

# WARNING OF QUEBEC BRIDGE WEAKNESS CAME TOO LATE TO PREVENT DISASTER



View of Quebec Bridge Ruins, Showing Extent of Disaster on Landward Side of Big Pier—Figure of Man in Centre of Picture Gives an Idea of Massive Nature of Destroyed Structure.

MONTREAL, Sept. 2.—The sensational development in connection with the Quebec bridge disaster is the telegram of Frederick Cooper of Montreal, who is consulting engineer of the bridge. Last night Hon. S. N. Parent, president of the Bridge Company, made a statement to the effect that no such telegram had been received, and that Mr. Cooper had never sent such a message. In this Mr. Parent was in error, as a matter of fact Mr. Cooper did send this telegram, but it was sent to the chief engineer of the Phoenix Company of Phoenixville, Pa., and not to the engineer in charge of the bridge, as was taken for granted. It had been. The telegram was sent on Thursday and read practically:

"Do not place any more load on Quebec bridge at present. Better look into it at once."

This message reached Phoenixville on Thursday afternoon. John S. Deans, the company's chief engineer, was out and the telegram remained on his desk until five o'clock, when he returned. A few minutes later Mr. R. McClure, the engineer who made the inspection of the bridge for Mr. Cooper and upon whose report the telegram sent by Mr. Cooper was based, arrived at Mr. Deans' office with all information as to the meaning of the telegram.

Strangely enough it was at the very moment when Mr. Deans and Mr. McClure were discussing the matter that the bridge collapsed. Had it held out for 24 hours later, the awful disaster, or at least the terrible loss of life might have been avoided.

A New York despatch reports Mr. Cooper with saying that he had a message from Engineer Board saying that examination had shown that the pier was in good condition and that the fault lay in the superstructure. Mr. Board reported that the entire construction had collapsed vertically and this made it in Mr. Cooper's opinion as if the fault lay near the main pier. Mr. Cooper declined to say specifically what his inspector had reported to him but said that the report did not cause him to believe that there was any imminent danger of a collapse. It only created the impression in his mind that it would be well to suspend operations and have a critical examination made of the work before proceeding further. The officials of the Phoenixville Company say that Mr. Cooper's telegram did not appear to call for instant action, and that anyway it was too late to order the men off the bridge for it would have been impossible owing to the delay due to the telegraphers' strike, to get a message to Quebec before the men had quit work for the day.

MONTREAL, C. Sept. 2.—The funeral of eight of the Caughnawaga Indians who perished in the Quebec bridge disaster took place at the cathedral today. Archbishop Bruchet attended, as well as a large number of priests, including Father Forbes, formerly in charge at Caughnawaga, who read the remarks of the archbishop into French. The archbishop's reference to the catastrophe was most touching. All the deceased were buried in one grave in the Immaculate cemetery. Thirty-seven families in Caughnawaga were affected by the disaster. Forty-four children have been made orphans.

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Three years in Dorchester for biting off part of another man's ear, was the sentence imposed on Alexander Collier of Halifax, by Stipendiary Fleming, Tuesday. Several days ago Collier and a Frenchman named Brine got into a row and, in the melee, Collier bit off a piece of his opponent's ear. With the piece wrapped up in a handkerchief, Brine called at the police station next morning and swore out a warrant for Collier's arrest.

"During the thunder and lightning storm on Sunday, the dwelling house, corner of Pleasant street and Starr's street, Yarmouth, occupied by Blake Grant, wife and three children, and by Mr. and Mrs. George Haynes, was struck and almost completely wrecked. The lightning struck the main chimney, tearing it completely into pieces, and causing the soot to fly all over the house. It then ran along the floor and ceiling, ripping them to pieces, passing out of the main house through the western walls, tearing off the shingles and boards from the timber. The most damage was done in the dining room, where all but one of the inmates had assembled. Here the floor was tipped up for about eight square feet. Mrs. Grant was standing near the spot with a small child in her arms. The lightning set fire to

her clothing, struck her on the left hip and passed down her leg, burning the flesh to a blister all along its track; then tore off her stocking and shoe, burning her foot. She is laid up on account of her injuries. The child's clothing was torn completely off her body, set on fire and was severely burned. A cat lying near the stove was instantly killed. The lightning passed into the pantry, tearing everything to pieces, smashing all the dishes, destroyed a washboard and buried a tin box full of matches through the hole made in the floor into the cellar. The rest of the inmates escaped injury, though they were shocked for a long time. A lounge in the dining room was completely destroyed. The roof of the house is badly damaged, a strip of shingles for about fifteen feet being torn off. The house belongs to Dr. Williams.

