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IN CONFERENCE. PROVINCIAL PREMIERS MEET IN QUEBEC.

The Meeting is Private—Dominion Government Must First be Made Aware of the Decisions. Quebec, Dec. 19.—The first regular meeting of the interprovincial conference took place at eleven o'clock this morning. It was presided over by Hon. S. M. Parent, prime minister of the Province of Quebec. The sessions are strictly private. The business to be discussed and agreed upon at the conference will not be made public until a report of the same is forwarded to the Dominion government. It would be unpolitic and unusual, according to the president of the conference, to make known what resolutions are adopted and in the hands of the Dominion government. The party most concerned, second in importance to the provinces who are applying for their just rights. The prime ministers are expected to close their important deliberations at noon to-morrow. The distinguished visitors will go to Ste. Anne de Beaupre in the afternoon to visit the famous shrine, and they will be dined to-morrow night by the members of the board of trade at Kent House.

Back From Hunting. Barrieffield, Dec. 19.—The council held the last meeting of the year on Monday. The trustees swarmed from all parts of the township and came near swamping the tax collector and council, because they had no money for them to pay the teachers. J. P. Shortall, teaching at No. 2 school, will resign at the close of the season. E. Corby, marine engineer, returned home Thursday, after taking a boat loaded with coal to Toronto, on Saturday, then laying up his boat at Picton. Capt. Batten has returned after his second hunting expedition, highly successful and loaded with partridge. In Sudbury district he visited some of the nickel and copper mines. In some as many as 800 men were working, and all who could get work. People of the village are happy that Bowman Bros. have again leased the bridge toll privilege. Their many years of invaluable kindness to the public deserves more than gratitude, especially for all the parcels, packages, etc., that are safely cared for and sent on to the owners without pay or even thanks. Job's patience was not anything compared to that of Bowman Bros.

The City Made Deposit. The water works' committee has paid the captain of the schooner Annapolis a deposit of \$35 to allow it to remain on the suction pipe for the present. Superintendent Hewitt feared that in attempting to get it free, the pipe might suffer damage, unless great precaution were exercised, and advised the water works' committee to make the money deposit. Later on the anchor will be secured, and either retained by the city or returned to the schooner's captain for the \$35. This sum, it was thought, very small, as compared to risking a break in the pipe. Vessels have always been warned not to cast anchor opposite the water works, but the Annapolis did so on a dark night, not knowing exactly where it was.

Will Go To Guelph. Rev. Eber Crummy, B.A., B.Sc., of Brock street Methodist church, has accepted the invitation of the Norfolk street Methodist church, Guelph, to be its pastor if the church authorities agree to the transfer. Mr. Crummy is an able preacher, a fine pastor, and in all his methods and plans fully alive to the requirements of the hour. He is popular with the young people.

Will Have Christmas Dinner. Miss Brooks, matron of the county jail, has, through the kindness of generous friends, collected a small fund with which to provide a bountiful dinner for the inmates of the jail on Christmas day. The dinner will consist of fowl, vegetables, tea and coffee, pudding, etc. At present there are four male and one female prisoner confined in the jail, but preparations will be made to feed eight.

Presented With His Portrait. At an emergent meeting of Cataract lodge, A. F. & A. M., held Wednesday evening, the venerable tyler, Edward Ball, was presented with a large portrait of himself, handsomely framed. The affair came as a great surprise to Mr. Ball, who managed to make a suitable reply after recovering himself. The presentation testifies to the popularity of the aged tyler.

Ignorant, Or Mean? Every day some persons send manuscript to the Whig, putting one cent stamp upon the envelope, thus costing the receiver two cents. There is no one cent postage now, either in town or out of it, except for printed matter. The letters are becoming so frequent, there will have to be a rule not to take them from the post-office.

Had A Fine Closing. The pupils of the kindergarten class of St. Ann's school enjoyed their annual Christmas tree entertainment this morning. Each little pupil received a gift, as well as a supply of candy. The class presented Caretaker Lawlaw with a fine big turkey. A large number of parents and friends of the pupils were present.

Send Us A Post Card. We will be glad to have the names of Christmas visitors to the city. Put the new one on a postcard (sign the writer's name, but not for publication), and we will print the intimation. The Whig will always be glad to get items in this way. The Lion Brand. California naval oranges, high color and sweet, at Carnovsky's. Electric scarf-pies, the latest novelty, at Brock & Halliday's, Princess street. The newest designs in neckwear for Christmas, Roney & Co.

