

## 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 from 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. J. 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 full 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, 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 bridge 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, Q., Sept. 2.—The funeral of eight of the Caughnawaga Indians who perished in the Quebec bridge disaster took place at the place 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 the catafalque. The archbishop's reference to the catastrophe was most touching. All the deceased were buried in one grave in the Indian cemetery.

Thirty-seven families in Caughnawaga were affected by the disaster. Forty-four children have been made orphans.

### SOUVENIR DEALERS WILL BE PROSECUTED

NIAGARA FALLS, Ont., Sept. 2.—Several prominent citizens of the town, who own souvenir stores along the river front, have been charged with violation 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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### NOTES FROM REXTON

REXTON, Aug. 23.—W. O. McInerney left on Wednesday for New York after spending part of his vacation with friends here.

Miss Ethel Fowler of Amherst, N. S. is visiting Miss Jessie Ferguson.

Mrs. C. K. Mason of Amherst, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. H. M. Ferguson, has returned home.

Miss Louise O'Connor has assumed charge of the school at West Branch.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. O'Leary and their daughter, Leah, are on a trip to Montreal.

Dr. Frank P. Lunney of Worcester, Mass., is visiting Rexton.

Miss Margaret O'Leary of Rexton left Monday for Washington, D. C., where she will attend college.

Miss Alice Law left Wednesday for Montreal to resume her duties as student nurse.

Mr. and Mrs. Budd Taylor of Montreal were in town the early part of this week.

Mr. James Conway returned Monday from a visit to Kouchibougué.

Mrs. James W. Smith is recovering from her severe illness.

Mrs. Samuel Howell has sufficiently recovered to be able to return home Wednesday.

J. P. Stevens of Chicago is the guest of his sister, Mrs. H. M. Ferguson.

Harry Woods, formerly of this town, I. C. R. operator, is being transferred from Red Pine station to Bolesford.

The Huetouche people are preparing for the erection of a new public school building.

L. Smith, Montreal, and C. G. Goddard of Moncton, were among the visitors to town this week.

Miss Lois Smith has resumed charge of her school at Chatham.

### BIT OFF MAN'S EAR; GOT THREE YEARS

ANNAPOLIS, N. S., Aug. 23.—A trio of colored ladies—Phoebe Jordan, Edith Jordan and Surette Jordan—will appear before the stipendiary at Digby on Saturday on answer to the charge of burglary and theft of a quantity of clothing and other property from the house of George Huxman, Acadiaville.

A portion of the stolen goods were found in the house occupied by the women, who, however, deny any knowledge of the theft.

Three years in Dorchester for biting off part of another man's ear, was the sentence imposed on Alexander Collier of Halifax, by Stipendiary Magistrate, Tuesday.

Seventeen 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.

The piece, wrapped up in a handkerchief, found at the police station next morning and sworn out from the time.

During the thunder and lightning storm on Sunday, the dwelling house, corner of Pleasant street and Starr's road, 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 the attic, causing the roof to fly all over the house. It then ran along the eaves and ceiling, ripping them to pieces, passing out of the main house through the western walls, tearing off the shingles and boards from the timbers. 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

### BOSTON POLICE ARE INQUIRING ABOUT W. B. BISHOP WHOSE BANK BOOK WAS FOUND THERE

Chief Clark yesterday received a communication from Wm. B. Watts, chief inspector of the Boston police force, telling of the discovery by Rev. B. F. McDaniel in the back yard of his residence, 10 Warren street, of property apparently belonging to W. B. Bishop. The Boston police wish to find out if Mr. Bishop is a resident of this city.

The man mentioned is apparently W. B. Bishop, traveller, 20 Greenfield, Ltd., of Montreal, who when in the city makes his home at the Royal, Mr. Bishop left for Boston a week ago last Saturday on the Yale and must intend to return to the city immediately. The man came to the Royal here for him yesterday. It is thought by some of Mr. Bishop's friends that he may be

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, annihilating all the dishes, destroyed a washboard and hurled 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.

A barn belonging to Wentworth Killam, Milton Highlands, Yarmouth, was struck during the same storm and two corners of the building badly torn and twisted. Several persons in the neighborhood did not recover from the shock for upwards of two hours.

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 P. C. 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 for many years. 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 str. 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.

### 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. This is a satisfactory prospect 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. This is a satisfactory prospect to public life at a later date.

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### 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.

## 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. 2.—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 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 one 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 Worship has said little about the matter of late. He is pretty busy with his civic duties and does not seem eager to lead a forlorn hope 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.

