

## Splendid Standard Curling Rink Is Now Completed

FINE BUILDING IS COMPLETED AND ICE BEING FORMED---LEASE SECURED BY CLUB FROM CITY FOR BLOCK "E" ON THIRD AVENUE FOR NOMINAL SUM---BIG ASSET TO CITY.

The curling rink is now completed, and has been handed over by the contractor, A. P. Andersen, to the club. The rink is of standard size and the building is 160 feet in length and 33 in width. It is constructed on one of the city parks, known as Block "E," near the Crescent, on Third avenue, and is a handsome, well lighted and constructed building. Block "E" has been leased to the Curling Club by the city for a long term for a nominal sum.

A large consignment of curling stones have reached the city and have been delivered to the secretary-treasurer, and ice is now being carefully formed by the process of honing the sawdust base in such a manner that any heaving of the ground in winter will not affect the ice surface, as all this is taken up by the air spaces in this base, which is now being made by small and frequent applications of water. A caretaker is now at the rink day and night who attends to the ice process.

### Stones Arrive.

At a large and enthusiastic meeting held last week, the following officers were elected: President, Mr. P. E. Wilson; vice-president, Mr. Thomas Ogg; secretary-treasurer, Mr. F. W. Steacy; ice committee, Sergt. McLeod, Mr. Ernest Jones, Mr. F. W. Steacy, Mr. Robt. Harper and Mr. W. Beal. The executive consists of Messrs. Hornsby, Sergt.

McLeod, Robert Harper and J. H. Johnson.

### Many New Curlers.

Many new curlers are coming in, according to the report of the secretary, who will be given the privilege of playing the following seasons over next year's members, when the membership will doubtless be greater than the accommodation. The club now has 65 members signed up and can give membership to fifteen more.

The following citizens have subscribed \$100 each for the construction of the building, which is standard in every way and has double observation rooms: Dr. Alward, A. P. Andersen, Thos. Austin, I. B. Baird, Dr. Ewert, R. J. Garvey, T. Griffiths, J. Hagen, J. H. Johnson, F. W. Steacy, Robert Tyrhurst, F. G. Taylor, A. Leith, the Northern Hardware Co., W. P. Ogilvie, P. E. Wilson. The Prince George Curling Association was incorporated at Victoria on the 6th inst., as a private company with a capital of \$10,000.

A resolution was passed at the last meeting giving the ladies the privileges of the rink for \$5 membership fee.

In addition to its normal uses as a curling rink, the building will prove to be a great asset to the city for such purposes as the fall fair and other purposes which demand just such a large covered building as a first requisite for success.

## SIR GEORGE FOSTER MARRIES IN SWITZERLAND

Minister of Trade and Commerce, at Age of 73, Takes Second Bride.

OTTAWA, Dec. 9.—The announcement of the marriage of Sir George Foster, minister of trade and commerce, to Miss Jessie Allan, at Geneva, Switzerland, yesterday, where Sir George is in attendance at the League of Nations, comes as a surprise to his more intimate friends and associates. Sir George first met Miss Allan when attending the Imperial conference in London. She is an English woman and has travelled extensively and is a writer. She is 45. Sir George was 73 in September last. His first marriage was to Addie Davies Chisholm, of Ottawa.

## JOHN KEEN HAS VERY HIGH HOPES

Former Speaker of Legislature Believes That Absentee Vote Will Elect Him.

VICTORIA, Dec. 9.—"Beaten, yet watch me, and for my wife of December 22nd," John Keene, speaker of the last Legislature and candidate for re-election wired today. The last returns gave Colonel Lister, Conservative, a majority of 35 over Keene.

Hon. Dr. King, minister of public works, has had his majority in Cranbrook increased by four votes, according to the official returns of the poll received here today from the returning officer. This gives him a majority of 23. There are, however, 98 absentee votes, and these will be counted after December 21st. This may affect both Dr. King's and John Keene's chances for better or for worse.

### THE CITY HOSPITAL.

The City Hospital has been fairly crowded lately. During October twenty-three patients registered, with ten minor operations and one maternity case. Sixteen patients were admitted during November, and eleven minor operations, five major operations and one birth. Miss A. L. Boggs, one of the nurses, left on December 1st to assume the matronship of the Pentiction hospital. The local staff now consists of matron, three nurses, janitor and cook.

### SCANDINAVIAN SERVICE.

The Rev. John A. Nilsen, a Scandinavian Lutheran minister, has come to this city and will conduct services in the Scandinavian language on Sunday, December 19th, and afterwards. Further announcement will be made next week in this column.

### POSSIBLE LADY AMBASSADOR.

LONDON, Dec. 9.—It is not improbable that the British government will appoint a "lady ambassador" to the United States and at the same time invite the United States to reciprocate. To Lady Astor, who advanced the suggestion, Premier Lloyd George has written that he is giving it his sympathetic consideration.

## "Bone Dry" Alberta Faces Long Wet B. C. Border

ATTORNEY-GENERAL BOYLE OF ALBERTA IS IN CONFERENCE WITH PREMIER OLIVER AND HIS CABINET TO DISCUSS DIFFICULTIES OF ALBERTA'S PROHIBITION MEASURE.