INCIDENTS OF THE DAY.

Newspaper Paragraphs Picked up by Reporters on Their Rounds. Pure cider at Redden's. Oak Hall for Amas scarfs. Jenkins' the store for men's presents. Four pounds nice mixed candy for 25c., at Carnovsky's. Zion Sunday school held a Christmas entertainment last evening. Raspberries vinegar at Redden's. Dr. Bogart does not intend to begin practice here until about New Year's. W. S. Adams, Smith's Falls, will spend the Christmas-tide in Kingston. Mrs. J. W. Martin, Elginburg, slipped and fell, fracturing her leg below the knee. The most stylish overcoats now at very small prices. Roney & Co. Red and white Spanish onions and Italian garlic, at Carnovsky's. Jenkins' the store for men's presents. The Gananoque Journal says the St. Lawrence river in that vicinity is now frozen over from shore to shore. H. Cunningham, piano tuner from Chickering's, New York. Orders received at McAuley's bookstore. Police Constable Tuttle has disposed of his fine trotting mare to a Montreal buyer. The price paid was \$150. Jenkins' the store for men's presents. Miss May Weir attended the wedding in Toronto, of Miss May Lappage, to H. Ralston, son of J. G. Ralston, mayor of Brantford. Stuffed olives at Redden's. The Whig, of Saturday, will be replete with Christmas reading. Special writers have been providing us with Canadian Christmas news. Dennis Farney, the obliging clerk at the British-American hotel, will leave to-morrow on his annual vacation. He will visit Detroit and Buffalo. Cut prices on overcoats to clear. Roney & Co. Two civic committees were summoned to meet this afternoon: The fire and light at four, and water works at five. These will be the last committee meetings of the year. This morning Allen & Brown offered for sale by auction the household effects of Thomas Sullivan, Clarendon house. The attendance was large and good prices were realized. The best \$17 overcoat in the city can be had now for \$13.50. Only a few left, Roney & Co. This afternoon a horse owned by W. Lennox, painter, ran away on William street, smashing the sleigh to which it was attached, but fortunately not doing itself any injury. He who misses the best is a loser, whether he knows it or not. When you want oysters get Carnovsky's big points and you will get the best. W. S. R. Murch, grand superintendent of St. Lawrence division, No. 12, Royal Arch Masons, left at noon today for North Augusta, to pay an official visit to the lodge there. At Mullin's: 3 lbs. Boston crackers, 25c.; 3 lbs. fruit biscuits, 25c.; 1 lb. mixed peel, 15c.; 5 lbs. clean currants, 25c.; 3 lbs. layer raisins, 25c.; 2 lbs. Sultan raisins, 25c.; 1 lb. good cooking butter, 15c. At noon today J. H. Mills offered for sale by auction a dwelling, situated in Victoria street and owned by D. H. Gunn. The price offered, \$500, was a little below the up-to price, so a sale was not effected. The list of polling sub-divisions, deputy returning officers, etc., has been prepared by City Clerk Shannon, and is confined by by-law at next Monday night's meeting of council. Gilbert sells cooking butter, 15c. lb. Lieut. Col. Ogilvie, Kingston, accompanied by two non-commissioned officers will leave on Monday for Akershot where they will undergo a course of instruction. Sergeant Instructors, Gilbert and McIntyre were to have gone, but they declined. Mrs. Sally Burnett, relict of the late Jacob Burnett, of the township of Wolford, died on Thursday. It is thought she had attained the age of nearly 100 years. She was born and raised near Easton's Corners. Prof. Martin attended the closing exercises at St. Ann's school this forenoon and made a decided hit by a pleasing and popular address. Many parents and friends enjoyed the excellent programme presented by Miss Davis and her pupils. Advertisers should take the precaution to find out the circulation of the papers they put money into. Circulation is both living and dead. In many a printing office there is a graveyard where printed papers first rest, they are never opened by readers. Chief Elmer, of the fire department, has invited the scribblers of the local press to dine with him on the lawn at No. 27 Brock street, at 12:31 o'clock, noon, Christmas day. The invitation will be given careful consideration. For the holiday trade we are offering the finest assortment of bon-bons ever offered in this city and our new chocolates put up in one and two pound fancy boxes make a nice package for your friends. The above are the best that can be made and are not cheap goods. We have tons of mixture at all prices from 6c. up. We also have a very nice assortment of fancy boxes, new designs, just what you want for the Christmas tree. Give us a call. We will try and please you. W. J. Crothers. Died From Starvation. New York, Dec. 18.—Jacob Butren, sixty-seven years old, has been removed to a Brooklyn hospital from his home, where he was lying alongside the dead body of his brother, Michael, seventy-three years old, who is supposed to have died from starvation. The two men kept a little shoe-maker's shop and did not mix with the neighbors. For two weeks nothing had been seen or heard of the brothers, and a neighbor, becoming alarmed, notified the police, who made an examination with the result stated. When Butren reached the hospital the doctors said that they had never seen such a complete emaciation. His recovery is doubtful. Aitor J. Castell Hopkins. Toronto, Dec. 19.—Morang & Co. have issued another writ against J. Castell Hopkins for \$150 paid him, and for \$500 damages for an alleged breach of contract by the defendant to write a life of Sir Charles Tupper. Choice Butter 20c. at Carnovsky's. Florida oranges, brights and russets, large and sweet. Carnovsky's. Christmas perfumes at Taylor's.