The annual meeting of the Yarmouth Amalgamated Telephone Company, Ltd., was held on Friday evening. The financial statement for the past year was submitted, showing a fair increase in the earnings and a dividend of 6 per cent. was declared for the past year.

Some one attempted last Wednesday night or Thursday morning to poison the handsome pair of bay horses belonging to William Cossabomb, proprietor of the Harbor View House, Smith's Cove, by putting oak leaves and turpentine sprayed with Paris green in their feed boxes in Mr. Cossabomb's stable at the farm. The authorities are said to be following up a clue, which will probably lead to an arrest.

A social event of unusual importance is the marriage of Miss Whitman, daughter of W. E. Whitman, to Frank Clair Harris, which will take place in St. Luke's church on September fourth. This is expected to be one of the most brilliant events of its kind seen here for many years, and is looked forward to with much interest. Special trains have been engaged to accommodate the guests from the eastern part of the province.

The blueberry crop in the western part of the valley is the largest ever to be shipped to the States. Enormous quantities are being shipped to the States.

The exodus of summer visitors to the valley has begun in good earnest, as the passenger lists clearly demonstrate. On Saturday the late Prince George, sailing from Yarmouth, carried away four hundred and seventy-five and the str. Yarmouth two hundred and twenty-four.

Those who are rash and precipitate seldom enjoy the favor of the gods—Herodotus.

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SOUVENIR DEALERS  
WILL BE PROSECUTED

NIAGARA FALLS, Ont., Sept. 2.—Several prominent citizens of the city have taken action against the souvenir dealers who have been charged with violations of the Lord's Day act, and it is said that many of them have entered pleas of guilty. The prosecutions are taken at the instance of the Lord's Day Alliance and with the approval of Provincial Attorney General Foy.

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BY-ELECTIONS  
SEPTEMBER 25  
Writs for St. John and  
Brockville Issue Today

Dr. Pugsley Will Arrive Today—  
Nomination of Conservative Candidate is Unlikely

OTTAWA, Sept. 1.—The writs for the by-election in St. John and Brockville will be issued tomorrow. Though the dates will not be finally determined until tomorrow, it is believed that the nominations will be made on September 18 and polling on September 25th.

Dr. Pugsley left Ottawa for Montreal Saturday morning and was to leave Montreal this evening for St. John.

While there will be an executive meeting on Tuesday evening next to consider the question of placing a candidate in the field, the opinion in the best informed Conservative circles is that there will be no opposition. It is felt that there could only be a result and there seems to be no acceptable candidate in the party who cares to enter what is certainly a hopeless struggle. There is some street talk about a North End physician, being nominated in the event of the executive failing to decide on a contest, but whether this opposition would materialize or not is open to doubt.

True Mayor Sears has on several occasions announced that he would run in the event of the Conservatives not putting up a candidate, but this was before it was certain that Dr. Pugsley would receive a portfolio and his civic duties are not seen to suggest to lead a faction here just now.

TOWNS FOR THE  
SALVATION ARMY

A great colonization scheme in Canada, drawn up by the heads of the Salvation Army, has just been approved in principle by General Booth and Government officials, says the London Chronicle, and it only awaits the sanction of a joint commission of the army and the Canadian Government to be carried into effect.

The scheme is the result of a long and arduous process, and is based on the principle of the Salvation Army ten-township in the great clay belt, comprising some 250,000 acres. The land in the districts of West- and North- and South- (Ontario) is to be divided into 14 sections on every township, each having the usual sized homestead—160 acres. These settlers to be under the supervision of Canadian experienced in clearing land for agricultural purposes as well as of officials of the Army trained in settlement work.

