

There is no necessity, there is no justification, there is no object, good, bad or indifferent, to be obtained. * * * "Yes; it is absolutely useless. It is a total waste of the public money. It is not only a destruction of the intercolonial Railway, but it is a sheer, unjustifiable squandering of the public money."—From A G Blair's speech on the Grand Trunk Pacific contract.

Is it useless to discuss such questions as these? Is the Grand Trunk Pacific a dead issue?

Minard's Liniment cures Burns, etc.

A triduum of prayer and devotion, in connection with the Jubilee of the immaculate conception, opened in St. Dunast's Cathedral on Monday evening, and is now going on. On Monday evening, the sermon was preached by Rev. P. D. McGuigan, last evening the preacher was Rev. Dr. McDonald and this evening Rev. R. B. McDonald will deliver the closing sermon. The devotions close each evening with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

A strange man registered at the Grand Central Hotel, Truro, N. S., Saturday afternoon by the name of William Johnson dropped dead in his chair this afternoon. There are no facts known concerning his identity but he is probably Capt. Wm. Johnson of Murray Harbor, P. E. I. He came to Truro on Thursday from New Glasgow where he was under treatment for a complication of diabetes and was on his way to Victoria Hospital, Halifax. He had \$250 on his person at the time of his death and had sixteen \$10 notes in his hand.

LOCAL AND OTHER ITEMS.

Mr. John Anderson, of Kensington, and Mr. M. C. Delaney, of Tryon, are the Conservative candidates for the Legislative Assembly for the Belesque district.

Mr. George V. McInerney, of St. John, was nominated by the Conservatives of Kent County, in Convention Assembly at Richibucto, on Saturday last.

His honor, Lieutenant-Governor McKinnon, was sworn in, in the Executive Council Chamber on Saturday last, by J. J. McGee, Esq., Clerk of the Privy Council.

John E. McNeill, brakeman, was killed in a head on collision of two freight trains, at McKinnon's Harbor, C. B., last week. Daniel McDonald, engineer, had his arm and leg broken. Several cars were demolished.

His Lordship, Bishop Casey, of St. John, N. B., accompanied by Rev. Father Chipman, arrived here on a brief visit to his Lordship, Bishop McDonald, on Wednesday evening last. They left again on Friday morning. They were guests at the Palace during their stay.

A fire broke out on Thursday morning last about 2:30 o'clock in the Alchorn building, Queen street, Charlottetown, then occupied by Messrs. McDonald & Hughes, as a grocery store. It is a wooden building and in a short time was enveloped in flames. The firemen were soon on the scene and the flames were soon extinguished. The building and contents were badly damaged.

"Put this question how you will, turn it over, turn it over, turn it back, examine it right and left, inside and outside, it fails to present to me—I do not know how it may appear to other hon. gentlemen in this House—a single redeeming feature in any phase of it from beginning to end. I have yet to hear of the first man in the province of New Brunswick asking that this road should be constructed."—From Hon A G Blair's speech on the Grand Trunk Pacific contract.

THREE of the largest business blocks in the centre of Winnipeg were reduced to ashes on Tuesday night of last week. The fire started in the new Bullman block, at the corner of Albert and Bannatyne Streets, and the building was in flames before an alarm was turned in. The flames shot across narrow Bannatyne Street to Ashdown Hardware Company's store corner of Main Street and Bannatyne Street. This immense establishment, one of the largest in Canada was burned within an hour. Cartridges and other inflammable material exploded and spread the fire in a northerly direction to the Rialto Block, occupied by Miller's and O'Leary's, Hyndman's Furniture Store and the Dominion Express Company and a number of business offices. The Great Northwestern Telegraph Office was also burned. Woodbine Hotel, Barker Block and Dufferin Block adjoining the Bullman Block, were all partly damaged. The chief sufferers in these blocks are the Slater Shoe Co, the Grandy Music Co, Caldero Photographic Supplies, Davies' stationery stock and Connolly's Drugs, Rialto block, were saved after a hard fight. The fire had such a start that anything the firemen could do was of but little avail. The electric lights and power were all cut off owing to fire, and all the newspaper offices were in darkness at midnight. The Free Press office in the rear of the Bullman Block escaped injury. The loss is estimated at over \$500,000 of which the Ashdown Company will lose \$500,000.