STANDS FIRM.

MONTREAL HOCKEY CLUB MUST SOON DECIDE. If It Will Play for the Stanley Cup on the Dates Ordered by the Trustees—Tidings from the Metropolitan. Montreal, Dec. 19.—P. D. Ross, Ottawa, trustee of the Stanley cup, has given the Montreal Hockey Club until December 27th to decide their course of action in regard to the challenge from the Victorias, of Winnipeg. Mr. Chitty, president of the club, states that the club will stand firm in its position. The story printed in a Toronto paper about the G.T.R. acquiring the R. & O. navigation steamboat business, is pronounced as foolish in official circles here. It is stated here in banking circles that W. D. Ross, formerly manager of the Bank of Nova Scotia at Charlottetown, P. E. I., but latterly chief clerk of the finance department at Ottawa, has been offered the assistant general management of the new Metropolitan Bank at Toronto. A remarkable woman passed away at her home in Point St. Charles yesterday in the person of Mrs. Esther Dunn Jones, at the age of 103 years. Mrs. Jones, who was a native of Baltimore, had been a resident of the Point for fifty-four years, and enjoyed remarkably good health until a few days ago, when she contracted pneumonia, to which she succumbed. Mrs. Jones leaves lineal descendants to the number of 104 people, including sons, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

WOLFE ISLAND CONCERT. Large Audience—A Fine Programme Presented. Meyville, Wolfe Island, Dec. 17.—The public school concert held in the Masonic hall, Wednesday evening, by the two popular teachers, Misses Allen and Hiscock, was greeted by a crowded house, proceeds devoted to enlarging school library. At the opening an address was given by the chairman, Dr. Spankie, touching on the pains the teachers had taken in rehearsing the concert, and thanking Miss Annie Hogan for kind assistance rendered. The programme consisted of: Chorus, W. Watts and all who took part; dialogue, Miss Allen and Lloyd Card; solo, Miss Ella Rice, Cape Vincent; duet, Miss Cattanech and H. Lavis; dialogue "Way Down East," Miss Burt and G. Whitmarsh, solo, Miss Hattie McLaren, enclosed; solo, "He Said It So Politely," Melville Watts. The second part was opened by Miss Alice Keys, with several selections on the gramophone; solo, "Rosalia," W. Watts; dialogue, "Popping the Question," Fred Whitmarsh, Miss Maud Kyle, Miss Allen, Henry Thornton, Lloyd Card, and Lucy Keys; Miss Cattanech; solo, Miss Rice, enclosed; sextette, "Floridora," Dr. Spankie gave a short address, thanking all for good order and the large attendance. The concert closed with "God Save the King." Those who took part, with some friends, were invited by Mr. and Mrs. Card to their beautiful home, where an oyster supper was awaiting.

