thought it safe to go," said Sir William, who, as Home Secretary, has been in frequent attendance at Buckingham Palace during the King's illness.

"I feel that the worst of the illness is over and there is every reason to hope that a slow but gradual improvement will take place."

The Home Secretary is going to spend his holiday near Mentone. He expects to be gone about a fortnight. "I shall keep in very close touch with the Home Office while I am away" he said.

Drummond Club

The Drummond Club which has been located on Lindsay Street since early in the year, is to go out of corporate existence at the end of April 1929, Mr. W. G. Glattfelter's resignation as President, and the resignation of Mr. Vincent Guertin, secretary-manager, were accepted at a special meeting of the club members on Tuesday evening last week and are effective immediately. Major J. W. St. Onge, has been elected president and it is thought suitable arrangements can be made with Mr. William Little Pro' at the Golf Club, to take charge of the Drummond Club for the balance of its lifetime.

Messrs. Tanner and Gall are charged with the negotiating of a satisfactory treaty and to make an early report to the executive board. When the "Manoir" hotel is habitable sometime early this year every social accommodation desired will be provided for all the members of the present venture.

"The changes, both in operating practices and in charge, are made to afford greater convenience in placing calls, to encourage further use of the wires to distant points, and to replace a schedule of rates which in certain minor respects was in need of amendment."

A Very Happy and Prosperous Year To All "Spokesman" Advertisers and Readers!

SHOULD NOT HAVE CLOSED TUESDAY

The citizens in general were certainly very much disappointed to find the public doors of the local Post Office closed, Tuesday. The same thing had happened on Christmas. We understand that the wickets are not to open all day, on such a national holiday, but we do not so easily see why the doors of the P. O. should be locked and the citizens having mail boxes in the latter be a whole day without having access to them. A good postal service does not warrant that in a town the size of ours and which has no letter-carriers' system. We are yet to know of an other town in this province where such a thing is tolerated. It should not, in the interest of the whole population here, be repeated. The caretaker, even though he be granted a special permission to the contrary, by some superior postal officer from Montreal, who might be under the impression that we have at least a morning mail delivery on holidays, here, should make it his duty that the local P. O. has its doors open every day in the year, more especially the first day when mostly everybody is more desirous than ever to read letters of greetings and cheers from friends and relatives.

Customs Of Old Days On New Year's

Many Yesterday Observances Date Back Centuries — Family Reunions Features of New Year's Festivities — Parental Blessing in the French Families Still Retained.

GREETINGS

New Year's Eve, from the days when young women went about, from door to door with the Wassail Bowl of ale, singing quaint verses, to the last evening of the year 1928, there have been myriad observances of the passing of the old, and welcoming of the new year. In the present day customs can be seen tracings of ancient observances, in many cases suitable changes having been made, while in others is seen a lack of the romantic and friendly element.

The ancient custom for neighbors to gather round the glowing hearth, at which time the Wassail Bowl drowned all former animosity maintained for centuries, and today is seen the same custom, with or without the flowing bowl, but here again are changes. In the old days it was the custom for the master of the house to fill a large bowl or pitcher and drink from it, then pass it to him who sat next and so it went around. That custom of pledging each other has rightly changed to the more elegant manner of each guest having his own glass.

Song and mirth used to close the year and welcome the new, and today that custom is retained by many, while in Christian homes and many churches there is the "Watch Night" ceremony, the year's passing being observed with solemnity, then the heralding of the new with happy greetings.

An old custom in Scotland was to send gifts on New Year's Eve, or if this was not done good wishes were extended on New Year's Day and gifts were asked for. This may have been the origin of the idea to send gifts early. The Romans were noted for their custom of gift-giving on the New Year, and it is recorded:

"While some in golden letters write their love, Some speak affection by a ring or glove."

Oranges stuck with cloves were popular gifts, as were pins for the ladies, and from this form of gift-giving originated the idea of pin-money. Sometimes money was placed in gloves sent as gifts, and here again is noted the origin of the expression, "glove-money."

New Year's Day has ever been, and ever will be a day of days, and many customs of today are those that have come down through the centuries, naturally with changes, but having the same basic ideas. For well over two hundred years the "Festival of Pools," when absurdity often merged into indecency, maintained, but it is safe to say that this form of merry-making is a thing of the past—with perhaps a few exceptions.