These are its chief features: The Government to sell to the Salvation Army ten townships in the great clay belt, comprising some 250,000 acres. The land in the districts of St. John and Alton, Northwest Ontario. The price to be 25 cents per acre, payment of the same to be spread over a period of ten years, without interest. The Army to locate 14 settlers on every township, each having the usual sized homestead—160 acres. These settlers to be under the supervision of Canadian experienced in clearing land and agricultural purposes as well as of officials of the Army trained in settlement work.

The commission referred to recently surveyed the land and drew up the plan for the Salvation Army headquarters in London. The commission, so a prominent officer associated with the Salvation Army emigration department informed a Daily Chronicle representative, 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 satisfactory land. 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 they have a chance of doing something for themselves in the new land of their adoption.

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### 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, an unusual price at this season.

M. B. 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 with.

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.

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### POSTMASTERS GET RAISE.

This Applies to the Country  
Officials.

New Rule 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. Lemieux 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 given 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 \$10,000 and 15 per cent. on all over \$10,000. 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 \$5 and the maximum \$50, 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 15 per cent. for both direct and indirect forwarding.

### SHIFFIELD SHARPS

SHEFFIELD, N. B., Aug. 31.—Miss Nettie Ferguson, youngest daughter of Albert Ferguson, professor of music at the University of New Brunswick, is now visiting her parents at Lakeville Corner.

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

A. B. Bridges is building a commodious dwelling house on his farm in Lower Sheffield, Bridges' Point.

The district school opened last week with Miss Lena Babbitt in charge of the primary and Miss E. D. London, in charge of the Lakeville 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 Lakeville Corner. The proceeds will go to the Sheffield Methodist church.

The readers of the Daily Sun in these parts noticed the nice little complement paid to the Rev. W. 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 contest, but they will put in the time getting at home on the Rockcliffe 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 have more than that number to choose from. There are eleven shots here from the United States. Lt. Col. N. Thurston, New York, captain of the team; Capt. Frank Evans, U. S. Marine corps adjutant; Lieut. Morton Mumma, second cavalry, quartermaster; Capt. Arthur Wells, 1st Infantry, coach; Major Charles Winder, provisional 1st S. A. P., Ohio; Captain George Carwin, 1st New York Infantry; Capt. Charles Benedict, 1st Ohio Infantry; Capt. W. L. Lewis, 1st New Jersey; Capt. Kellogg Casey, 1st Delaware; Lieut. Charles Chisholm, 5th Ohio; Lieut. George Doyle, 1st New York; Lieut. George Bryant, 23rd New York; Lieut. Orr, 1st Ohio, and Dr. Walter Hudson, Manhattan.

The United States team is accompanied by General James A. Drain,

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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 out in the surrounding country. Mr. Munro also gave him a seven-mile auto drive to Kentville, filling him with delight with the scenery. He is now in his parlour at the university there, as well as the surrounding campus.

### SKOWHEGAN, ME., HAS \$75,000 FIRE

SKOWHEGAN, Me., Sept. 3.—A fire which broke out shortly before midnight burned six wooden business blocks, the largest in the centre of the town and threatened then to spread to other property. It is estimated that the loss on the buildings and stocks of goods will exceed \$75,000. At this time the fire was still raging. The buildings burned included three wooden blocks of two stories owned by J. C. Merrill, a block owned by Griffin and Sampson, two stories tall; a three story block owned by George B. Fargrieve and a two story structure owned by E. N. Merrill. All the buildings were located in the section of the town between Madison, Russell and Water streets, and the prospect a half hour after midnight was that other buildings in the same district would be destroyed.

The Skowhegan fire department, consisting of an engine, a hose wagon and hook and ladder truck, manned by volunteers, worked desperately to subdue the blaze. At the start the firemen were hampered by delay because of the failure of the electric fire alarm system to work, and much valuable time was lost while the alarm was being given by the ringing of church bells. When the department arrived the fire was under good headway in the block owned by J. C. Merrill and occupied on the ground floor by Chas. Drake, a cigar maker, and Arthur Elwood's barber shop. From this point it swept down the street, fanned by a strong wind, and soon enveloped the other buildings.

The cause of the fire is not known, but it started apparently in the rear of the cigar shop. Among the mercantile establishments burned are Sampson & Ayon's drug store, George B. Fargrieve's restaurant, the Skowhegan Dry Goods Company's store and J. C. Merrill's shoe store.

president of the United States National Rifle Association; General G. Riggs, National Gun Franchise; Major Joseph Ewing, Delaware; Col. John Casswell, Massachusetts; Major Ishel, Second Connecticut Infantry; Lieut. C. Jones, New York, and Dr. Frank Nelson of Georgia.