TARRED STONE FOR COAL. How a Benevolent Stranger Fooled Customers. Derby, Conn., Dec. 18.—Many angry persons in this vicinity are hunting for a benevolent-looking stranger who sold them tarred stone coated with tar for coal. The fellow said he represented a syndicate which, from philanthropic motives, was distributing a limited quantity of coal throughout the state and that he could sell to one household not more than two bushels. He said the price to all was fifty cents a bushel, which just covered the cost, including delivery, and that orders taken would be filled the next day, cash on delivery. He took many orders, and the next day he delivered the alleged coal in a large wagon and received his money. The fraud in almost all instances was discovered within a few hours. It is thought the fellow is the same man who sold several bushels of tarred stone to a tenant of Chief of Police James W. Ryan, of New Haven. Old Yacht Being Rebuilt. The yacht Katie Gray, owned by John P. Phelps, of New York, is being rebuilt. It was first constructed at Belleville, twenty-five years ago by Capt. Cutbush, who modelled the Katie Gray was purchased by William B. Phelps, Jr., and taken to Oswego, about twenty years ago. At that time she was considered the fastest yacht in the world. She has since won many several first prizes in races. She is still very fast and there are but few of the modern designed yachts that can show her their heels. Sues To Recover Millions. Colorado Springs, Col., Dec. 19.—J. D. O'Hare, one of the original locators of the Portland mine at Cripple Creek, has filed a suit in the district court against James F. Burns and the Portland Gold Mining company, asking for a one-sixth interest in the one which has been shipped since the date of discovery. The mine has produced approximately \$12,000,000, and at the ruling market price, the stock is selling at \$6,000,000, so that the claim amounts to \$3,000,000 against the Portland estate. Set Fire By Pet Dog. St. Joseph, Mich., Dec. 19.—Miss Julia Thompson, who was severely injured a few days ago, died this morning. Miss Thompson was the victim of a peculiar accident. A gasoline stove exploded, her pet dog caught on fire and dashed through several rooms a mass of flames, finally leaping onto her lap, igniting her dress, which resulted in burns that caused her death. Christmas, Jenkins. Christmas. Store open every evening till Christmas. Christmas perfumes at Taylor's.

SCHOOL RESULTS.

For Several Classes in Louise School. The following is the number of marks obtained by the pupils of the senior fourth class, Louise school, for the months of November and December, 1912. The number of marks obtainable 500: B. Power, 451; L. McCall, 447; V. Vanlunen, 436; B. Wilder, 430; F. Gardiner, 428; A. Rosevear, 425; D. Anglin, 423; B. Tandy, 422; C. Cochran, 421; B. McCall, 416; A. Gates, 412; B. Mack, 411; O. Berry, 409; F. Sparks, N. Darby, 408; A. Price, E. Graham, 407; M. Mills, 406; J. Rogers, 405; G. Talfor, 400; C. Sleeman, 398; F. Smythe, 394; F. Elmer, 393; M. Higgins, 392; O. Neilson, 390; J. Scott, 386; N. Leavitt, 374; N. Asseltine, 369; A. Sherbino, 368; J. Harkness, 365; S. Anglin, 362; E. Knapp, 350; J. McKenzie, 357; R. Turnbull, 353; A. Elder, 342; A. Friendship, 333; E. Martin, 330; P. Pokes, 324; G. Saunders, 319; J. Boyd, 293; P. Richardson, 290; C. Drury, 285; J. Joyner, 268; J. Shaw, 253; W. Kennedy, 186; P. Horsv, 151; A. Staples, 146; E. Lundy, 131. Those marked * were absent a great deal on account of illness. Marks obtained by the pupils of the junior fourth class, Louise school, since last September. Total number obtainable, 570: Myrtle Culcheth, 475; Evelyn Newlands, 472; Marion Neilson, 460; Dorothy Orford, 457; Olive Boyd, 449; Nellie Gates, 439; Ethel Neilson, 428; Gordon Smith, 418; Lettie Roney, 414; Marjorie Merriek, 412; Richard Crummy, 406; Ethel Wilder, 394; Lillie Ferguson, 389; Edith McCartney, 371; Irving Martin, 365; Irene Mills, 360; Mabel Dunlop, 358; Harvey Craig, 357; Bell-Brown, 355; Marguerite Abell, 349; Herbert Boyd, 336; Nellie Dainty, 325; Hazel Cooke, 324; Jennie Bates, 324; Hazel Chartrand, 320; Cleveland Metcalfe, 318; Greta Gilbert, 318; Mabel Mackenzie, 313; Mary Scott, 313; Beatrice Marshall, 311; Harold Hughes, 307; Arnetta Munn, 302; Eileen Wright, 295; Kenneth Robinson, 290; Olive Fair, 282; Arthur Mitchell, 279; Samuel Scott, 278; Mabel Cooke, 278; Stanley Strachan, 271; Anita Day, 265; Irene Swinyard, 243; Flossie McKay, 232; Mabel Brown, 227; Harold Armstrong, 221; Mabel Richardson, 211; Alice Perry, 183; Edna Starr, 179; Margaret Murray, 163; Anne Day, 161; Melmar Murray, 108.