The commission referred to recently surveyed the land and is now on the way to London. The commission, so a prominent officer associated with the Salvation Army emigration department informed a Daily Chronicle reporter, is in London, comprised representatives of the Canadian Government and of the Salvation Army, with the Hon. Senator Cox, who is financing the undertaking.

"Nothing is settled," this official remarked, "nor can anything be done until the report is received. If the land and other matters, such as climatic conditions, are satisfactory, the scheme will in all probability proceed. If, on the other hand, the report is of an unsatisfactory character we shall have to cast about for more suitable property. The plan of the scheme was submitted to General Booth during his recent tour in Canada.

The ultimate idea, of course, is that the settlers may acquire the land, and the Salvation Army be satisfied with the principle upon which the Salvation Army authorities proceed and carry out their main object of giving every man a chance of doing something for himself in the new land of his adoption.

The Hon. Senator Cox says the Chronicle has advanced on loan to the Army authorities a sum of about \$50,000 for the prosecution of the scheme at a reasonable rate of interest on the security of the land.

Sensor Cox's financial support is regarded as a sound business proposition. The Army officials declare that the Canadian authorities are satisfied with their emigration work and are anxious to see the development of the land. If the present scheme is successful it is believed that similar efforts will be made in other districts of the Dominion.

PROBABLE CHANGES  
IN THE MINISTRY

OTTAWA, Sept. 3.—The announcement that Hon. Clifford Sifton will not step into the cabinet at the present juncture, as minister of public works, or minister of railways, does not necessarily mean that he will not return to public life at a later date. A Star correspondent is credibly informed that the Liberals of the West have received a promise of another portfolio from Sir Wilfrid Laurier in the near future, and that the resignation of cabinet representation is made there will be a reduction in the number of ministers, from either Ontario or Nova Scotia. The province down by the sea with a population of less than half a million has two cabinet ministers, while that portion of the Dominion lying between the eastern boundary of Manitoba and the Rocky Mountains has but one. Quebec has five cabinet ministers and Ontario has five. It is quite evident, therefore, that when the West gets another minister, either Ontario or Nova Scotia will lose one.

Should Sir Frederick Borden retire before Sir Richard Cartwright lays down the care of office, the probabilities are that Hon. W. S. Fielding would cease to have a colleague from Nova Scotia in the cabinet circle, while if Sir Richard drops out first, the Ontario representation will likely be reduced. In either event, the Liberals of the West will renew their claims, and if Mr. Sifton cannot be induced to enter the arena again Hon. Walter Scott may be asked to lay aside the premiership of Saskatchewan and become a Liberal leader for both Manitoba and Saskatchewan, with a place in the Ottawa government. The impression grows that should Mr. Sifton ever enter the cabinet again, it will be as minister of trade and commerce, a comparatively light portfolio, as compared with the interior, public works, or railways and canals. These things, however, are but possibilities of the future.

NEWS OF HOPEWELL HILL

HOPEWELL HILL, Sept. 2.—The farmers are pretty well discouraged on account of the unfavorable weather, it being almost impossible to get any gathered in good condition, there having been heavy showers almost every day. It must necessarily be late before the crop is housed. New hay is said to be bringing \$40 a ton, and corn at this season.

M. E. Dixon of Riverside returned last week from a business trip to New York.

Bliss A. Smith of St. John is spending a vacation at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. Chesley Smith.

Paul Tingley, son of J. M. Tingley, is home from Lynn, Mass., on a visit.

Misses Mary Newcomb and Lottie Russell left today for Fredericton to attend the Normal School, both having entered for first class.

G. H. Adair of Apohaqui, formerly principal of the school here, spent Sunday with friends in the village.

AS JAPANESE SEE IT

It is said the Japanese think our grown women most alarmingly overgrown, very shocking in their costume and quite dreadful as regards their teeth and their feet—in a word, outrageous. They consider the kimono preferable to western habiliments because it so completely obliterates the lines of the figure. They teach girls to talk with their lips almost closed concealing the teeth, and to walk with the feet parallel in tiny steps or even toeing in.

