

## THE SITUATION AT SPRINGHILL

### Conciliation Board Decides to Continue Its Work.

### But Company Refuses to Take Any Part in the Proceedings—Many of the Men Have Left.

HALIFAX, N. S., Sept. 11.—A curious situation has developed at Springhill where the coal miners are on strike. The conciliation board appointed under the Lemieux act before the strike was declared, resumed its sittings yesterday. The company declined to take part in the proceedings, claiming that the men were no longer employees and the board adjourned, pending the decision of the Minister of Labor. Today the chairman announced that the conciliation board would continue its work.

The announcement was the result of a telegram received from the Deputy Minister of Labor, advising the chairman to take what action the board saw fit. The board decided that the case on hand be disposed of and adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock. No representatives of the company were in attendance today. Manager Cowans, who is at Springhill, has been notified of the decision of the board. It is not likely the company will pay any attention to the notice, and in that case the board will probably act as in the ordinary judicial proceeding and give the decision to the men by force of law.

Nothing has been accomplished by the negotiation. The company had made a proposition yesterday to refer the disputed question to an arbitration board, but Mr. Cowans turned this proposition down. The men have decided to make no further overtures, and after the present proceedings are over the greater part of them will seek work elsewhere. About six hundred have gone already, and the prospects are that in three weeks' time the company will be unable to get enough men to operate the mine even if they wanted to. The company then will be in the awkward position of signing a body of men who are beyond their reach altogether. The men are keeping themselves well under control, and there has not been a trace of disorder nor an arrest made since the strike began.

## NEWS OF REXTON

REXTON, N. B., Sept. 10.—Mrs. Dr. Thompson of Newton, Mass., who has been visiting her mother, Mrs. Abbott, left yesterday for her home.

Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Parks are visiting in Nova Scotia. Mr. Mitchell of Halifax is taking Mr. Parks' place in the Royal Bank of Canada. He is accompanied by Mrs. Mitchell.

Mrs. John Taylor, who has been very ill, is recovering.

Dr. I. W. Doherty returned a few days ago from a visit to friends in Folly Village, N. S.

John McMurray has returned home from Maine.

David Palmer, sr., is confined to his room with an injured limb.

Mrs. C. Atkinson and Miss Mary Carter of Kouchibouguac were in town yesterday.

Miss Mary Moore is visiting friends here.

Miss Ethel Morris (Albert Co.) is visiting her cousin, Miss Harnett.

David Wood has returned home from Millinocket, Me.

Yesterday evening while Dr. J. W. Doherty was driving, his horse became frightened by R. O'Leary's automobile. The animal started to run and collided with J. & W. Brail's delivery team. The doctor was thrown out, but fortunately escaped with only a few bruises and a shaking up.

ER LIMITS DID IN.

TON, Sept. 4.—At the office today a timber 120 square miles on the river, was bid in by W. E. Fairville at \$181 per acre for two square miles on the purpose brook. Subsequently for \$31 per acre by W. S. Little River. In the same town lands which took an entire list of \$21 acres, six lots, was sold to the upset price, with exception of one acre west from Baker (Adawaska) county, sold to sequo at \$181 per acre.

1878, Pa., Sept. 4.—Emma eighteen years old, daughter of J. H. Graham, of Elizabethtown in the Mercy Hospital after shot in her side, which she herself this morning. The member of the graduating class of a high school. School opened this morning, when the bell still refused to go until she forced her to dress and start school.

at, she declared, as she spat. A moment later a revolver shot, and she unconscious in her room. She died this city, where it is the Mercy Hospital, that she covered. The only reason that signed for the act is that she went to go to school.

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## THE COMMITTEE ON CHURCH UNION

### Negative Replies from Ontario and Quebec Baptists

### They Decline to Enter into Organized Union with the Three Churches—Anglicans Unable to Reply Now.

TORONTO, Sept. 11.—The fourth conference of the joint committee on church union, representing the Presbyterian, Methodist and Congregational churches, convened this morning in the Metropolitan church with a very full attendance of delegates from the three bodies. This is the concluding meeting of the joint committee, the basis of union being sent after it is fully decided on by this conference to the people of the three churches for final action.

There was no general discussion this morning, the time being occupied largely with routine business. It was decided to hold two general sessions each day, in the morning and the evening, the afternoons being devoted to committee work.

The executive committee presented the outline of matters to be taken up, according to a plan considered at the meeting on Tuesday night.

The Congregational delegates presented a memorial from their congregational union, expressing themselves as favoring that ministers should not be required to actually subscribe to creed and desiring greater independence of individual churches. The communication was sent on without discussion to the proper sub-committee. The Anglicans, it was stated in another communication, are unable to reply to the invitations of the joint committee to join in the union negotiations until their general synod meets in 1908.