At Central School. Junior fourth class, Central school. Result of written examinations for November and December. Marks obtainable, 350: Ella Porter, 324; Gracie Greaves, 323; Jennie Ball, 320; Eva Porter, 304; Bessie Chapman, 301; Sadie Vanalstine, 293; Ferguson Twigg, 278; Harry Payne, 270; Irene Moore, 262; Jessie Lowe, 260; Chrissie Gray, 255; Pearl Campbell, 251; Celia Shapiro, 250; Alice Long, 245; Bertha Mahood, 241; Irene Shaw, 238; Evelyn Crawford, 236; Maggie Nisbet, 236; Ethel Jones, 232; George Driver, 231; Jean Gaskin, 224; Jessie Reid, 223; Ernest Barton, 221; Joseph McCandless, 220; Vera Carson, 217; George Gow, 216; Olive Henry, 213; Mabel Hunter, 208; Bella Holder, 207; John Metcalfe, 199; Stanley Driver, 188; Claudia Weese, 183; Lily Thompson, 182; G. Holland, 182; Norma Reid, 173; Florence Robinson, 167; Frank Rogers, 165; Melville Hyland, 163; Jessie Parkhill, 156; Ester Ellinson, 155; Rankin Smith, 149; Bert. Maund, 133; Alice Meek, 104; Edna Fletcher, 61.

Hides, Wool And Tallow. Toronto, Dec. 17.—Wool is firmer. Fleeces is quiet but a little higher at 15c. for washed and 8c. to 8 1/2c. for unwashed. Pulled wools are in demand for local mills, and prices are higher at 19c. to 20c. for extras and 15c. to 16c. for supers. Hides are quiet and unchanged, but the market looks weak. No. 1 green, are quoted at 8c. No. 2, at 7c. and No. 3, at 6c.; great steers are quoted at 9c. Cured hides are unchanged at 25c. for cows and 22c. for steers. Lambskins are steady to firm at 75c. Calfskins are steady at 10c. for No. 1, and 8c. for No. 2. Tallow is weaker. Local dealers are offering 6c. to 6 1/2c. and asking 6 1/2c. to 6c. A Recent Case. Kingston, Dec. 17.—The Editor of a letter in your issue of December 15th, contains misleading statements. The facts are: Over three years ago the late Stewart Davy was healed through Christian Science prayer after materia medica had given him no hope. In his last illness a Christian Scientist was called on Friday and on the following day the patient, to pacify some friends, consented to have a doctor, so on Sunday the doctor was called and the patient continued under his loving and faithful care up to the time of his death ten days later. In view of these facts it is most unjust to attribute his death in any way to Christian Science.—C. J. Munro. The Happiness of Health. Exhilaration is the ripple and lull of pure blood as it courses through the veins. South American Kibbey Cure drives out all impurities and insures the richness and purity that is essential to perfect health—successful because it merits it—popular because it fulfills every promise—a kidney medicine solely and purely. It never fails. Sold by Henry Wade and H. B. Taylor.—126. Teachers Wanted. To buy their Christmas cards from us. We never had as fine and large an assortment of Christmas novelties consisting of Calbury's, Rowntree's and Robertson's fancy and plain boxes, Tom Smith's stockings, etc. J. Higcock. \$2. And \$2.50 Pants For \$1.50. Prevent. of the New York Clothing Store, Brock street, is offering a great bargain in ready-made pants, regular prices \$2. to 2.50 a pair, will be sold during the sale for \$1.50 a pair. This is the greatest bargain ever offered to the trade yet. A choice assortment of ebony goods, hair brushes, cloth brushes and hand glasses, McLeod's drug store. Four lbs. icing sugar, 25c. at Mullin's. Jenkins' the store for men's presents. Gilbert sell 5 lb. tin Caylor tea. 31. Christmas perfumes at Taylor's.

PERFECT. It is rightly yours, but if you are not the 1 your Vital force, shrunken parts, and feeling from Lost Vitality: it creeps upon, remains in ignorance while you are living, the cause may be, who ever early abuse, results are the same in causing loss of strength, vitality and weakness for you and desire without remedy. This is to certify that I have vitality and weakness for you and desire without remedy. Goldberg's care, Dec. 22, 1898. less than one week; was discharged had no return of said trouble. Subscribed and sworn to by Wm. Cure Guarante. I OURE Various and Suffering with Pain, Chronic, Nervous, Private, Urinary and Rectal Troubles. Consultation 7 home treatment. Perfect system of home care. All medicines for Canada in part. DR. GOLDBERG.

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