### P. G. E. COMPLETED TO AUSTRALIAN CREEK

End of Steel Has Reached the Australian Ranch, Formerly Owned by Cariboo Member.

VANCOUVER, Dec. 9.—Returning today from a regular monthly inspection tour of the Pacific Great Eastern, General Manager Buckworth announces that the end of steel has reached Australian Creek, which is fifty miles north of Williams Lake and only twenty miles from Quesnel.

Australian Creek is just south of the well-known Australian Ranch, formerly the property of Yorston Brothers, of whom John Yorston has been re-elected as member for Cariboo in the provincial Legislature.

### BOWSER GOING STRONG.

VANCOUVER, Dec. 9.—Mr. Bowser left for Victoria tonight. "I'm feeling fine," he declared. "I have had a chance to catch up on some sleep I lost during the strenuous campaign. I am looking forward with vigor to the coming legislation that will be introduced."

### THE SIGNS ARE RIGHT.

Asked by The Citizen whether he had received any word from the coast upon the pulp proposition, Mayor Perry, M.P.A., stated this afternoon that he had not heard, but that he would only have been called in if there had been difficulties developing. The signs are right.

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the G.W.V.A. again reminds all those interested that there will be a whist drive in the G.W.V.A. Hall on Tuesday evening next, 14th inst.

VICTORIA, Dec. 9.—Hon. J. R. Boyle, attorney-general for Alberta, met Premier Oliver and his cabinet and discussed, informally, the whole prohibition and government control situation. The purpose of his visit is to secure information on the way British Columbia is likely to handle its liquor with respect to exportation to Alberta. Mr. Boyle said Alberta's problem was serious, as it has voted bone dry but has a border line from the 49th parallel almost to the Arctic.

Plans for the convention of the Moderation League were advanced at a meeting of the provincial executive of the League held in Vancouver on Wednesday. Another meeting will be held on Friday to complete a programme for the forthcoming convention, which will admit delegates from each constituency in the province at a ratio of three for each sitting member. The Liberty League of Vancouver Island will be represented. It is the purpose of the League to maintain an active organization, and the convention will largely decide the policy that will be followed.

### ORDER HAS PASSED TO RENEW OLD QUALIFICATIONS

Order-in-Council Passed at Victoria Which Permits Agreement of Sale Qualifications.

Information has been received at the City Hall by Mayor Perry that an order-in-council has been passed at Victoria, according to the request of the municipality, which permits agreement for sale holders to qualify for office, as has been the case in the past.

## Proposed Pipe Line From Mackenzie to Behring Sea

AMBITIOUS PROJECT IS BEING CONTEMPLATED FOR PIPE LINE FROM MACKENZIE BASIN TO TANKERS IN BEHRING SEA VIA THE RAT RIVER TO THE YUKON RIVER.

### WILL CAN WHITEFISH FROM NORTHERN LAKES

Whitefish Found in Northern Waters Will Become Another of Canada's Fish Assets.

Canada is to add whitefish to the world's appetising canned foods. A factory for canning the whitefish of northern Canadian lakes is to be established on Lake Athabasca, Alberta. Whitefish swarm in these northern waters, but owing to the lack of transportation and refrigerating facilities, they supply only a winter market. They are taken in nets lowered through holes in the ice and strewn on the ice, where they are frozen in temperatures that make all outdoors a great refrigerator. They are hauled on dog-sleds to the railway and shipped all over Canada. A United States market has been established in Chicago and other western cities.

### Also Abound Here.

These fish are also found in large quantities in the lakes of this Fort George district. In the early days they used to be fished for by squaws through holes in the ice, and dried for dog feed. In Stuart, Babine and Tacla Lakes they abound, and they are also found in lakes near Prince George.

In summer the industry in Alberta is suspended because the fish spoil before they can be got to market. Living in ice-cold water the whitefish of the Canadian north have a finer flavor than those of the more southern latitudes. Canning them will give the industry an all-year market. Whitefish are one of the most extensively marketed of fresh-water fish. Vast quantities are taken in the Great Lakes and shipped all over Eastern Canada and the United States even in summer.

### VANCOUVER FLYING CLUB.

VANCOUVER, Dec. 9.—Vancouver Flying Club has been formed with the following officers: President, Mr. J. W. Hobbs; vice-president, Mr. C. A. Barnett; executive, Messrs. A. M. Penny, C. V. J. McFarlane and J. E. Hurlow; secretary, Mrs. W. Harrison.

OTTAWA, Dec. 9.—The conveyance of the oil products of the Mackenzie River Basin to the Behring Sea by a pipe line, from which it would be carried by tankers to the markets of the world, is the ambitious project for which sanction will be sought from Parliament at the approaching session. The proposed pipe line would be laid from the Mackenzie River to the Yukon River system by way of Rat River and Dell River, thence by the Porcupine and Yukon rivers to the sea.