The reply of the Baptist convention of Ontario and Quebec was received. They declined to enter into organized union with the three churches.

"This is a very large question and not to be answered in a sentence," replied Prof. Kilpatrick to a question as to the general attitude of Presbyterians throughout the country to the proposed union, "but that it has had another year's discussion. The general feeling is rather difficult to determine and it is possibly more varied among Presbyterians than among Methodists, the majority of whom appear to favor consummation of the union. Dr. Sparling said the Methodists in the west are strongly for union."

## NEWCASTLE COUNCIL FAVORS SCHEME

NEWCASTLE, N. B., Sept. 12.—At the meeting of the town council last night, Ald. W. H. Belyea and John Clark were appointed a committee to confer with the Board of Trade respecting J. B. Beveridge's proposal to erect a pulp and paper mill here. The town will grant a free site on the river bank, supply water free and allow partial exemption from taxation. The council was favorable to the scheme, which will be pushed at once. Mayor Miller was empowered to call a meeting of ratepayers to decide upon this matter as soon as the committee finish their work.

MR. JOSEPH W. DOWNES. Mr. Joseph W. Downes, of Newton, reached the Massachusetts General Hospital on September 5th, of Bright's disease. He is survived by his wife, who was formerly Mary Desmond, of Hampton, N. B., and one daughter, Pauline. Regular high mass was celebrated at St. Patrick's church, Watertown, September 7th. His many friends in St. John and Hampton will regret to hear of his death.

## POWERS ARE PREPARING FOR THE BATTLE OF AIRY NAVIES

### Britain is Following Germany and France in the Building of Dirigible Air Warships.

The powers are busy preparing for the battle in the air which is to be the feature of the next war. The picture above shows the newest addition to the German air navy, a gas inflated air ship, which has passed successfully through her trial trips.

France was the first of the great nations to take up seriously the newest development of modern warfare. Already she has a fleet of twenty dirigible war balloons under construction, and Germany quickly followed suit, and now Great Britain is taking action.

Yesterday the first British Dreadnought of the air-made two trial trips, marred only by a slight derangement of the machinery. The English air ship proved itself capable of being easily handled, able to travel with and against the wind, and, most important of all, capable of being steered. The balloon was in charge of Colonel Capper, Captain King and F. S. Ody, the American who has spent a number of years in the British service in charge of the kite section of the army. After making a semi-circle of about two miles around Farnborough and Cove Common, an accident occurred to the engine, and in spite of the throwing out by the aeronauts of ballast, of which the airship carried 300 pounds, the balloon settled down near some trees. The defect, which was developed, is only slight and can be easily remedied.

It is reported that the British war office is conducting extensive experiments with aeroplanes, and has almost succeeded in bringing this long sought type of airship into practical being.



## ST. GEORGE MAN AND A WORKMAN AT SYDNEY MINES WERE KILLED YESTERDAY

ST. GEORGE, N. B., Sept. 11.—While running a bolt on the emery wheel in the wood mill of the pulp concern Russell Waycott was fatally injured this morning. In some manner the belt caught and threw him with terrific force, striking Waycott on the head. He was rendered unconscious but revived after seven p. m. when death relieved him. Mr. Waycott was 32 years of age and a member of the Canadian Order of Foresters and a young man of sterling worth. His death is a terrible blow to his widowed mother, and a loss to his employers and a distinct grief to the community. One brother, William A., is a trusted employee of O'Brien & Baldwin and his mother resides here. He has several brothers and one sister in the United States.

SYDNEY MINES, Sept. 11.—Struck by a fall of stone weighing nearly five hundred pounds, the life was crushed out of a young Englishman, Charles Brown, today in No. 5 colliery of the Nova Scotia Steel and Coal Company. Death was almost instantaneous, a heavy piece of the rock striking the unfortunate young man on the left side of the head, fracturing the skull and almost completely tearing away the ear.

Men who witnessed the accident, including a brother of the deceased, said Brown walked a few steps after being struck and then dropped dead.

Brown, with his mother and brother, came to this country on October 24 last from Lancaster, England, and has ever since been in the employ of the Nova Scotia Steel and Coal Company. A few months ago he married a young woman belonging to England.

## CELEBRATED GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Friends Have Pleasant Time at Home

Kr. and Mrs. Merrill Robinson, Hopewell Hill.

