

The Spokesman

The truth hurts, and so would you if you were stretched as much.

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Chief Moquin Arrests Three Hobos Wanted Provincial Officers

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News of Interest

How three "Knights of the Road" fell into police toils through the keenness of Chief Moquin, was brought to light here yesterday. The three transients have been sought by detectives for some time, and are alleged to have committed a series of robberies which were being investigated.

The first detention was made here on Friday, when a grimy looking individual who gave his name as Louis Bainville, 26, of no address, was held for questioning.

It appears that the taciturn Chief Moquin, handles hobos according to his own system; investigating each case carefully, before giving the usual free meal-ticket. In questioning Bainville, it is understood that the Chief was dissatisfied with the man's answers; particularly, when he learned from another source that Bainville had been seen in company with another hobo, who bears a sinister reputation among his fellow travellers and is known only by the romantic name "Cowboy".

"Cowboy", it was hinted by the Chief's informant, was a ringleader among ignoble freight passengers, and may have been connected with the most recent robbery in which took place in Princeville.

The Chief continued his detective work, finally discovering that the man under suspicion had disposed of stolen goods, here in town. He immediately placed him under arrest, notifying the detectives who were carrying on the investigation.

When the two officers arrived, it was decided necessary locate "Cowboy"; whom they discovered, after a visitation to many "hobo hangouts". They also arrested a third man, bringing both prisoners back to Drummondville. It is alleged that a full confession was obtained from all three men, and Bainville was sent to Quebec, in charge of one of the detectives while the other two men were taken to Arthabaska.

Full details are not yet available, but it is understood that the amount of goods stolen, in various places, amounted to several hundred dollars.

EFFORTS TO STOP TRANSIENTS
"Hobo" passengers have been
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Civic Elections To Take Place February First

Mayor and Eight Aldermen Will Be Elected for two Years — Time Allowed for Complaints Against Elector's List is Now Up.

General municipal elections will take place in Drummondville on Monday, February 1st, when a mayor and eight aldermen will be elected for a period of two years. Nomination day is January 25th, so that less than two weeks remain before the line-up is made officially known.

The voters' list which will determine the right of citizens to vote at this election has been completed for some time, and is now deposited at the City Hall. Time for complaining against it, is up however, but it is said to be as near complete as possible.

The forthcoming municipal election promises to evoke considerable interest amongst the citizens. Many important problems have to be settled by the new Council, and every-one is agreed that the calibre of the men appointed will determine, in large measure, the success or failure of the civic administration during the next two years.

Rumors are common purporting to cite the names of those who will enter the municipal lists. We do not consider that such premature declarations have any value whatsoever, and the old gag about this or that citizen being waited upon by "representative delegations" who "exerted pressure" is all the bunk.

On the other hand, we have no doubt that at the proper time and place, really serious candidatures will be made known. The city of Drummondville is approaching a turning-point in its history, and it will largely depend upon the results of next February's elections whether it is to go forward or slip back.

Mussolini Thanks Pope for Honor

Rome. — Premier Benito Mussolini, who was decorated by the Pope on Saturday with the Order of the Golden Spur, sent the following message of appreciation today:

"I beg you to accept my expressions of thankfulness for the high decoration your Holiness has kindly bestowed on me, also the sentiment of my profound respect."

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Masonic Lodge Installation of New Officers

Heriot Lodge Entertains Distinguished Guests, at Banquet Given in Celebration of Annual Event — Prominent Officials of Order Officiate at Induction Ceremony.

On Saturday evening, members of Heriot Lodge No. 110, A.F. & A.M., assembled at their quarters for the installation of officers elected for the year 1932. The ceremonies were ably conducted by R. W. Bro. Borup, District Deputy Grand Master, Montreal No. 3; V. W. Bro. Selkirk, Past Grand Director of Ceremonies, and W. Bro. Grundy of Beaver Lodge, Montreal.

Immediately following the induction rites, the brethren, their guests, and friends gathered at the Manoir Hotel, where a sumptuous banquet was given in celebration of the event. It was estimated that over one hundred and fifty persons attended.

The presentation of a P.M.'s jewel to the retiring Master, W. Bro. Awcock, by his successor, Worshipful Master Olive, was followed by a toast to the King and Craft; proposed by the new M.

Guest speakers, officers, and vocal entertainers — Messrs. Stephenson, Taylor, Wilson, and Russel, of the celebrated Masonic quartette — completed a perfect program. Brother Parker accompanied the singers; later giving a piano solo, in answer to a special request.

