

The Spokesman

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DRUMMONDVILLE, DECEMBER 31, 1929

PRICE FIVE CENTS

The Spokesman" Wishes To All A Very Happy New Year

BUT HAPPY XMAS IN DRUMMONDVILLE THIS YEAR

Services Held in All Churches Wednesday — Spent Day Quietly at Home or Visiting Friends.

NOTHING MARRED DAY

Christmas Day Wednesday was one in Drummondville. The day was entered enthusiastically and with the spirit of the day. The weather, although the rather amount of snow made somewhat difficult, and there were no accidents or misfortunes of any kind to mar the celebration. In many homes a pleasant hour or so was passed in opening of parcels which had been anxiously looked at perhaps for several days.

HOME FEAST

One of the happiest events of the day was, of course, the Christmas dinner. It is perhaps at this time that the real spirit of Christmas is most apparent, for Christmas is essentially a home feast, and there is no more pleasant time than when all the members of the family are happily assembled about the table for this great occasion.

Most of the citizens preferred to spend the afternoon quietly at home, while others again made their usual Christmas Day calls on friends or neighbors.

Radio fans were also remembered Wednesday. A large number of radio stations had made arrangements to broadcast the church services from many of the larger churches, while as an added feature there was the nation-wide broadcast of programmes from Europe, which were well received here.

In the evening many attended services in the different churches, and spent the later part of the evening in a social way at home or attending private parties among friends.

PRICES REACHED LOW POINT FOR YEAR DURING PAST WEEK

Were Traders and Dealers Conspicuous by Absence, But in Annual Market Circle There Was a General Tendency to Postpone Operations Until Year.

ROW RANGE

was week" on Canadian prices witnessed the low speculative activity for the year. Not only were traders conspicuous by their absence in professional markets but there was a general postponement of operations for the New Year. Many prints, in consequence, lackluster, and without important developments the market fluctuated irregularly around a price range.

Investors and traders showed considerable attention to the market, chiefly as a standpoint of the possible business depression on the set. While conditions in the United States are not so optimistic as of late, the lessened activity in the States industries at the moment but have its effect on Canadian situation, and upon the shares of Canadian corporations. That a trade war has become a reality in the States was admitted by observers, but the extent such a reaction will have on the stock market is still to be determined.

OIL ISSUES

While the forecasts and (Continued on page 3)

Leaking of Roofs

Residents of Drummondville by the Chief of Police advised that any of their roofs that are in need of repair should be done before the snow sets in. While it is the duty of all persons to cooperate in this department in this respect, it is the duty of the municipal by-law department to keep the roofs free from excess

Wild Rumor

A rumor was in circulation, last week-end, to the effect that there had been a hold-up at the Post Office here, Thursday night, but it was absolutely without foundation whatsoever. "The only 'hold-up' here was by the usual holiday rush," explained Mr. Severe, the postmaster, "and it was such, last week, as to dispense us with the other kind, very happily."

BROADCASTING TO RECEIVE STUDY

The question of nationalizing radio broadcasting in Canada will probably be referred to a parliamentary committee during the Ottawa forthcoming session. While no definite pronouncement has come from government sources, the importance of the matter has led to the conclusion that the whole subject of radio will come under review by a special committee of the House of Commons. The chief recommendation of the Royal Canadian Commission which has concluded its labors was that broadcasting should be placed on a basis of public service.

Enthusiastic Reception to Santa Claus

Hundreds of Children Aclaimed the Dear Old Soul on his Arrival Here, Wednesday — Paraded to the K. of C's Hall.

TOYS TO KIDDIES

At 2.30 sharp, on Christmas afternoon, as had been announced in a letter he sent to "The Spokesman", the always popular annual visitor known under the exotic name of Santa Claus, made a glorious entry into D'ville, clad in his gay coloured raiments. He entered town by the St-Germain road, in a "train" decorated with Xmas trees and pulled by a pair of sturdy horses from Messrs. Bouchard & Milot's stables, to replace the traditional reindeer Santa Claus had to leave at Montreal for a well deserved rest after their long and fast journey here from the polar countries. Applauds aplenty greeted him along the streets he passed through, and the old voyager seemed as happy as all the kiddies surrounding him, smiling broadly beneath the streams of his long beard as white as the virgin snows of the far away north whence he hails.

The "Pieds Legers" snowshoe club, with drums and bugles resounding, accompanied the latter in the parade.

The latter took him to the K. of C's Hall where the guest, welcomed by the Intendant, Mr. Mackenzie, spoke to all the kiddies present, telling them how happy he was to see so many of them to greet him, good little boys and charming little girls all, and explaining that he was always glad to come back annually to our beautiful town. Hundreds of toys and bags of sweets were distributed to the children of Ste. Croix Orphanage and of the Knights of Columbus. Mayor W. A. Moisan, Father Rousseau, vicar at St. Frederic's Church, and Grand Knight D. Courchesne were present at the brilliant ceremony. At the end of the latter a very touching programme was rendered by the Ste. Croix children when they sang and recited things that went to the heart of the four or five hundred persons present and thanked the Knights for their kindness to them. M. J. L. Brunelle, insurance inspector, personified Santa, this year.