Dr. Thompson, member for the Yukon, states that the late William Ogilvie, commissioner of the Yukon Territory, predicted many years ago that this method of getting oil out from the Mackenzie River Basin to the market would some day be adopted.

### CANADIAN VIEWPOINT IS ACCEPTED BY LEAGUE

Formation of Permanent Commissions to Consider Matters Urged by Canada.

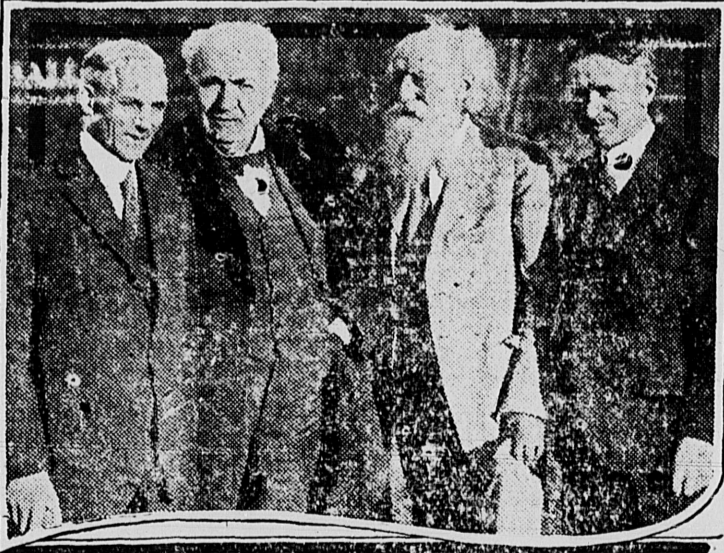
GENEVA, Dec. 9.—The League of Nations Assembly's second commission announced it accepted the Canadian viewpoint on the formation of a permanent organization to consider finances, transportation and health matters. Under an agreement arrived at today three commissions will be appointed to consider these three topics, but they will comprise specialists who will work in conjunction with secretaries, and not as individual bodies with power to act.

### WHO WON THE MONEY?

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—The net cost of the war to the United States government was fixed by Secretary of the Treasury Stanton at twenty-four billions. This represents the adjusted expenditure of the treasury, excluding all outlay which had no relation to the actual prosecution of the war from April, 1917, to June 30, last.

Irene Castle in "The Amateur Wife" is one of the new film release attractions at Dreamland on Monday and Tuesday.

## FOUR GREAT AMERICANS FROLIC FOR A DAY



When we hear of such men as Henry Ford, the automobile marvel; Thomas Edison, the electrical wizard; John Burroughs, the great naturalist, and Harvey S. Firestone, the great rubber king, having a reunion, we naturally think of splendid hotels and a large city as the site of their day-of-frolic together. Not so, however, with them, for the one day that they set aside each year is spent in the country. This year they all reported at Yama Farms Inn, at Napa-nob, N. Y., where they cast aside all formalities and cares; forgot that they are really great men and romped in frolic like so many boys. They indulged in woodsplitting contests, telling yarns by the fireside and being just plain boys once more.

## Powers Must Not Monopolize Authority of the League

ATTACK ON SYSTEM OF EUROPEAN STATESMANSHIP BY NEWTON ROWELL ON WEDNESDAY—BIG NATIONS MUST RELAX SOME OF THEIR CONTROL IN LEAGUE TO SMALLER POWERS.

### TRADE LOOKING UP.

The Citizen is informed by Chief of Police Sinclair that 250 trade licenses have been issued in the city this year, netting the city the sum of \$4125.50.

### G. W. V. A.

The regular meeting of the G. W. V. A. will be held in the Association's Hall on Monday evening at 8 o'clock. All members are requested to be present.

GENEVA, Dec. 9.—That the League of Nations will never work smoothly until the big nations relax some measure of their control for the benefit of the smaller nations was indicated on Wednesday in a debate in the League Assembly. The incident that showed this was an attack on European statesmen and European management by Newton Rowell, former president of the Privy Council. He said: "Fifty thousand Canadians are under the soil of France and Flanders as part of the price Canada paid for European statesmanship. It was European policy and European ambition which drenched the world in blood and precipitated the situation from which we have suffered, and are still suffering. We are not prepared to allow any European league to settle the world problems for us."

### DANCE TONIGHT BY GIRLS' HOSPITAL AUXILIARY

Vanderhoof Orchestra Is Being Imported for the Occasion—Promising Social Event.

The Girls' Hospital Auxiliary has organized a dance to be held tonight in the Ritts-Kifer Hall, the success of which is assured when it is mentioned that the enterprising young ladies have engaged the services of the Vanderhoof orchestra, which is coming from that point especially to play for this dance.

The Vanderhoof orchestra had made arrangements to stay in this city, but its plans have been changed and it must now be procured from Vanderhoof at considerable expense. This dance is in aid of the Hospital, and in view of the expense involved it is hoped that the attendance will be a large one.

The Christian Endeavor Society will hold its monthly social at the home of Mrs. Nash, Millar Section, at 8 p.m. December 14th.