HOPEWELL HILL, Sept. 11.—A particularly happy gathering assembled last evening at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Merrill Robinson of this village, the occasion being the celebration of Mr. and Mrs. Robinson's golden wedding anniversary, an event which had been looked forward to for some time with much interest, and which brought many congratulations and expressions of good will to the respected couple, in whose honor so many friends and relatives assembled last night. Some 70 guests were present, including, besides those from this village, Mr. and Mrs. Isahel Tingley and Mrs. Wilmot, from Lynn, Mass.; Hon. A. R. McClellan and Mrs. McClellan and Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Reid, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Tingley of Riverside; Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Stiles of Albert, and Mr. and Mrs. Fowles, Hopewell Cape. A most enjoyable time was spent by all. After supper, which was served at 9 o'clock, Alexander Rogers, registrar of deeds, on behalf of those present, presented Mr. and Mrs. Robinson with a well filled purse, conveying to them the wishes of all present for future happiness and prosperity of the elderly pair. Mr. and Mrs. Robinson expressing their best thanks and deep appreciation for the kind offering and good will so splendidly shown by their friends. Hon. Mr. McClellan, being called upon, made a very happy and exceedingly interesting speech, congratulatory in character, and giving also a brief historical sketch of the Robinson family, with which Mr. McClellan is connected on his mother's side. After Mr. McClellan's address, music was furnished, Mrs. G. M. Russell, presiding at the organ. Mr. and Mrs. Robinson, who have the long record attained by so few of fifty years of married life, were married on September 10th, 1857, the officiating clergyman being the Rev. Wm. Sears, the well known Baptist preacher of that day. Both Mr. and Mrs. Robinson are well preserved, and show lightly the flight of years, which has carried away to the unknown land so many of the friends of their youth. Mr. Robinson is in his 79th year, and is a son of the late Aaron Robinson, being one of a large family of brothers and sisters, those of whom that are still living being Capt. C. D. Robinson, of St. John; Martin, of Lynn; Mrs. Jane Cochran, Curryville; Mrs. Maria Bray, Lower Cape; Mrs. Elizabeth Starratt of this village, and Mrs. Ethelinda Starratt of California. Capt. H. E. Robinson of Ellesmere Port, Eng., another brother, died a few years ago. Mrs. Robinson, who is ten years her husband's junior, was formerly Miss Isabella Hoar, a daughter of James L. Hoar of Chatham Road. Three of Mrs. Robinson's sisters—Mrs. Sophronia Robinson, Mrs. Martha Wilmot and Mrs. Isahel Tingley, were present last evening. Mrs. Wilmot and Mrs. Tingley coming from Lynn, especially for the occasion. Mr. and Mrs. Robinson have been the parents of ten children, six surviving as follows: Mrs. Jas. R. Russell, James L. Clark, Starratt, Winton C. and Stephen, all residing in this parish. The couple also have many grandchildren, a large number of whom were present on this occasion. Mr. and Mrs. Robinson's friends sincerely hope they may have yet many happy returns of the day, so pleasantly celebrated last evening.

## WANT BETTER SYSTEM OF TEACHING FRENCH

French Citizens of Moncton Present Memorial to Board of School Trustees.

MONCTON, Sept. 11.—The French citizens of Moncton started an agitation for a more thorough system of teaching French to the French children in the public schools. Tonight the agitation took a definite shape when a delegation headed by L. C. Delisle, O. S. Leger, Simon Melanson and others waited on the school board and presented a petition, signed by about five hundred French citizens, setting forth their views. The petitioners pray for the inauguration of a system of teaching the dual language in public schools similar to the system in Ontario. The petitioners claim that the French children can't be taught English correctly until they have been first taught French in the primary grades. The board intimated to the deputation that their petition should have been presented to the Provincial Board of Education. It was stated that the local government was already dealing with the question and hoped for an early solution. The school board appointed Chairman Hawke, Dr. Bourque and H. H. Ayer to meet a deputation of the French citizens and discuss the question of improving the conditions in the local schools.

## A BAYONET CHARGE DEFEATED THE MOORS

A Carefully Planned French Attack Was Successful

After Observations From a Balloon, Two Columns Moved on the Moorish Position on Wednesday.

CASABLANCA, Sept. 11. (Wednesday).—The allied Franco-Spanish army today made a sudden and successful move on Taddert, where the Moors were entrenched in a camp of the latter was destroyed by bombardment and the enemy was put to flight, leaving many dead on the field. The French lost one man killed and six wounded.

The attack was carefully planned and was based largely on the observations of the Moors' position made from a military balloon.