Arrested

Yesterday the police arrested one William Blais, of St. Joseph Village, not unfamiliar with the constabulary force here. Blais, who will appear before a justice of the peace, in the course of this afternoon, is accused of having stolen a quantity of fodder from Mr. Ferland, on the Third Range.

Falls 75 Feet

When he slipped and lost his balance as he was crossing the Yamaska River on the Canadian National Railways bridge, at St. Hyacinthe, Friday, Herve Theberge, sixteen years of age, fell to the ice 75 feet below. He was picked up by witnesses of the accident and removed to the St. Charles Hospital. It was reported his condition was serious, as he had suffered severe internal injuries. The victim was unable to explain how he came to slip and fall, as he has been unconscious since the accident.

THIEVES BROKE JEWELLER'S WINDOW AND STOLE WATCHES

Seven Wrist Watches Missing — Loss of \$100 for M. E. O. Melancon — Theft took place during Christmas Night.

POLICE HAVE CLUES

At 1.30, Christmas night, Mr. E. O. Melancon, well-known jeweller, Heriot street, was rejoicing with his family when he heard a crash as when someone breaks a window glass. The noise seemed to come from his store located downstairs, so he hurriedly went there to investigate and noticed that true enough one of the two large front windows had been smashed, as if by a brick or stone which, however, could not be found neither inside the store nor outside. Seven wrist-watches, valued by Mr. Melancon at \$100 in all, had disappeared from the display window. The police were immediately notified and, we are informed, have found clues that may lead them to the marauders.

SHAEFFERS' HEARING FRIDAY

Brothers Accused of Buying Stolen Goods, 2,000 lbs of Copper Wire Belonging to S. C. Power Co.

UNDER BAIL

Three brothers, Mike, Sam and Isidore Shaeffer, local dealers in hides, metals, etc., were accused, last week, of receiving stolen goods sold in divers quantities to them by several persons, boys and men, and belonging to the Southern Canada Power Company. The stolen goods consisted of 2,200 lbs of copper wire. The three Shaeffers were given temporary liberty by furnishing a \$700 bail. They will appear before the local court, Friday, for their preliminary hearing.

TO SIT FOR LAST TIME JAN. 14th

At last week's town council meeting, presided by His Worship Mayor W. A. Moisan, the outstanding question to be considered was the one concerning the early closing of stores. The secretary read a petition from about ten storemen opposing the policy of closing more than two nights a week. As some aldermen were not present it was decided to put off to the next meeting the final discussion of that question. Even if adapted the new law would not come into force before the month of May.

The council will ask the Highway Department to place signs along the roads leading to D'ville and giving the direction to the latter, especially from Montreal and Derby Line.

MAYOR'S WISHES

This being the last meeting of the council this year, Mayor Moisan cordially thanked the aldermen for their good work and support to the municipal administration during the expiring year, and wished them, as also the municipal employees and their families, a happy and prosperous new year.

The next meeting of the council, January 14th, will be the last before the municipal elections which will take place in a month from now.

"LA GUIGNOLEE", THURSDAY LAST

"Good evening, master and mistress of this house..." is the good old French tradition revived here, as in most of the other cities in this province, during the Christmas Eve. "La Guignolee", with its jolly troubadours, went from door to door here, Thursday night, begging for money or food to be distributed to the more unfortunate families during this joyful period of the year. Everywhere it went "La Guignolee" had a most hearty reception, and its organizers, Messrs Jos. Marier and Donat Marcotte, are very grateful for the way the population of Drummondville has shown its proverbial generosity, this year again. Besides a large quantity of food and clothes of all kinds the sum of \$416 was collected including a gift of \$50 from Hon. Hector Laferte, Minister of Colonization and Fisheries, M. L. A. for Drummond.

Former D'ville Man Killed

Mr. Kenneth MacIver, of Farnham, was found seriously injured, Thursday afternoon, in the Canadian Pacific Railway yards at Hochelaga and was immediately rushed to the Notre Dame Hospital, Montreal, in an unconscious condition. Upon his arrival at the hospital he was found to be in a very critical condition and passed away a few hours later.

The late Mr. MacIver was employed by the Canadian Pacific Railway as a fireman, having moved from Drummondville with his family last August to work out of Farnham. On Monday evening he left for Montreal to go on duty as fireman on Thursday from Cote St. Paul and as he was going to his work instead of going to Cote St. Paul yards he went to Hochelaga and was passing through the Hochelaga yards, when he was struck by a passing engine.

After the holding of the inquest on Friday morning, the remains were taken to Scotstown for interment. The funeral services and burial were in charge of the War Veterans Society.

The late Mr. MacIver served during the World War. After the Armistice he was married in England and brought his wife to Canada, settling on a government farm at Scotstown. Later he gave up farming and entered the Canadian Pacific Railway service. He leaves to mourn his loss his wife and two children, Jessie and Harry, an aunt and uncle and three cousins who live in Scotstown and other relatives in England.