NEXT FEDERAL SESSION IS EXPECTED TO BE BUSY ONE

Natural Resources, Tariff, and Reparations to be Leading Topics at Ottawa — Opening Probably in February — Several Appointments Are Due Prior to Assembly — Quebec Senate Vacancies on List.

PREPARING BUDGET

Ottawa. — Natural resources, the tariff and reparations, from present indications will be the chief subjects of debate at the coming third session of the sixteenth Parliament, which is likely to open on February 7. The last session opened a week previous to that date, and terminated in the second week of June. It is probable that the coming session will be of similar duration. Previous to its opening five or six appointments are to be made, namely, a Minister to Tokio, two senators from Quebec, a commissioner to succeed Hon. Frank Oliver on the Dominion Railway Board, and another to succeed Hon. D. G. Mackenzie on the Tariff Board. Owing to the death of William T. Goodison, Liberal member for Lambton West, a by-election is to be held there next month, and it is possible the Government may be reluctant to occasion two more by-elections in Quebec by senatorial appointments but the vacancies have existed for many months, in fact since the last session, Hon. L. A. David having died before the last session and Hon. Gustave Boyed during the session, so that two more by-elections can hardly be avoided.

An extensive discussion in the House will inevitably follow disclosure of the terms upon which the Federal Government is returning to the provinces of British Columbia, Alberta and Manitoba, respectively, their natural resources. In the case of Manitoba it is understood that the federal authorities will discuss the tariff, and has virtually shorn that provision of any force, also that the Minister of Finance, in the case of the fruit and vegetable growers, would be better disposed to give them some relief directly through a seasonal duty. The growers said they wanted protection while their products were being marketed, but were willing to forego the duty when they had nothing to sell. What may be done in regard to iron and steel and coal and coke cannot be determined until after the third hearing of application on these commodities, to be held in the third week of January.

As Hon. James A. Robb, Minister of Finance, is anxious to again have the Budget ready for submission to the House shortly after the conclusion of the initial debate, as was done last session, the departmental officials and staff of the Tariff Board are preparing what schedules the Government may decide to alter this session. It is believed that something will be done to meet the request of the growers of fruits and vegetables for some protection against similar products from the United States, during the period when the former are being marketed. In the debate last session on the dumping duty, introduced by British Columbia members, it was made apparent that the present Government is not enamored of the anti-dumping clause in the tariff, and has virtually shorn that provision of any force, also that the Minister of Finance, in the case of the fruit and vegetable growers, would be better disposed to give them some relief directly through a seasonal duty. The growers said they wanted protection while their products were being marketed, but were willing to forego the duty when they had nothing to sell. What may be done in regard to iron and steel and coal and coke cannot be determined until after the third hearing of application on these commodities, to be held in the third week of January.

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Schwab's Ten Rules To Keep Prosperity

American Magnate Has Decalogue he Enunciates for General Benefit—An Entirely New Problem is Not to Make, but to Keep Prosperity in a Permanent Way.

TO BE READ

New York. — The United States have reached an amazing degree of general prosperity, with American business on the whole no longer facing an uphill climb, according to Charles M. Schwab, chairman of the Bethlehem Steel Corporation. The problem today, as he sees it, is an entirely new one. It is what to do to make prosperity permanent. Of course no one, he holds, has any patent rights to continuing business success.

"There are a few fundamental considerations which all of us may find helpful to keep in mind," said Mr. Schwab. "The following ten rules seem to me to hold the key to lasting prosperity:

"Pay labor the highest possible wages. Prosperity is intimately related to a liberal wage scale.

"Treat labor as a business partner. Successful industry depends more on human relations than upon the organization of money and machines.

"Conduct business in the full light of day. Public confidence and public suspicion may be separated only by a door.

"Remember that the law of supply and demand is inexorable. It would also be well to remember that there is no necessity for producing an excess.

"Live and help live. Even prosperous industries cannot afford to have the backward industries too far behind the procession—prosperity to be permanent must be equally distributed.

"Welcome new ideas. To establish permanent institutions we must always be prepared for change.

Appointment Of Sir Lomer Is Official

Will Succeed Perodeau as Lieut. Gov. of Quebec — Starts January 10 — Next occupant of Spencerwood Has Had Successful Political Career.