The allied army, which was divided into two columns, left the camp at six o'clock in the morning, leaving several companies of infantry to defend the base at Casablanca. The first column was composed of four companies of regular infantry, several companies of sharpshooters, a battery of artillery, and all the cavalry. The march was skillfully carried out under the cover of a fog until within half way to Laddert, when the fog lifted and disclosed several large bands of the enemy. The allies then charged at the point of the bayonet, and although the Moors resisted with their old time courage, they were finally compelled to retreat in the face of a superior force, and both of the columns of allied troops advanced on Laddert.

## PURCHASE FOR THE MONCTON SECTION

MONCTON, Sept. 11.—The first purchase of land for the G. T. F. Right of way from Moncton to Chipman was made on Saturday by the agent of the Transcontinental Railway Commissioners. The site was about three acres of the Wm. Horsman farm, about three miles from Moncton, and east of the north track. Within the three mile distance from Moncton no site is at present being purchased, presumably because the precise point of junction with the I. C. R. has not been finally determined. The initial purchase of land, however, sets at rest the utterances of the doubters as to the construction of the Moncton section.

## MRS. GEORGE MYERS

The death of Mrs. Nora H. Myers, widow of the late George Myers of Watford, occurred on Tuesday, Sept. 10, after a lingering illness at the home of her daughter, Mrs. H. F. Secord, Penobscot. The deceased was in her seventy-sixth year. She leaves five daughters—Mrs. W. G. Carleton of Sussex; Mrs. Mary J. Tufts, of St. John; Mrs. W. Yates, of New Hampshire; Mrs. M. F. Secord, of Penobscot; and Mrs. E. H. Crane, of Boston; also two sons—Robert E., of New Hampshire, and Charles E., of Brooklyn. She also leaves eighteen grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

## GREAT RUN OF THE LUSITANIA

### Speeding Across the Ocean in Record Time.

### Steamed 570 Miles in 24 Hours—Little Doubt That She Will Beat the Atlantic Record.

NEW YORK, Sept. 11.—The giant turbine steamer Lusitania, which is buffeting its way across the Atlantic on its first trip to America, has "found herself." Unlike most steamers, the big liner is proving to be the best time ever made on a westbound journey across the Atlantic. The last report from the Lusitania, dated at noon today, was received at the Associated Press correspondent aboard the ship by way of the Cape Race wireless station. It shows that in the 24 hours ending at noon, the run of the ship was 570 miles, a record of 23.4 knots an hour, and with beautiful weather forecasted there should be little doubt that the ship will reach Sandy Hook lightship under five days for the trip.

"On board steamer Lusitania, via Cape Race, N. F., Sept. 11.—At midday today it was announced that the ship's run for the preceding 24 hours, was 570 miles, the posting of the announcement being received with cheers. We have just passed within signaling distance of the mammoth mounds-American liner America. The steamer is proving one of its popularities, and tonight, crowded with beautifully gowned women parading the deck, she is a sight to be remembered. It reminds one of the foyers of a York hotel. A concert was held in the music room tonight, which was given over by United States and Canadian sailors and soldiers. The weather is beautiful and the ship is making good time. The Lusitania has suffered from today had not reached so far to sea as to interfere with the progress of the Lusitania, and the indications are that she will leave Thursday will have a weather as far as the Grand Banks. The last official report of the ship was when she picked up the Cape Race, N. F., wireless station at 5:30 this morning. At that time the ship had covered 1,655 miles of the voyage in seventy hours. A maintenance of the same speed would bring the great liner ahead the Sandy Hook lightship at 4:45 o'clock Friday morning, a record of 4 days, 21 hours and 35 minutes for the trip. This would beat the time of the Lusitania, by nine hours and fifty minutes.

The present record of speed across the Atlantic westward is held by the Deutschland, of the Hamburg-American Line, and is 5 days, 11 hours and 14 minutes, but because of the fact that the route covered by Germany ships is 226 miles longer than the route from Queenstown, the Lusitania must beat the Deutschland's record by at least eleven hours in actual time between points. At her present rate of speed the Lusitania from Queenstown will beat that of the Deutschland from Cherbourg by 14 hours and 19 minutes, giving her the record trip across the Atlantic by more than three hours.

The Cunarder Lusitania, the holder of the line's record for the trip, which left Queenstown shortly before the Lusitania, reported by wireless of Cape Race at 8 o'clock this afternoon. It is figured that the Lusitania should reach the Cape Race at about midnight Friday. This will make her run about five days and seventeen hours—ten hours behind the record. At the present rate of speed maintained by the two ships, the Lusitania should arrive at least twenty hours ahead of the Lusitania. If the Lusitania has been delayed by bad weather conditions the Lusitania must have escaped these conditions, or is speeding on, without regard to them.