THIEVES ENTERED TWO STORES

Sometime between Sunday night and Monday morning two local stores have been entered by burglars, and in both cases, the amount of goods stolen was not very large. At "La Perfection" store, Mr. Cohen proprietor, Heriot street, near the C. N. R. tracks, the unscrupulous night birds made their way in by a rear window. A barking dog that sleeps in the cellar, under Mr. Cohen's store, at night, frightened the thieves away but not before they had time to bring a warm winter overcoat along with them.

Mr. A. Maynard's pool room, 176 Lindsay street, was also broken in by a rear window. There three watches and other articles on a "punch-board" were stolen. One of the thieves left his cap in the latter place, which shows that he made quite a hurried exit. It is believed the guilty ones are young men. The police are investigating.

GETTING READY AT QUEBEC HOUSE

Quebec. — The proposer and seconder of the Speech from the Throne in both Legislative Council and Assembly at the opening of the Provincial Parliament here on January 7 next have been chosen. It was learned today. In the Council Chamber the mover in French will be Hon. Elise Theriault, and the seconder, in English, Hon. Jacob Nicol. In the Assembly the mover will be Adelard Godbout, M.L.A., for L'Islet, and the seconder, in English, C. J. Oliver, M.L.A., for Brome.

E. T. NEWS OF INTEREST

MORTALLY INJURED

Sherbrooke. — The death occurred in the St. Vincent de Paul Hospital Thursday morning of Mr. James Boutin, aged forty, a farmer living six miles from Stanstead, following injuries received Wednesday when his arm was caught in the clutch pulley of a gasoline engine he was operating.

Mr. Boutin's sweater caught in the pulley which was revolving rapidly, and his right arm sustained a compound fracture and his right leg was also fractured between the knee and thigh. Dr. Ross was called and rendered first aid, and the condition of the patient being so serious he was sent to the St. Vincent de Paul Hospital, Sherbrooke, on the noon train.

On admission to the hospital, an x-ray examination revealed that he was suffering from serious internal injuries, which caused his death.

E. T. BOARDS OR TRADE

Matters ranging from the widening of the C.P.R. subway on the road between Lennoxville and Sherbrooke to increased immigration for the Eastern Townships were taken up at a joint meeting of the executives of the Eastern Townships Associated Boards of Trade and the Eastern Townships Immigration Society held in the office of the Immigration Society last week. Alderman J. K. Edwards, president of the Associated Boards, and Mr. B. N. Robinson, president of the Immigration Society, presided at the session.

KILLED BY TREE

Coaticook. — Andreas Guimond, 51-year-old lumberman of Barnston Township, was instantly killed in the wood near Stanhope, about ten miles from here, Friday afternoon. Guimond was working in a camp owned by Aime Grandbois, who was operating for Paradis & Sons, lumber merchants.

Guimond, Grandbois and two other men, Joseph Bilodeau and Joseph Boutin, were working in the woods about a mile from the camp, cutting down a tree. As the tree fell the men rushed out of its path, but it struck another timber and broke off a large limb. This fell in the direction of Guimont, pinning him beneath it. The other three men rushed to his assistance, but he was dead from a fractured skull before they could release him.

TO PENITENTIARY

Sherbrooke. — Yvonne Baron was taken to Montreal, Friday, by High Constable Philias Lanctot and from there she will go to Kingston Penitentiary, where she will serve two years for manslaughter. The Baron girl was found guilty of manslaughter by the jury during the Criminal Court session here in connection with the death of her infant child, whose body was found in the Magog River during the month of May last.

Court Terms

The following proclamation appeared in the last issue of the Quebec Official Gazette:

"The terms of the Superior Court of the District of Arthabaska at Drummondville, and those of the Circuit Court in and for the County of Drummond, sitting at Drummondville, will be fixed to the third Tuesday of February, April, June, September and November, and to the three days following, the Superior Court having precedence over the Circuit Court for the three first days of each term."

EPHEMERIDES OF D'VILLE FOR YEAR ENDING TO-NIGHT

Outstanding Happenings Here During 1929 — Briefly Recalled — Local, Municipal, Industrial and Other Activities.

LIST OF EVENTS

JANUARY

- 1 — The annual collection of "La Guignolee", for the poor, gave good results: \$373.84 in cash and a large quantity of goods of all kinds.
- 2 — During 1928 there were, in Drummondville, 323 christenings, 84 marriages and 108 interments, is report made public.
- 11 — Official opening here of the hockey season.
- 15 — Mr. Adelard Soucy's house, near the Canadian Celanese, gutted by flames.
- 16 — Town Council decides that every dog here must be muzzled on account of an epidemic of rabies.
- 17 — Report published that local construction represented sum of \$600,000 in 1928.
- 19 — Storm causes some damages in D'ville and district.
- 23 — Retailers' Association of Canada organizes concert in D'ville.
- 28 — Opening of big tombola, at the K. of C's Hall, to the benefit of Convent.
- 29 — C. N. R. officials present decoration to Mesdames D. Grondin and N. Bernier for their heroic conduct during the tragic railroad accident, at C. N. R. bridge, April 8th, 1928.
- 30 — Mr. G.-W. Stephen, comm. (Continued on page 4)

NO ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING FEDERAL APPOINTMENTS, AS YET

Increase in Construction in November

Figures Show Month's Total to Be 21 Per Cent. Above 1928 at \$16,166,385 — Eleven Months Aggregate at High Level.

