

DEFENCE PROPOSES TO ESTABLISH A WITNESS STAND IN THE PONTON CASE

That is to be inferred from the Evidence Brought Out in the Napanee Bank Robbery Case Yesterday—Ponton's Friends on the Witness Stand—Wilkes and the Steel.

Napanee, Aug. 16.—(Special.)—The investigation continued today. At first it was supposed around town that the Crown had made its case out, and therefore the prisoners would be once committed, but to the great surprise of everybody the defence has succeeded in putting in some very strong evidence. This gladdened the hearts of Ponton's friends, who are still in the great majority here. The defence claim that Pore's story has been completely shattered as to dates, especially as to April 24 and May 1.

A striking feature of the defence witnesses is their high standing and integrity. It is expected to-morrow will bring forth some most startling evidence. It seems to be a grain of satisfaction that Detective Wilkes is associated with the drawing out of the key.

Deer Park Mining Stock Firmly Held—Assays Improving—Joe Martin to be Premier if Things Go as Hoped For—Big Fire in Victoria—Indian Murderer Poisons Himself.

Rosland, B. C., Aug. 16.—(Special.)—Deer Park stock is firmly held here. There is a prospect of an advance shortly. Assays are improving. One specimen of ore returned \$448 in gold and \$65 silver to the ton. The number of working properties will be considerably increased in a week or two. Within a month over 1200 miners will be working.

Victoria Has a Fire. Chemical Works Burned, Along With Nitric Acid Sulphur. Victoria, B. C., Aug. 17.—Three new out-buildings just completed at the Victoria Chemical Works, and about 300 tons of nitrate and sulphur, were destroyed by fire early this afternoon.

Joe Martin to be Premier if Party is Whipped Into Shape. Vancouver, B. C., Aug. 16.—(Special.)—The political situation in British Columbia is not as it seems. It now appears that Joe Martin has only consented to work under Mr. Semlin until the party can be whipped into line, when, according to agreement, he (Martin) will take the reins of government into his own hands.

White Pass and Yukon Railway. Debentures Offered for Sale in London to the Amount of \$750,000 for Saragat, Etc. Vancouver, Aug. 16.—Advices received here direct from London report that the White Pass and Yukon Company has been asking the public to subscribe for \$750,000 worth of debentures to be laid out in surveys, line works, land wharfage, etc.

Funeral of an Old Resident. A Largely Attended Funeral Yesterday to Honor a Veteran—Lodge Present. Yesterday afternoon the funeral of the late Stephen Staughton took place. It was largely attended by old residents and Schomberg L.O.L., No. 212, of which deceased was a member, attended in a body.

Southern Cotton Crop. This Year's Yield Promises to Be Better Than That of Last Year. New Orleans, Aug. 16.—Henry Neill, the cotton statistician, made public today the following letter to be issued to-morrow by Nell Bros. in London, giving his views of the growing cotton crop: "As regards the present growing crop, it is apparent that the promise to-day is equal or superior to that last year at this date in every state and vast territory in Texas, which state has weather conditions equal to those which produced the enormous crop of 400 lbs. per acre in 1894-95 and this prospect, as to the present Texas acreage, 6,750,000 acres, including the Indian Territory, might result with equal conditions hereafter, in a crop for Texas and the Indian Territory, of over 4,000,000 bales, while for the other states a crop equal to the last year would be over 8,000,000 bales. I have therefore no hesitation in saying that the promise to-day, even with somewhat unfavorable conditions hereafter, is for a crop of over 10 1/2 millions bales, assured, with a million to a million and a half more within the range of possibilities.

Britain and Russia Negotiating. London, Aug. 17.—The Daily Graphic says it understands that an exchange of views is occurring between the Government of Great Britain and Russia, and that negotiations started on Friday last are proceeding in a conciliatory spirit on both sides. Russia declares that she has no interest financially or otherwise in the Peking-Hankow Railway, nor any desire to acquire any.

Lockjaw Killed Him. Ottawa, Aug. 16.—Fremann Ovilla Lachance, who contracted lockjaw as the result of an injury while working at a fire recently, died this morning.

Deaths. CARTER—Suddenly, at Pictou, on Tuesday morning, Aug. 16, Harry Raymond Carter, second son of the late James North Carter, aged 23 years. CLOSSE—At his residence, 97 Crawford street, on the 15th inst., Joseph S. Closse, aged 65 years. Funeral private, Wednesday at 3 p.m.

Marriages. MACKINTOSH—BARCLAY—On Aug. 13, at Whitey, at the residence of Mr. L. T. Barclay, barrister and Registrar of the Courts, brother of the bride, by the Rev. J. S. Broughall, B.A., incumbent of All Saints' Church, Miss Helena Josephine Barclay and Mr. Frederick P. Mackintosh, brother of Hon. C. H. Mackintosh, ex-Lieut-Governor Northwest Territories, both of this city.

Jack Crawford's New Job. The St. Thomas Times says that Jack Crawford, the well-known pugilist, has been appointed Chief of Police in Ingersoll, Ont.

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