Lieut. Col. William L. Marshall, the army engineer who is in charge of the work at the Ambrose channel, says that the channel will be ready for use by Friday morning and the Lusitania will come into the bay through this channel.

John Tennant of St. John is erecting a derrick for the marine department at Grindstone Island light and fog alarm station.

The bark Wolfe, of Finland is loading deals at the Island for Robinson & Wright, the Shuler lumber firm. The Wolfe is a British built ship of the old days, and carries on her prow a finely carved figure of the famous English general for whom she was named.

THOMAS J. WALLACE. HALIFAX, N. S., Sept. 10.—Thomas J. Wallace, one of the oldest barristers of Nova Scotia, died this evening. An interesting episode in his early professional life was his disbarment by the late Sir William Young, then chief justice. Wallace had done something to which Young strenuously objected, and the chief justice demanded an apology. This Wallace defiantly refused to give, and his gown was taken away. It was before the creation of the Supreme Court of Canada, and Wallace appeared directly to the privy council which reversed the Nova Scotia decision and ordered Wallace's reinstatement. The first intimation the court here had of the result of the appeal was when Wallace appeared in court to make a motion. He was a native of Chatham, N. B. His widow and several children survive.

## TALK IN OF THE N.

### The Fredericton Ho. Investigation Continued.

### Board of Trustees Try to Smooth Things Over, but Dr. Atherton Refuses to Give In.

FREDERICTON, N. B., Sept. 11.—The hospital investigation was continued this evening and lasted until midnight. Mr. Grimmer and Mr. O'Leary, both of whom were to give evidence to the effect that the matron had in conversation praised Dr. Vanwart, were not present. The former sent a letter to the board, the substance of which was not of much importance to either party.

Dr. Atherton persisted in his charges that Miss McCullum showed favor to Dr. Vanwart. T. C. Allen, one of the trustees, recommended that in the interest of the whole institution the matter be allowed to drop and start fresh. He asked the medical staff if they would not let the matter drop and the board could make rules and regulations governing the future and the difficulties would not arise again. Senator Thompson and other members present supported Mr. Allen.

Dr. Atherton replied that this thing had been going on a good while, that he did not think the hospital management had treated him fairly and he did not feel that he could any longer remain a member of the medical staff if Miss McCullum remained as matron. At the same time he spoke in the highest terms of Miss McCullum, saying that he believed that she meant well and never intended to show any favoritism. "I would be the last one to hurt a hair of her head," he said. "I believe she has worked hard for the institution, but she has her likes and dislikes, and probably means well."

The board strongly urged the doctor to let by-gones be by-gones, but the doctor held to his position and would not give in.

Dr. Atherton suggested to the meeting many improvements which the trustees looked upon favorably. Judge Barry asked if the medical staff did not think that much of the trouble that existed was owing to jealousy in the medical profession. Dr. Atherton strongly denied this and stated whatever difficulties the profession had it did not injure the working of the hospital. He felt all right towards Dr. Vanwart; he did not blame Vanwart in the least for getting all the business he could, but he did blame the matron for recommending Dr. Vanwart, and claimed that in many instances she interfered with his private patients.

Miss McCullum denied the accusation. The resignation of the nurses was then taken up. The matron answered in detail the charges explaining the accusations and denied fully all the charges made. She said she was willing at any and all times to meet any specific charge.

"I am conscientious in my work, a friend of the poor, and have ever tried to advance the interests of the institution. I want the public to know this. I will not resign. I must regard myself-respect and unless my resignation is demanded, I intend to remain matron. It would be most degrading to ask me to retire after the body of nurses had said I must go, or they would go. It would disgrace me for life."

In conclusion, Miss McCullum spoke of the great surprise and pain the action of the nurses had caused her, as she had always got along so friendly with each and all.

The trustees asked if the nurses' resignation was accepted could she supply another staff. Miss McCullum felt positive that the difficulty could be met. The meeting then adjourned until Friday. It seems quite evident that the trustees board from their remarks this evening intend upholding the matron, and it would seem that their action is unanimous.

## DOUBLE WEDDING AT TRURO LAST NIGHT

TRURO, N. S., Sept. 11.—A double wedding in which Truro people generally took a very great interest was celebrated in St. John's Episcopal church last night. The bride was Archdeacon Kauback, assisted by Rev. Mr. Warner, curate. The contracting parties were Miss Helen Marie Bigelow, who married Rev. William M. Cox, Episcopal clergyman of Washington, D. C., and Miss Sara Hermiona Bigelow, who wedded Frederick L. Schwartz, accountant of the I. C. R. at Moncton. The brides are daughters of Mr. and Mrs. James Edward Bigelow of Truro.

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