NEW PEAK

The aggregate value of the construction represented by the building permits issued by 61 cities during November was \$16,166,385. This was a seasonal decline of \$1,897,192 or 10.5 per cent as compared with the October total of \$18,063,577, but an increase of \$335,549 or 2.1 per cent in the more significant comparison with the November 1928, figure of \$15,830,836. The total for November, 1929, was greater than in the same month of any other year for which statistics for the 61 cities are available, while the cumulative value for the elapsed eleven months of 1929 exceeds by over \$17,000,000 that for the same months in 1928, the previous high level of this ten years' record.

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics, showing that they had issued more than 900 permits for dwellings estimated to cost nearly \$5,000,000 and about 2,500 permits for other buildings estimated at almost \$10,500,000. During October, authority was granted for the erection of about 1,200 dwellings and 3,800 other buildings estimated to cost approximately \$6,000,000 and \$11,000,000, respectively.

There will be another meeting of Cabinet this week.

ABSENT FOR WEEK

Winnipeg. — Hon. T. A. Crerar, president of the United Grain Growers, moved closer Friday to his projected appointment to the Dominion Cabinet. While the Cabinet held a session at Ottawa, Mr. Crerar was speeding eastward to the Capital. It is accented that his appointment to the portfolio of railways will be announced this week.

On the morning train Mr. Crerar departed for Ottawa to be absent "for a week". His journey is expected to bring to an end the long period of delay since the first rumor that he was slated to reenter politics. The position of Minister of Railways was opened with the transfer of Hon. Charles Dunning to the Ministry of Finance, following the death of Hon. James A. Robb.

Mr. Crerar, it is predicted, will be a candidate in Brandon constituency. The constituency is at present represented by Hon. Robert Forke, Minister of Immigration and Colonization, who is slated for Manitoba's Senate vacancy. What reorganization is intended to fill the portfolio of immigration has not been made known.

This Month's Snowfalls Are Almost Record

Fall of Nearly 40 Inches — 53 Inches in 1908 and 41 Inches in 1905 — Workers Grateful.

FIGURES

Snow flurries during the first half of last week helped to raise the snowfall for the month of December to a little short of forty inches which is the highest amount that has been recorded in Drummondville for a number of years. The highest total for the last month of the year recorded at the Brothers of Charity's meteorological station was in 1908 when 53 inches fell, the next highest in 1905, with 41 inches.

In recent years the greatest snowfall in December was in 1926, when 35 inches fell, but this has already been surpassed this year. Last year there was very little snow during the month of December. Many will remember that it seemed until the last minute as if there would be a green Christmas. Last year only 13 inches fell. The (Continued on page 3)

Order Prevalled

Law and order prevailed throughout the city, last week, according to reports from police headquarters. No arrests of any nature were made over the holiday, and there were no unexpected calls to require attention, except as for a theft on Heriot St.

It was also reported that the fire department had enjoyed a quiet time, no calls being received on Christmas week.

SPORT NEWS

GAMES WE WANT TO SEE

Three games have already been booked for "our boys" and it is expected that they will be attended by large crowds, as all three are against teams classed as superior in the field of hockey amateurism in this province.

The visiting team here Friday night this week is not known officially as yet, but will be one capable of giving entire satisfaction to the public, state the officers of the local club.

Sunday afternoon the Maison Simon players, from Montreal, will measure against the locals.

January 8th, Wednesday evening, the Amateur Canadien, who gave us such a brilliant exhibition, Sunday last, will be back on our rink.

Sunday afternoon, Jan. 12th, the St. Viateur Deaf and Dumb lads, Montreal, will be in D'ville and the largest crowd yet to see a hockey game here is expected to turn out.

Mr. Seguin, the manager of the D'ville team is most satisfied with his players, he stated to our representative, Sunday afternoon, and hopes that the enthusiasm shown by the fans at that game will continue during all the hockey season. To all the fans he expresses, in the name of the D'ville players and for himself, the most hearty wishes of a happy and prosperous New Year full of local hockey victories.

D'VILLE TIES 3 TO 3 WITH CANADIEN AMATEUR, SUNDAY

Fast and Brilliant Game — Supplementary Period of 10 Minutes — Large Crowd Attended and Much Enthusiasm Prevailed.

Sunday afternoon's hockey game was yet more interesting than the one played against Larry Carmel's Club, last week; it was certainly the most thrilling seen on the local ice this year, so far.

After a supplementary 10 minutes period both teams left the rink with a tie of 3 to 3 score.

The play was the clearest possible and the visiting team was so enthused that its manager has expressed the wish of his players for another game here. The play was fast, full of unexpected shots, of brilliant rushes and fine combinations, in a word it was the very kind fans want to see in Drummondville this season.