The visiting officers were high in their praise of Heriot Lodge; congratulating its officers and brethren on the work already accomplished. Very Worshipful Bro. Selkirk, whose pleasant "bur-r" distinguishes him as a member of an acquisitive race, spoke of his close association with the lodge, since its formation only a few years ago. He expressed his personal feeling of pride over its progress; praising the work accomplished by W. Bro. Awcock during his term of leadership, and expressing a wide-felt confidence for its

Russia Would Buy Aluminum Goods

Payment Would Be Partly In Coal, Involving Removal of Canada's Embargo, Ottawa Will Be Asked To Extend Concession.

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credit of \$20,000,000, and its own \$1,000,000 credit to Jugia Slavia. It was understood that the directors regarded Chancellor Bruening's reparations statement of last week as "very interesting and irritating to the French, but not likely to interfere with plans for the Lausanne Conference."

Mr. W. A. Moisan is Unanimous Choice For Mayor's Seat

At a Meeting Held Sunday Afternoon Ex-Mayor Moisan is Requested to be a Candidate for Re-Election to Mayoralty.

A group of about two hundred citizens assembled on Sunday afternoon in the vacant store of the Feltier's building, corner of Heriot and Berard streets, in order to choose a candidate in view of the coming municipal elections which are scheduled to be held on February 1st, nomination taking place January 25th.

Mr. W. A. Moisan was again unanimously chosen although his wish this year was to retire from active municipal life due to failing health and for other personal reasons.

The meeting was presided over by Dr. Helie who in well chosen words stressed the fact that it would be in the interest of the whole community to have this year elections by acclamation for the mayor, especially and also for the aldermen. He said that this period of depression was no time to fight useless battles and that every citizen should do all in his power to bring about understanding between standing parties, should there be any. His attitude, he remarked, was based on the great amount of confidence which he had in the present mayor and he sincerely hoped for his return into office by acclamation and should there be voting, by the largest majority yet recorded here.

Mr. Moisan was the next speaker. He stated that he had decided not to re-enter the municipal arena. However, due to the high pressure exerted on him by his many friends he would if such was the wish of the majority continue on with the task of presiding over the destinies of our city. During his eight years of office as mayor of Drummondville, the welfare of the community had been his goal and he was ready during the coming term to give all his energy and ability towards improving this community welfare.

He suggested that the best known men in this city should be called in order that the council may be able to face the numerous difficulties which in his opinion would be our lot for the coming year. He then thanked all those present for the confidence shown him and wished as every good citizen should that there would be acclamations for the whole of the council. Drs. Gapon, Charpentier and Rajotte also spoke.

Principal Interest Centres in Quebec's Plans to Aid Farmers

Quebec Legislature Resumed Yesterday — Expected that Minister of Agriculture Will Present Bill to Assist Farmers in Obtaining Rural Loans at a Lower Rate of Interest Than They Now Pay the Dominion Farm Loan Board.

Following the Christmas holiday recess, which began on December 23rd, the Quebec Legislature resumed yesterday. Premier L. A. Taschereau has indicated that the business of the province has so far been advanced that the House will likely prorogue on or before February 15th.

Principal interest centres in what measure the Government proposes to assist the farmers in obtaining rural loans at a lower rate of interest than they now pay the Dominion Farm Loans Board. While no notice has yet been given of a bill to cover this subject, it is expected it will be forthcoming shortly from Hon. Adelard Godbout, Minister of Agriculture.

The women's franchise bill, sponsored by Dr. Anatole Plante, Liberal member for Montreal-Mercier, will come up for consideration.

Hon. J. E. Perrault announced in the House, prior to adjournment, that the Government will only realize \$850,000 net from the increased gas sales tax from five to six cents a gallon. Premier Taschereau, it is said, will probably have an announcement to make regarding another source of probably additional revenue, but there is no inkling so far as to what the new tax will be.

Premier Taschereau has stated no action will be taken regarding motor buses and trucks until the Royal Commission on transportation has made its reports.

There are between forty and fifty bills of minor importance yet to be disposed of. It is expected party lines in the House will be broken when a division is taken on the bill presented by Amedee Caron, Liberal member for Magdalen Islands, calling for the carrying of lights at night on all vehicles, including bicycles using the highways.

Urban members are said to be very much in favor of the measure, backed by the various automobile clubs and associations of the Province, while the rural members are antagonistic to it.

Nationalist Gatherings Banned Under New Government Order

All Meetings of Groups of More Than Five Persons Are Prohibited, Automatically Barring Nationalist Meetings.

Bombay. — All meetings of groups of more than five persons were prohibited yesterday by a new special ordinance promulgated by the government and directed against the civil disobedience campaign. The new ordinance automatically outlaws all Nationalist gatherings.