A LEADER

Ottawa. — Sir Lomer Gouin, a former premier of the province of Quebec, and for some years Minister of Justice in the Federal Government, has been appointed Lieutenant-Governor of Quebec. His appointment dates from January 10 next, when the term of Hon. Narcisse Perodeau expires. Hon. Narcisse Perodeau was sworn in as Lieutenant-Governor of Quebec on January 10, 1924.

The public career of Sir Lomer Gouin has been a long and successful one. Comparatively early in life he entered the field of politics in his own province, and was successful in winning a seat in the Legislature. For fifteen years he was premier of Quebec, resigning this office in the summer of 1920. He was knighted at the time of the Quebec Tercentenary celebrations.

Sir Lomer was first elected to the House of Commons at the general election of 1921, and upon the formation of the King cabinet he was appointed Minister of Justice. He resigned his portfolio on January 3, 1924, on account of ill-health.

ness and complacency do not promote progress.

"Operate business on the most economical basis. Price cutting, over-expansion, uneconomical methods of distribution are just as harmful to business and to the public as price fixing, monopolies and rebates.

"Look ahead and think ahead. It is easier to avoid depressions than it is to cure them.

"Smile, be cheerful, and work upon the basis that the fundamental purpose of business is to promote the happiness of human beings."

The Towne Gossip

The pessimist misconstrues his observations. Life must be an interesting thing for a lot of people. Look at the quantity of Diaries that have been sold around New Year day, in Drummondville.

And yet some of us who might be expected to be Diarically inclined pass by on the other side.

The true optimist is one who keeps on buying Diaries, year after year, although he knows right well that his New Year's resolutions, with the one to record every day's happenings, will fail about late January or early February, if not before.

Drummondville is said to be full of optimists of that kind. And nothing is more interesting, naturally, than to know their individual resolutions as they read. Without changing a single letter in their wordings, here's just a few of 'em:

Mayor Moisan: "I will, in future, leave to others the care of solving the municipal problems of this town."

Alderman Bernard: "I will move, at the Council, this year, that the city water pipes be connected with the local Commission Store, for a peppier service to those who wonder what kind of liquid flows under the St. Francis River bridges."

Mr. Glattfelder: "Resolved, this day, that every minute of 1929 will see me smiling and satisfied of anything that goes on in the limits of this our dear old town, and even out of them."

Mr. Chateauvert: "I will see to it that next New Year Santa Claus find a new hotel when he comes around Drummondville."

Mr. Christman: "I will be interested in no industrial organization here, in the course of 1929."

Ald. Larocque: "From now on lemons, or other fruits, will mean nothing to me."

Chief Moquin: "I pledge myself to be too sweet for words to all the bandits caught entering stores and blowing safes here, this year."

Mr. Garon: "The setting aside of such things as Curacoa, St. Hyacinthe Water, and other kinds of the real wet stuff, in order to quit snoring and fighting the silent dog. Said feat can be accomplished when a man holds in his hands the thrump of an eight cylinder Chevrolet."

Chemist Paré: "Having succeeded in mixing up 'anti-kicking' chemicals, I resolve, on this particular Day, to do away with the deplorable habit of always being dissatisfied with menus. May it be effective!"

Mr. Kelly: "I will make it a personal duty, this very winter, to explain to motorists how much they can save by leaving their autos in the cold instead of garaging them in a warm place."

Mr. Gobeil: "I here and now decide that horse races will be of no more interest to me henceforth."

Mr. Pineau: "I will do all I can to boast the interest of the C. P. R. in this town, in future."

Mr. Farley: "I will do all I can to boast the interest of the C. N. R. in this town in future."

Bill Parker: "Should I bark, 'twill mean nothing; I got the habit from Tommy Who in his sleep is always saying 'That a dog is his company.'"

Mr. Joseph Marier: "I now decide to send to the people of Drummondville no more tax bills this new year."

Mr. Fisk: "From now on the Drummondville Cotton Mill Limited will not rush its production."

Mr. D. Marcotte: "Thursday last was the last time for me to take an active part in the organization of the 'Guignolée'."

Mr. McCullum: "I will not be in Montreal more than once every three months, this year."

Mr. Kouri: "The people of Drummondville are to see some real good boxing matches in 1929. I will do my utmost to have next world's championship fight in this cosmopolitan centre."

Mr. Toupin: "In the future every call for urgent repairs will be answered before the end of the same week."

Mr. Chisholm: "As the manager of one of the four 5, 10 and 15 cents stores here, no kind of competition will henceforth interest me."