A record crowd attended and cheers for both teams did not lack.

LINE-UP
D'VILLE C. AMATEUR
Beaulac Goal Jeanette
Champagne L. Def. Tapin B.

Haney Def. Gagnon L.
Champagne P. R. Wing Simoneau
Haworth Centre Seguin
Desautels L. Wing Viger
Bouchard Sub. Giroux
Corriveau A. Tremblay
Pepin V. Martel
Paré A.

FIRST PERIOD
D'ville — Pepin (Corriveau)
Canadien — None.

SECOND PERIOD
Canadien — Séguin
D'ville — Desautels
Canadien — Viger

THIRD PERIOD
No Score.

FIRST SUPPL.
D'ville — Corriveau (Champagne)
Canadien — None.

SECOND SUPPL.
Canadien — Viger (Gagnon).
At the Pen: Champagne L., Desautels, Champagne P., for D'ville; Tapin, for Amateur Canadien.

GRIFFITHS TO BE SHARKEY'S NEXT OPPONENT

Such is Latest Rumor — Kid From Sioux City a Tough One — Beat Johnny Risko, at Madison Square Garden, Last Week.

New York. — The season for an able-bodied citizen capable of giving plenty of battle to Jack Sharkey down where the palms wave in the hot sunshine of Miami seems to have ended in Gerald Ambrose Griffiths, that tough, lantern-jawed kid from Sioux City, Ia.

While the dew still dropped from the frame of the tough one and "Bellerin" Joe Humphreys waved one wet glove aloft in token of decisive victory over Johnny Risko, the first clear cut of the ballyhoo call rang out last night from the ringside of Madison Square Garden.

"He looks great," beamed the plump little matchmaker, Tom McArde, who has been losing weight recently searching for the man to fight Sharkey in the second annual battle of the palms on February 27. "I think Tuffy will get that shot." Tuffy did look good. The rough youngster with the shock of sandy hair belted old John Risko for ten rounds to win a rugged but easy decision. Gerald Ambrose went out to slug with the rubber man at Cleveland and stayed out there slugging until he had won nine of the ten rounds beyond question while losing one. There were no knockdowns for \$42,466.39 worth of customers, and the rubber man was only slightly cut about the face at the close, but plump Johnny was staggered in six of the rounds by Griffiths' short rights to the chin and heavy body attack.

Against Kissing

In its latest campaign against kissing as a common form of greeting, the Soviet Government might cite the authority of Montaigne, who found the promiscuous kissing customs of sixteenth century France extremely distasteful. "It is a dear price make viands the better" he wrote. "See how the form of salutation doth by its facility bastardize the grace of kisses. It is an unpleasant and injurious custom unto ladies, nor do we gain much thereby, for, as the world is divided into four parts, so for four fair ones we may kiss fifty foul, and to a nice and delicate stomach one ill kiss doth surpass one good."

BOXING

Berlin, N. H. — Young Lebrun, of Sherbrooke, knocked out Billy Gardiner, of East Boston, in the third round of a ten-round feature bout here yesterday afternoon. Both men weighed 124 pounds.

NEW BASEBALL MARKS SET UP DURING 1929

Lefty O'Doul, of Phillies, Officially Proclaimed Champion Batman of National League — Hornsby Credited With Another Record.

New York. — Frank J. Lefty O'Doul, of the Phillies, was formally proclaimed champion batsman of the National League yesterday with the issuance of the official averages for the 1929 season. O'Doul, a former pitcher and cast-off by other major league clubs, led the pack with an average of .398. Unofficial averages had credited him with an even .400.

O'Doul procured 254 hits during the campaign, establishing a new major league record. This topped by four safeties the record of 20 established by Rogers Hornsby for St. Louis in 1922. O'Doul and Lloyd Waner, of the Pirates, each registered 181 singles.

Rogers Hornsby, who won the most valuable player award as a result of his consistent efforts for the Chicago Cubs during the season, also broke a National League record by scoring 156 runs. Hazen Cuyler, now a Cub with Hornsby, scored 144 runs with Pittsburgh in 1925 to establish the previous high. Hornsby led, too, with the most total bases, 410.

Hornsby, however, saw one of his league marks shot away by another newcomer in such select class, Chuck Klein, also of the Phillies, making a new home run record with forty-three. Hornsby hit forty-two in 1922.

Johnny Frederick's fifty-two two base hits were enough to create another record, and Lloyd Waner led in triples with twenty. Freddy Maguire, Boston, topped the sacrifice hitters with twenty-six and Kiki Cuyler showed the way to the base stealers with forty-three.

The hitting in 1929 was better than that offered for 1928. Sixty players hit for .300 hitters numbered only forty-seven.

Only five players participated in all the games their teams played and Philadelphia had three of the exclusive quintet. O'Doul, Arthur Whitner and Frank Hurst. The others were Hornsby, of the Cubs, and George Sisler, of the Braves, who probably has played his last season as a regular.