Their activities in other directions curbed by the government ordinance, the Nationalists today established what they called "nucleus parallel government" by inaugurating an independent postal service between Bombay and outlying points.

If this is successful, they said, the service will be extended all over India and letters will be carried at half government rates.

At the same time the Nationalist "war council" announced it would engage in an intensive countryside campaign to persuade Indians to withdraw their postal savings and bank deposits from government institutions transferring them to Indian banks.

Over one hundred prominent businessmen of Bombay were invited by Sir Frederick Sykes, the governor, to meet with him "to discuss the present political situation."

The League of Nations established a branch here today for the purpose of strengthening relations between India and the League. The Indian bureau will be in charge of A. C. Chatterjee, former Indian journalist, who will keep the Indian public advised about the League's progress, policies and aims.

The Cotton Brokers' Association unanimously adopted a resolution protesting against Mahatma Gandhi's arrest, which they described as "an insult to the whole of India." Members of the association were urged to discourage the use of, and trade in, foreign goods and to exclude completely all goods from such countries as oppose Indian aspirations.

They were asked to invest their money in India for the benefit of local industries and to discourage the export of gold and hold their money in that metal as the best way of preserving the country's wealth.

Capitalist System Serves Shaw's End
Capetown. — There is no crisis in Europe, said George Bernard Shaw today when he arrived on a holiday trip. "There is only a muddle which may mark the beginning of the end of the capitalist system," he added.

"But the capitalist system will last long enough for me," he said, "and that's all I'm worrying about."

Canadian Trade Position Shows Great Improvement During Year

Decline in Exports of \$296,807,084 More Than Counterbalanced by Drop of \$384,360,175 in Imports.

Ottawa. — Imports of Canada from the United States dropped \$265,000,000 for the year ending November 30, 1931, as against a decline in exports of \$162,000,000. During the same period, exports to France and The Netherlands increased over four million dollars. These are the outstanding features of the report on Canada's foreign trade position for the twelve months just closed, compared with the previous year.

In the year ended November last, Canada's exports totalled \$631,077,742, a decrease of \$296,807,084 from the previous year, while imports amounted to \$648,146,525, a decline of \$384,360,175, indicating that net in the relation between imports and exports in the year ended November last, which disclose a close approach to a balancing of trade, but also in the general trend this country's foreign trade situation is slowly but steadily improving.

Exports to the United Kingdom were \$172,126,678, a decrease of over \$70,000,000, and imports were \$113,000,000, or a decline of over \$52,000,000, but showing actually a favorable balance of trade against the United Kingdom of nearly \$60,000,000. Imports from the United States totalled \$407,264,357, a decrease of \$265,000,000, and exports were \$265,903,122, a decrease of over \$162,000,000. The trade position with the United States also shows improvement.

Due largely to an increased marketing of Canadian wheat on the continent of Europe exports to France in the year ended November amounted to \$16,283,442, an increase over the previous year of \$2,500,000, and sales to The Netherlands totalled a little over \$13,000,000, an increase of \$2,000,000. In spite of adverse conditions exports to Belgium made a favorable showing, the total being nearly \$15,000,000, about \$1,500,000 less than the previous year. Owing to the continued hostilities in which China was involved.

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Braille Newspaper For Blind Planned

New York. — Because he believes blindness should not thwart ambition, Bernard Krebs, 20-year-old blind student of journalism, plans to found a Braille newspaper for the blind as soon as he has finished school.

It will probably be in St. Louis, he says, or perhaps Chicago. He expects friends of the blind to subsidize the venture.

The staff will be composed chiefly of blind people.

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St. George's Club Programme of Winter Activities

The Following Programme Has Been Arranged for the Coming Three Months — Dances, Lectures, Concerts, Plays and Tournaments.

Jan. 15—Dance;
Jan. 21—Lecture on "Television";
Jan. 29 (or Feb. 5)—Dance;
Feb. 11—Lecture—"Small Boat Voyages"; Prof. Thompson;
Feb. 18—Badminton tournament—mixed;
Feb. 25—Concert.
Mar. 3—Lecture—"The Weather"; Prof. Eve;
Mar. 10—Men's badminton tournament;
Mar. 16 and 17 or 20 and 31—Play "To Have the Honour";
It is hoped also to arrange another lecture in this period, or failing that, some other entertainment.

Club activities have been well supported this season. We hope members will continue the good work.
Please note the dance next Friday, Jan. 15th. The last dance was a great success, and we would like a repeat. Admission is about 50c, each refreshments downstairs in the interval at 5c each. Merry Makers Orchestra.