Mr. R. Garceau: "Resolved, as per slogan 'The Early Bird Catches The Worm', that I will get up before noon every day this year of Our Lord 1929."

Mr. Gall: "As the sun went down on last year's last day, 'Tis resolved that I own No more Taxi Company!"

The Cocktail Quartet: "Wet we were, dry we'll be; you bet, sir, yes siree!"

Major St. Onge: "I will not be seen often at the Drummond Club this Winter."

Mr. Helliard: "I will have my car repainted green for next summer."

Ald. Duchesne: "Next hunting season will never more see me in that Spicer lodge with the boys."

Mr. Weaver: "This year I will induce our company to produce those chic victorian models of half-fashioned heavy wool ladies' stockings."

Mr. Southwood: "Now on I will advertize all kinds of beers and ales except the Dow's."

Mr. Boisvert: "Now on I will advertize all kinds of beers and ales except the Molson's."

Mr. Sperling: "This year I will let everybody know that pure silk is as good as the artificial one."

Mr. Dulieux: "Resolved that I will stay home every night of this new year, instead of talking the boys to death on: 'When do you take another Five Thousand'?"

Ald. Lindsay: "From this very day of this new year of Our Lord I will see to it that the sidewalks of the principal streets of Drummondville are well scraped every morning after a snow storm."

The Gossiper: "I pledge myself not to tell to the Editor of the 'Ye Olde Towne Gossips' what goes on after 5 P. M. in our placid town, this year."

Mr. G. Paffin: "No more shall I leave the assembly at a critical moment."

Mr. C. Lubie: "When again New Year comes around for me, With it's many gifts from Nature's Love, Never in my dear old life shall I see So near, the angels from above..."

Mr. (Pete) Bussières (the young S. C. P. chap from St. Pie de Bagot, here on his holidays): "No more of that S. C. P. 'juice' that gives headaches."

Mr. Duhamel: "The doors at the local P. O. will now be closed to the public, on holidays."

Mr. Watkins: "Drummondville is a noisy town enough as is now, and I will see to it that there be no loud fire alarm to awake our voluntary flame fighters when they are fast asleep, at night, in 1929."

Mr. Montplaisir: "I now take the firm resolution not to have the former wire factory serve for charitable purposes in the course of this new year."

Marchesseault & Pinard: "Resolved: that the last theft staged in our storage plant or on our premises took place at the ending of 1928."

Our Hockey Club: "It is our will to be blanked by all the visiting teams here, this year."

St. George's Club: "We firmly decide to hold no more literary, musical and social entertainments in our new Hall in 1929."

Mr. Arès: "The Manoir House will open it's doors the first month of this new year."

Town Council: "We will endeavour to do the least possible in the way of satisfying the rate-payers in the course of 1929."

S. C. Power: "We pledge ourselves to bring no more new industries to Drummondville this year."

The Citizens: "We unanimously resolve not to read 'Ye Olde Towne Gossips' during the next twelve months, inasmuch as we do not care a darn what they have to say about us individually."

The Gossip Editor: "Never more will I write a single item concerning the personal behaviour of our local short winged angels."

AND THAT'S IT!

(Towne Gossiping)
Tom does not like IT.

Dick does not care for IT.

Harry hates IT.

People who can not pay for a subscription advise others not to read IT.

Others blame us for handling items without a MIT.

Too many people tell us that there is nothing but plain facts and truth about IT.

So we are not going to stop IT.

Take it, or leave it, but it is worth reading IT.

Construction Continues To Show Increase

Value of Permits in November 23.1 Per Cent. Above Same Month Last Year—Total for Eleven Months in Canada 17.7 Per Cent. Ahead of Same Period in 1927.

IN 63 CITIES

The aggregate value of the construction represented by the building permits issued by sixty-three cities during November was \$15,822,401. This was a seasonal decline of \$5,689,411 or 26.4 p.c. as compared with the October total of \$2,964,779 or 29.1 p.c. in the more significant comparison with the aggregate of \$12,857,622 for November, 1927. The total for November, 1928, was greater than in the same month of any other year for which statistics for the sixty-three centres are available. The cumulative value for the elapsed eleven months of 1928 exceeds by nearly \$31,000,000 that for the same months in 1927, the previous high level of this nine years' record.