O'Doul is the fourth player to lead the National League while wearing the uniform of Philadelphia and the first for nearly twenty years.

New Magazine Out for Sportsmen

A new magazine, "Fish and Game in Quebec," will be launched next month, according to a recent decision reached by executive members of the Province of Quebec Association for the Protection of Fish and Game. The new publication will be devoted exclusively to the interest of sportsmen in the province and will feature hunting and fishing articles written by members of the association.

The first issue of the publication will carry a number of articles written especially for the association by leading sportsmen in the United States and Canada and will be illustrated with action pictures taken by hunters in the north. A number of prominent Quebecers, who have taken an active interest in fish and game conservation, will also contribute.

Man's Future

Predictions on this subject were hazarded by Dr. Ales Hrdlicka before a recent meeting of the American Philosophy Society in Philadelphia. These are discussed editorially in *The Journal of the American Medical Association* (Chicago), as follows:

"The future of man in this world seems at present to be a subject of comparatively little human concern, perhaps because there are few definite data on which to base any cogent speculations, and few persons, at most, who are equipped either by temperament or by training to venture into the field of guesswork. Altho the study of the evolution of living forms has made great strides, the story of the past of man still remains fragmentary. Man in something like his present form is a relatively recent comer; there are intimations that he approached his present status within less than thirty thousand years, which is less than one-twentieth, possibly less than one-hundredth, of his existence. Man is probably not apart in his origin, but belongs to the rest of the living world. His known transformation from the Neanderthal individual to the *Homo sapiens* of to-day furnishes an index by which the possibilities of further change may be interpreted. Hrdlicka ventured a few predictions as to man's future in the light of the past and present. He foresees further differentiation and refinement of the brain and of the sensory nervous system. The main changes will be in the internal organization of the brain, in a greater blood supply, in a greater general effectiveness. According to Hrdlicka, the skull will in all probability become thinner. It may be expected to grow fuller laterally and anteroposteriorly. The hair of the head will probably be further weakened. The stature promises generally to be even somewhat higher than to-day among the best nourished and least repressed groups. But there is no indication as yet that it may reach what to-day would be termed gigantism."

Art Collection

Auguste Rodin's marble group, "Le Baiser," is to be sold at the dispersal of the Warren collection at Lewess House, Sussex, this month. This group, which is over life-size, is a later and enlarged version of a group representing the episode of Paola Malatesta and Francesca da Rimini in Dante's poem. There are two other groups, one in Paris and one in the National Gallery at Copenhagen, but the group now offered, which was executed by Rodin for Mr. Warren, the artist himself considered his finest version. Rodin, who is best known in England by his group of "Le Bourgeois de Calais" on the Thames Embankment, placed the British nation in his debt when, "as an expression of his admiration for the deeds of the British Army, 1914," he made a noble gift of twenty of his works to the Victoria and Albert Museum. In 1916 he gave the whole of the rest of his works to the French nation, which makes the prospect of any of his important sculptures appearing in the market highly improbable. Two other of Rodin's works are also to be sold — his bust of Henri Rochefort, the remarkable journalist of "L'intransigeant," and a bronze statuette, "La Vieille Heaulmière," while there are also several works by Rodin's friend and fellow student, Dalou. The late Mr. E. P. Warren was a life long connoisseur, and the catalogue is filled with furniture, china, silver, and bric-a-brac. A wonderful Elizabethan draw table purchased from an old house near Lewes, and a unique collection of old oak benches of the fifteenth century from the old church at Ormskirk, Lancashire, are also to be sold. The china includes dinner, tea, and other services in Cupodi Monte, Derby, Frankenthal,

Japan Wants Naval Reduction

There's no use talking about naval disarmament to the Japanese, it appears, unless real reduction, as well as limitation, is meant. The Japanese press are gratified that the Government has accepted the invitation to the five-Power naval parity, but they insist that the burden of supporting armed forces must be lifted from the back of the taxpayer. No such relief is in sight now, despite all the disarmament talk, as they see it. An American-owned Tokyo newspaper, *The Trans-Pacific*, points out that in general Japanese editors would welcome some arrangement by which Japan would be able to scrap a few cruisers and still have 70 per cent. of the tonnage of America and of Great Britain. As it is, however, Japan has only 50 or 60 per cent. of America's cruiser strength, and to reach 70 per cent. would actually have to build more. Japan's cruiser strength is 108,400 tons, divided between eight 10,000-tonners and four 7100-tonners. With a 10-10-17 radio America and Great Britain would cut their strength to 155,000 tons if the Japanese idea went through. But, remarks *The Trans-Pacific*, Britain and America have such a large cruiser tonnage now, built or authorized, that if their basic strength is maintained, Japan will have to double its present cruiser fleet. Says the *Osaka Asahi*:

"The only nation that will reap any benefit from the naval conference is Great Britain, because she can reduce expenses by discontinuing replacement construction. America must build all cruisers on her program, and Japan will also have to spend a great deal of money. Japan does not look on the present strength of Great Britain or America as the objective of her naval policy, but is anxious to preserve a sufficient force for defense. If Japan is free to maintain such a force, she does not care whether or not the two nations expand their navies since Japan will be affected in no way."