Town's Brieflets

RECORDS
The weatherman joining hands with local residents enabled hundreds of records to be posted over last week-end. Mr. Dionne, farmer, on the L'Avener Road at Brickyard lane turned a bunch of cattle into his fields adjoining the Celanese property where they had a frolic and nibbled the remains of last year's grass. The cattle came here last Fall from Saskatchewan where Mr. Dionne has a brother farming during many years.

GOLFING
And Mr. J. L. McCormack with his friend Sammy Mansfield tied to Grantam Fall and had a round of golf on January 9, 1932, surely a record in the game. Also, Messrs. J. W. St. Onge and Dom. Courchesne played golf over the whole nine hole course. No such thing ever happened hereabouts before.

DEPRESSION CURE
They say that General Depression hit or, sloped the beer trade locally and to recover a wasting clientele a well known Boniface dispensed beer by the large bottle free to all-comers. A fine New Year's benediction which should be repeated.

CAPTAIN VON IGEL
Who was Captain Von Igel named in an item in your paper last week? This is asked by a correspondent. Captains Von Papin and Von Igel were German Cavalry officers military attaches at the German Embassy Washington, U. S. A. during the time Count Bernsdorff was German Ambassador there. When the U.S. had made up its lingering mind to enter the War of Nations the Embassy was closed and the Captains and staff returned to their own Country Count Bernsdorff recommended the two Captains to the military authorities at Berlin for substantial money reward and appointments in the active army agreeable to their rank and experience. They were posted to the Turkish Cavalry. When Viscount Allenby led his troops, early and unexpected, one day into the City of Damascus, the two Captains barely escaped on their horses, having no time even to dress properly one of them being in pyjamas only on his unsaddled horse. They left clothing, accoutrements, decorations, maps, plans of marches and their correspondence. And in the correspondence were copies of Count Von Bernsdorff's recommendations of the Captains in which he urged their reward and preferment "because of their success in bringing about strikes and fires in munition plants in the United States and Canada but, especially in plants controlled by the Aetna Chemical Company of New York." This company through a subsidiary owned and operated the munition factories in Wickham, generally, known as Drummondville where its postal banking and railway services were. The parent Company in New York operated many plants in New Jersey, Indiana, and elsewhere, it was controlled by gentlemen of the Hebrew race chiefly from Germany and its President was Dr. Von Wollenberg. The local plant never made goods for Britain and was closed without explanation for a large part of one year. It made powder for France and for Russia and in 1918-19 made acids and powder for the United States the final operations being in March of 1919.

UNITED CHURCH
The Ladies' Aid Society will meet in the church on Thursday afternoon, January 14th, at 2:30 o'clock, with Mrs. Christian and Mrs. Bullard entertaining.

LADIES' BADMINTON CLUB
A tournament for members, married versus single, will be held in St. George's Hall Wednesday, January 20th, at 7:45 o'clock prompt. Will all wishing to play, kindly give name to any member of committee or sign list placed in St. George's Hall, before Tuesday, January 19th.

COMING CONCERT
A concert will be given in the United Church of Drummondville at 8 o'clock p.m. on Friday evening, January 15th, under the auspices of the Canadian Girls in Training.
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Canadian Grown Tobacco Gains England's Favor

Importation of Canadian Tobacco Through the Port of London Amounted to Over Two Million Pounds in 1931.

London. — The British smoker is turning his palate to Canadian tobacco. Imports through the port of London of Canadian tobacco in 1931 amounted to 2,070,000 pounds, against 728,000 pounds in 1930. Formerly Canadian tobacco was blended with other grades, but a large proportion is now sold separately.

FOG BOUND



Edward C. Burton, Toronto, Canadian Airways pilot, who "bailed out" of his fox-bound plane while on the Toronto-Detroit mail route and landed safely near Dunnville, Ont. His plane was burned.

Generous Fund Collected for Poor Families

Report Issued on Distribution of \$500. Collection Taken Up Among Employers of Local Plant—Generosity to Victims of Unfortunate Circumstances.

A report on the distribution of a \$500.00 fund, collected by the Celanese employees in aid of poor families, was issued recently by Mr. J. R. McCormack Sec. Tres. of the Celanese Sports Club.

It was revealed that over 33 families had benefited by the generous contribution, and were enabled to enjoy the Christmas festival in deserving fashion.

The purchases, it is understood, were secured at nearly cost price. Baskets were made up, each in proportion to the size of the family, and contained all the requirements for a royal feast, with provisions for many days ahead.

The generosity of employees of the Celanese, and other local factories, has demonstrated its self on many occasions, and the spirit indicated toward their more unfortunate fellows deserves the very highest praise.