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7s. 6d. per Bottle.

POSTMASTERS  
GET RAISE.  
This Applies to the Country  
Officials.  
New Rate Increases Minimum to \$36  
with 50 Per Cent Increase over  
\$1,000 Revenue

OTTAWA, Sept. 2.—The salaries of country postmasters have been increased. For some time the postmasters have been applying to the postmaster general for an enlargement of their allowances. Hon. Mr. Laurier has decided that the gaining revenue of the postoffice department and the increase in living expenses has entitled the postmasters to more pay. In the past country postmasters have been serving at a minimum salary of \$25 a year with 40 per cent. of the first \$300 revenue of the office each year 25 per cent. on allowance from \$300 to \$1,000 and 15 per cent. on all over \$1,000. The new scale increases the minimum to \$36 with 50 per cent. of the first \$1,000 revenue of the office in each year, 30 per cent. on allowance between \$1,000 and \$10,000 and 20 on all above \$10,000. At present extra payment is made postmasters who have to be on duty after 10 p. m. or before 6 a. m. The minimum extra allowance has been \$8 and the maximum \$60, according to the time employed and the work done. The new plan for extra payment changes the hours to 9 p. m. and 7 a. m., adding an hour at each end, while the minimum allowance is increased to \$16 and the maximum extra allowance to \$100. At present there is a forward allowance of 10 per cent. of the revenue of the office where the forwarding is done direct and 5 per cent. where the forwarding is indirect or through another office. The new scale is 12 1/2 per cent. for both direct and indirect forwarding.

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REV. DR. WORDEN  
HAD GOOD TIME  
Scenery Delightful Around Wolfville  
But New Theology Did Not  
Accord With His Views

Rev. D. H. Worden of the Albert County Baptist Church, passed through the city on Thursday on his way from the United Baptist convention at Wolfville. He pronounced himself as well pleased with the procedure of the convention in many things. There were some things that he considered artificial in the line of the new theology which did not accord with his views. Outside of that, the spiritual element was excellent and the place beautiful, the delegates being well entertained. The Mayor of Wolfville gave Mr. Worden an excellent drive in his automobile. Mr. Munro also gave him a seven-mile auto drive to Kentville, filling him with delight with the scenery. He is now in his native town of Wolfville, where, as well as the surrounding campus.

SHIFFIELD SHARPS  
SHEFFIELD, N. B., Aug. 21.—Miss Nettie Ferguson, youngest daughter of Albert Ferguson, professional nurse of Miramichi, is home now, visiting her parents at Lakerville Corner.

Dr. H. S. Bridges' family, from St. John, are spending a few weeks at their country residence, the old homestead of the doctor, on the farm in Lower Sheffeld, Bridges' Point.

The district school opened last week with Miss Lena Babbitt in charge of the Sheffield Academy district. E. D. London, in charge of the Lakerville Corner school; Miss Louise Burpee in charge of the Little River, front tier.

A successful picnic and basket social was held last Wednesday evening in the Temperance hall at Lakerville Corner. The proceeds will go to the Sheffield Methodist Church.

The readers of the Daily Sun in these parts noticed the nice little compliment paid to the Rev. Dr. Worden in a recent issue, on his return from the Baptist convention.

UNCLE SAM AFTER  
THE PALMA TI OPHY

OTTAWA, Sept. 2.—The rifle team from the United States which is to try and win back the Palma trophy have reached Ottawa. They are almost a week ahead of the time, but they will put in the time getting at home on the Rockfells range, over which the Canadian, Australian and British teams have been shooting for the past week, and over which they will continue to practice until next Saturday, when the contest will be shot. This is the first time that teams from four countries have competed for the great American trophy. Each country is entitled to eight men on its team, but all will put in the time getting at home on the Rockfells range, over which the Canadian, Australian and British teams have been shooting for the past week, and over which they will continue to practice until next Saturday, when the contest will be shot. This is the first time that teams from four countries have competed for the great American trophy. 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