But this *Osaka* daily can not see why Great Britain stubbornly insists upon 340,000 tons of cruisers, or why the United States is so tenacious in claiming parity. If Great Britain is suspicious of France and Italy, it goes on to say, she can eliminate her suspicion by an agreement with America. If America, moreover, refuses to believe in Great Britain and undertakes to establish parity, we are told, she is free to make a naval convention with Great Britain independently of the three other nations. Finally, this newspaper expresses the hope that the five-Power conference will not end in such a way as to oblige Japan to increase her taxes.

One point especially stressed by the Japanese press is the need of the lesser naval Powers for submarines. They are an indispensable weapon of defense on the seas, says the *Tokyo Nichi Nichi*, and are "very highly valued by nations whose capital ships are relatively weak." This newspaper can discover neither reason nor justification for discussing the abolition or limitation of submarines at the coming conference.

The Tokyo *Asahi* urges that the Japanese delegates at the parity make efforts for the reduction of cruiser tonnage, and it continues: "Japan has only eight 10,000-ton cruisers armed with eight-inch guns, and her strength of this weapon is too inferior in comparison with eighteen American cruisers of 10,000-ton type. Japan has four more cruisers carrying eight-inch guns, but each displaces 7,100 tons."

Core of the Earth

The core of this globe on which we live is a glasslike molten mass measuring half the diameter of the earth. This intensely hot and fluid composition is subjected to a pressure of 25,000 tons to the square inch, and has a temperature of more than 90,000 degrees F. This concept of the inner structure of the earth was recently put forward by Dr. Reginald A. Daly, Professor of Geology at Harvard University, before the Seismological Society of America. Says a writer in *The Compressed Air Magazine* (New York):

"The coming winter may be a relatively cold one; but, if Dr. Daly be correct in his assumption, we can comfort ourselves with the thought that Mother Earth has, at least, an incandescent heart. "Some one may be inclined to ask, 'How is this vast globular mass of molten glass kept in place, especially if we accept the theory entertained by some scientists that the hard crust of our globe is really only a thin shell of solidified matter?' Dr. Daly has gone to some pains to tell us just what lies between the white-hot core and the surface upon which we dwell. As he explains it, the core is enveloped by a tremendously thick shell, composed of metallic iron, such as comes to us from space in the form of meteoric bodies. "Then follow encasing zones of

Wedgwood, Worcester, and Devonport, while there are also over 900 ounces of fine old English silver and a few early embroideries,

basalt and granite which, in their turn, are cloaked by a terrestrial crust that has a thickness of thirty miles. Because the central fluid half of the earth's interior has to support the encompassing more or less plastic rock formations, any disturbances of the stability of the core may lead to outer deformations producing earthquakes, and even volcanoes and mountain ranges. Dr. Daly is reported by the *New York Times* to have said: "Just as the chemist is studying the anatomy of the atom, the astronomer the structure of the star by the study of light and heat waves, just as the depth of the ocean can now be tested by measuring the echo of sound waves from the bottom of the sea, so the geologist can now infer something of the structure of the earth by analyzing the long waves set in motion by the mighty hammer of an earthquake." Dr. Daly may be only part way right, and he may be even more wrong than right; but his contribution to this absorbing subject will have its value nevertheless, and there is no denying the fascination of the spectacular picture he draws for us."

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merical, agent for Canada, in Peru, a visitor in D'ville.

31 — District manager of Bell Telephone Co., states that several improvements will be made at telephone central here.

FEBRUARY
1 — Thirty snowshoers of the "Pieds Legers" leave for the annual carnival at Lewiston, Me.

5 — Paul Dery, 30, killed by train, near C.N.R. bridge here.

7 — The Manoir Drummond open to public.

19 — Fire destroys barns and stables on Mr. J. Jutra's farm, St-Cyrille.

19 — Mr. H. Robert, electrical engineer at D'ville Cotton, is severely burnt by electricity.

26 — Town council authorizes plans for fire station and public market.

27 — Opening of local automobile salons.

5 — C.N.R. begins construction of new express offices and improvements to station.

6 — Construction of \$50,000 school at St-Joseph Village decided upon.

7 — Hon. Hector Laferte obtains several grants for different school commissions in Drummond county.

9 — Bell Telephone enters its new central here, corner Lindsay and St-Edward streets.

9 — Mr. Severe Rene named postmaster to replace Dr. Rajotte.

16 — Mayor Moisan's birthday anniversary is the occasion of an enjoyable party organized by a large number of his friends.

13 — Mr. O. Fafard, mayor of St-Eugene, elected prefect of county.

20 — Deported that new manufacture, Dominion Hosiery Co., Mr. F. C. Christman, manager, will open soon.

21 — Inauguration of university course at convent here.

23 — Fire damages Mr. J. B. Hamel's house, St-George street.

25 — Hon. Laferte obtains special grant of \$35,000 for the David Academy.