LOCAL AND OTHER ITEMS.

The beautiful new altar in St. Andrew's Church, was solemnly consecrated on Tuesday of last week. His Lordship, the Bishop officiated, assisted by Very Rev. Dr. Morrison, V. G., Rev. A. P. McLellan, P. P., Rev. A. J. McDonald, Rev. R. J. Gillis, Rev. P. D. McGuigan and Rev. I. E. A. McDonald, with Rev. A. J. McIntyre as master of ceremonies. Solemn Mass was afterwards celebrated by his Lordship, the Bishop, assisted by the clergy above named. This splendid new altar is the gift of His Lordship, Bishop McDonald and several of the clergy who were also born in St. Andrew's parish.

A small part of the forward section of the hull and a slanting foremast stood as mute reminders of the ocean tragedy enacted at Chatham, Mass., last Thursday night when the three-masted schooner Westworth of Moncton, N. B., struck on Chatham bar during a raging northerly gale, and all on board perished in the terrific sea. With the exception of the loss of the steamer Portland in November, 1898, the wreck of the Westworth is the most appalling disaster that has occurred on the Cape Cod coast during the last decade. Of the twelve persons who were on board the stranded vessel not one reached the shore alive, although two bodies were snatched from the surface Friday morning, one of them that of a woman, believed to be the wife of the captain. With her three children she was accompanying her husband on a trip from Hillsboro, N. B., to Newark, N. J.

ONE of the most horrible murders ever committed in this Province took place in this city on Thursday evening last, about seven o'clock. The victim was Miss Harriet Drake Warren, about 35 years of age. She was a seamstress and had been working that day at the house of Mr. A. E. Igoe, on the Esplanade. She left there about seven o'clock in the evening to go to her home on upper Pownall Street, where she resided with her widowed mother. She started up Haviland Street, as was her custom, past the Charlottetown Hospital. Just past the hospital and before coming to the large warehouse of the Connolly estate on the corner of Sydney street, there is a small building, and then the gateway leading into the warehouse yard. This place is pretty dark for the most part, and here the horrible tragedy occurred. The murderer was evidently concealed about this gateway and rushed on his unfortunate victim as she passed. The murdered woman was struck on the back of the head and on the neck and other parts of the body with an axe and felled to the street. A terrible gash was in the back of the head and there were other marks, as if made with the pole of the axe. Her death seems to have been instantaneous and the victim died without a groan, as the body was discovered a few minutes after she had left Mr. Igoe's residence. A Miss Robinson, coming in the same direction, from the house of Mr. Gane next to Mr. Igoe, was the first to discover the body. She left Mr. Gane's a few minutes after seven, and passing this part of the street stumbled over the body, which was lying on the sidewalk. She thought it was a drunken man went home a couple of blocks away, and told her brother, who came to the scene of the murder. By this time others had congregated and the alarm was given. The body was taken into the Hospital awaiting the arrival of the Coroner. The axe was identified, as his, by Thomas Bisean, who lies on Union Street, nearby. He works on the Hillsboro Bridge, and when he came home missed the axe out of his yard. Henry Palmer, who lives in the same building as Bisean, and who has recently been discharged from the Lunatic Asylum is under arrest. Michael Power, who had recently been in an asylum in the States was taken into custody on his father's recommendation. The Coroner summoned a jury and the inquest was continued on Friday and Saturday.

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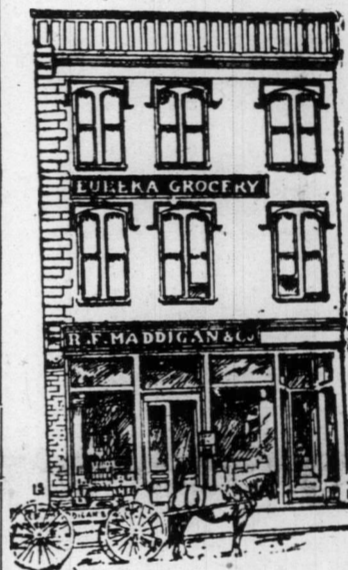
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