Some fifty cities furnished detailed statistics, showing that they had issued more than 1,100 permits for dwellings estimated to cost over \$6,000,000 and about 2,000 permits for other buildings estimated at almost 6,900,000. During October, authority was granted for the erection of about 1,300 dwellings and 3,500 other buildings, estimated to cost approximately \$7,800,000 and \$11,700,000 respectively.

REPORT INCREASE

New Brunswick, Alberta and British Columbia reported increases in the value of the construction represented by the permits issued as compared with October, that of \$1,427,912 or 116.8 per cent. in the last named being especially large. Of the reductions in the remaining provinces, that of \$3,229,639 or 30.1 per cent. in Ontario was the largest.

As compared with November, 1927, all provinces except Nova Scotia and Quebec reported increases; that of \$1,007,929 or 15.5 per cent. in Ontario was most noteworthy.

Of the four largest centres, Toronto and Winnipeg recorded seasonal declines as compared with the preceding month, but increase over November of a year ago; in Montreal there was a falling-off in both comparisons, while Vancouver registered a higher total than in October, 1928, or November, 1927. Of the other centres, New Glasgow, Moncton, Shawinigan Falls, Belleville, Chatham, Galt, London, Owen Sound, Port Arthur, St. Thomas, Sault Ste. Marie, Walkerville, Moose Jaw, Edmonton, Lethbridge, Kamloops, Nanaimo, West Westminster and North Vancouver, reported higher totals of building permits issued than in either comparison.

The aggregate for the first eleven months of this year was 17.7 per cent. greater than in 1927, the previous high level of the record, while the average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials continue lower than in most of the years since 1920.

Willys-Overland Looking Forward To Record Year

New Models to Have Many Features — New Equipment—"Finger-Tips Control"—Out the 5th Instant—Real Inducement.

Every indication points to 1929 becoming the most successful year in Willys-Overland's history. For weeks now, Willys-Overland dealers have been making ready for the Big Moment.

The New Whippet Models, it is known, are exceptionally attractive and although prices have not yet been announced it is said that they will be such as to make the new Merchandise a real inducement.

Officials of the Willys-Overland Company claim the new cars offer the greatest dollar for dollar value obtainable either in this country or abroad.

Mechanically the new Whippet, it is learned, will offer even more than in the past. — The Six is equipped with a seven-bearing crankshaft, silent timing chain and other costly car features. While the Four also offers the Silent Timing Chain, Full Force-Feed lubrication and other outstanding mechanical features. The performance ability of those cars too has been materially improved.

To date it has not been possible to learn the details of the feature known as "Finger-Tip Control" which is standard equipment on both Whippet Four and Six models. Company engineers and other officials state it is the greatest engineering device invented since the self-starter. Just what important part it plays no one will as yet say. It is known, however, that it is going to prove a big feature and one that will be very popular with the motorist.

The new Willys-Overland merchandise, if the reports and rumours are anywhere near correct will this year be outstanding favorites. The designer of the new Whippet cars is Amos Northup, who is internationally regarded in automobile circles as one of the outstanding car designers of the age. Mr. Northup it is stated, has been with Willys-Overland since

last January, since which time he has been perfecting the designs for the new cars that are to be presented for public approval on January 5th.

Mr. R. E. Dyson Passed Away At Richmond

Was Actively Connected with Lumber Business at Richmond and a Well Known Resident of the E. T. — Held Important Municipal posts.

Richmond. — Mr. Robert E. Dyson, a prominent citizen of this place and well known resident of the Eastern Townships, passed away at his home here Tuesday night following an illness of some months' duration.

The deceased, who was a life long resident of the Eastern Townships, was born here on February 16, 1859, a son of George and Ellen (Harriman) Dyson, being of English parentage, his grandfather coming from North Cove, Yorkshire, England, in 1831.

The late Mr. Dyson was connected with the lumber business for practically his whole life, and for a number of years was manager of lumber mills for the late John Greenshields, later managing the same business for the Montreal Lumber Company. In 1903 the deceased went into business for himself, and for many years was actively engaged in contracting for large delivery to American paper mills.

HELD PUBLIC OFFICE

The deceased was actively engaged in public affairs and, during his residence at St. Cyr, Cleveland Township, was mayor councillor, as well as holding the office of postmaster, which position he held for twenty years. On his removal to Richmond in 1903, the late Mr. Dyson became actively connected with municipal affairs and at different times filled the positions of warden for Richmond county and Mayor and Councillor of the Town of Richmond. Mr. Dyson was always interested in anything pertaining to the betterment of the Town of Richmond and county in general and, was a tireless instigator for good roads, being instrumental in the macadamizing of the streets of this place.