26 — Official report that Dominion Silk Printing Co., will soon build manufacture in D'ville.

28 — Highways in this district open to regular automobile traffic.

APRIL
7 — Meeting of citizens at David Academy to discuss ways and means to promote the cause of instruction in D'ville.

9 — Dept. of Municipal Affairs grants town council permission to loan \$83,000.

18 — Weather bad, roads in worst conditions possible.

24 — Hon. Hector Laferte is made Minister of Colonization and Fisheries.

28 — Daylight Saving Time effective from today.

MAY
2 — Preparing plans for S. C. P. park here, along St. Francis river.

7 — Annual concert by Harmony Band, at Rialto theatre, attracts large audience.

7 — Autobus service between D'ville and Sherbrooke inaugurated.

8 — Rate-payers vote by-law for \$83,000 loan.

11 — Mr. Joseph Marier, lawyer, D'ville, elected batonnier of Arthabaska district.

30 — Paving work begun on Lindsay street.

30 — Drummondville Cotton allow city to use part of land near manufacture as play-grounds for children.

JUNE
1 — Funeral of late Mrs John Moisan, mother of mayor Moisan.

6 — "La Parole" starts big circulation contest.

7 — Mrs R. Janelle, nee Leda Lajoie, dies suddenly.

8 — Rate-payers approve by-law 159 for the construction of new sewers to cost \$15,000.

12 — Annual inspection of cadets by Captain Routhier, from Montreal.

13 — Construction of sidewalk at park.

20 — Summer vacations begin today for school children.

27 — Hon. Laferte obtains grant of \$800.00 for no. 6 school, Grant-ham.

30 — Messrs N. Garceau, Joseph Marier, Alex. Mercure and A. Bernard chosen to represent the county of Drummond at a provincial conservative convention held at Quebec.

JULY
1 — Drummondville celebrates Dominion Day.

3 — Reported that the Ste. Croix Hospital will be enlarged incessantly.

7 — Pilgrimage of 200 citizens to the Tower of Martyrs, St-Celestin.

11 — Brilliant banquet, at the Manoir, in honor of Hon. Hector Laferte, M. L. A., for Drummond, called to the Taschereau cabinet as Minister of Colonization, Hunting and Fisheries.

16 — Town council buys land, at intersection of Brock and Lindsay streets, which will serve as a small park.

20 — La Parole's big contest ended to-night. Miss Emma Pepin won the Buick Sedan, 1st prize; Miss Francoise Gaudet, Aston Junction, won the 2nd prize, a Ford Tudor; the third prize, a De Forest-Crosby Radio, was won by Mrs Wallace Landry, St-Germain.

25 — Leo Asselin, D'ville, is badly burnt while climbing a transmission line tower, at the foot of Bellevue street.

28 — Mercury goes up to 90 degrees, a record for the beginning of summer, and highest attained since 1921.

28 — Harmony Band takes part in the celebration of 50th anniversary of St. Hyacinthe band.

AUGUST
1 — Rev. Brother Dominique becomes director of David Academy.

4 — Fifty candidates initiated in Knights of Columbus.

10 — Death of senator N. K. Laflamme, ex-M.P. for Drummond.

11 — James Desilets, 15, severely burnt by hot wax.

12 — The Drummondville Cotton Co., and The Butterfly Hosiery Co., Ltd., start enlarging their plants.

25 — Harmony Band is taking part in the Sherbrooke musical festival.

SEPTEMBER
1 — Immovable property in D'ville is valued at \$6,715,695.00.

8 — Armand, son of Mr. Stanislas Daignault, drowns in the St. Francis river.

9 — Medical clinic several doctors, held at L. Et.

11 — County Exhibition held at L. Et.

12 — Philarmonte Hyacinthe, gives concert at park.

18 — His Grace nault pays his pastoral visit to D'ville.

20 — Fire causes damages to Mr. Brodeur, Heriot St.

30 — "L'Union Drummondville" holds convention.

30 — Lorenzo B. rested, accused of tury to the Mercure doo.

OCTOBER
1 — Official in St. Hyacinthe-Drummondway. Hon. Perrault, ferte represent the ernment.

8 — Work begins road from Heriot St. to cis bridge.

10 — Installation system down town.

11 — First snow.

14 — Death of curate at St-Germain.

24 — Raymond J. son of Mr. J. A. Casenally hurt by automobile.

31 — George Thon, death in Drummond elevator.

NOVEMBER
3 — Flames destroy Lefebvre's house.

6 — Mayor and town councilors Municipalities' convocation.

7 — Hon. Hectortains special school \$4,550.00.

11 — Local War of brate Armistice Ann 13 — Annual of the tailors' Association Quebec held here. D' quet, at which Heistr guest of honour, clean 14 — Value of new in Drummondville, reported to be \$430,000.

19 — Annual of Drummond-Yamaska at St-Guillemme.

24 — Interior of church is practica Faithful attend in upper part of DECEMBER

5 — Census taken rick parish priests tion of Drummondville to be 9,930, which is 700 since last year.

20 — Turkey Hall.

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