On June 7th, 1887, the deceased married Ida L. Porter, daughter of

Mackinnon Steel Stock Is Offered

Equitable Securities Corporation Underwriters \$600,000 of Preferred Stock in Old Family Company — Offered at Par With 25 Per Cent. Bonus of Common — Interesting Convertible Feature.

Public offering is being made by The Equitable Securities Corporation, Limited, of \$600,000, 7 per cent cumulative, redeemable, convertible, sinking fund, 1st preferred stock of Mackinnon Steel Corporation, Limited, Sherbrooke. These Shares are being sold at a price of \$100 (par) to yield 7 per cent, with a bonus of one quarter share of no par value common stock with each share of preferred. Fractional shares of common will be adjointed at the rest of \$30 per share.

The plant consists of a modern structural steel plant situated in Sherbrooke, Quebec, and has connections with both the Canadian Pacific and Canadian Railways.

The business of the company has been chiefly the fabrication and erection of steel frames for buildings, steel bridges and plate work. The Mackinnon Steel Company has successfully carried out contracts for bridges and structural steel work the Quebec Government, Canadian National Railway, Fraser Companies, Limited, Brompton Pulp and Paper, Company, Limited, Asbestos Corporation, Limited, Shawinigan Chemicals, Limited, and many others.

The net earning of the Mackinnon Steel Company, Limited, as certified by Messrs. Price, Matherhouse and Company, Chartered Accountants, after giving effect to ending July 31st, 1928, after provision for depreciation and income tax amounted to \$90,798. As applied to Mackinnon Steel Corporation

William Porter, of Danville, three children being born of this union, Archie E., of this place, Myrtle E., also of Richmond, and Pearl I., of Montreal, who with his widow, survive to mourn his passing.

The late Mr. Dyson was a member of the I.O.O.F., a Liberal in politics and a member of the United Church.

Limited, this is over twice the preferred dividend requirements, and after payment of preferred dividend, \$4 a share on the common stock. For the period from August 1st, 1928, to October 20th, 1928, the net earnings after depreciation and income tax have been approximately the same rate as the last fiscal year.

Holders of the preferred shares have the right, at their option, to convert each share of preferred into two shares of no par value common stock of the company and the calling of such preferred shares for redemption shall not extinguish their right of conversion until the expiration of the thirty days redemption notice.

The board of directors of the company will be as follows: D. H. McDougall, director, McIntyre Porcupine Mines, Limited, director, English Electric Company of Canada, Limited; The Hon. Walter G. Mitchell, K. C.; J. B. Woodgat, president, Southern Canada Power Co., Limited, vice-president, Power Corporation of Canada, Limited, John Irwin, president McColl Frontenac Oil Company, Limited, president Arthur Irwin, Limited; J. T. McCall & Company, Limited, director, Canada Iron Foundries, Limited; J. L. McSweeney, president, The Equitable Securities Corporation, Limited, director, Consolidated Sand Company, Limited.

Farewell Party

A farewell party in honor of Miss Constance Moore was given by Mrs. Clifford Hargreaves, at her home in the Celanese Colony, recently.

Music, refreshments and merry talk helped to pass a happy evening. A large assembly of the staff at the Celanese offices took place in the handsome conference room of the General Offices under Chairmanship of Mr. C. I. Haney, when a variety of gifts in expression of respect were handed Miss Moore such as silver dishes, silver glass, a handsome leather handbag and a Yardley's toilet set. Mr.

A Billion Harvest

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By Province, order as follows: being placed with katchewan, \$807,064,000; Ontario (\$255,900,000); 583,000 (\$272,711,192,675,000); Alberta, \$114,527,700; Nova Scotia, \$17,501,000; Prince Edward Island, \$1,000,000; British Columbia, \$1,000,000; Saskatchewan, \$2,000,000 acres in Alberta the total acres an increase of 100 acres over

Haney complimenting guest in a photo Keight, Norman, Mulr, were among present and Miss Duguay, Mrs. Pachchesne, Miss Forman Miss Lamont were dance.

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| Big choice of kitchen aluminum ware | 98c | Electric toasters, with for | 49c |
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| Golf stockings assorted colours and sizes | 49c | Ladies, gloves, val | 39c |

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