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MR. EMMERS ON HERE TO KEEP A PROMISE

Accompanied by Deputy Minister Butler He Visited Sand Point This Morning and Will Meet Harbor Improvements Committee This Afternoon.

Hon. H. R. Emmerson and Deputy Minister Butler arrived in the city this morning and are registered at the Royal. This morning they went to the west side and looked over the wharves and shipping facilities generally. This afternoon they will meet the members of the harbor committee to discuss matters relating to harbor improvements.

EMPIRE DAY CELEBRATED

Pleasing Programme Carried Out in the High School This Afternoon.

When the scholars in the various city schools leave the classrooms this afternoon they will be free from their studies until Tuesday morning. In addition to having Victoria Day as a holiday, they also have Monday, instead of Loyalty Day, which was on Saturday last. Today, Empire Day, was fittingly observed in the different school buildings by appropriate exercises.

SOBERED BY HANDSHAKES

Victim of Alcohol Saved by Daily Touch of a Bishop.

LONDON, May 23.—The Right Rev. Cecil Boutflower, Bishop of Dorchester, is a believer in the efficacy of the touch of the human hand in reclaiming victims of alcohol. He instances a case in his own experience. It frequently fell to his lot when ministering in Northern Paris to help home and put to bed somebody too drunk to walk. He invariably visited the drunkard the next morning and reasoned with him against the use of alcohol. One man promised to abandon drink if Mr. Boutflower would shake hands with him daily for a month before he started to work. Mr. Boutflower agreed, and went to his home every morning at 5.30 o'clock and shook hands with him. The man kept his word and reformed.

HOW PLEASURE SEEKERS CAN SPEND THE HOLIDAY

Good List of Attractions in City and County for Tomorrow's Merry Makers.

Victoria Day is generally recognized as the beginning of the summer holiday season, when citizens can find amusement in abundance in the city or leave the hum-drum of the city of their daily toil and seek recreation in some shady nook in any of our many rural spots. It is anticipated that on account of nature not being as yet clothed in her summer garments, the great majority of people will remain in the city and patronize the different amusements that will be provided tomorrow. Sports, base-ball, roller-skating, trips on the river, the Kirk Brown at the Opera House, the Nickel, etc., will all have their followers and the day set apart to commemorate the birth of our late respected Queen Victoria will no doubt be greatly enjoyed by all. Tomorrow morning on the Victoria grounds there will be two games of base-ball; Clippers v. Marathons and Argonauts v. P. Y. M. A. In the afternoon the Every Day Club sports will be held and a lengthy list of entries has been provided. On the Shamrock grounds this morning will see the St. Rose team and the F. M. A. doing battle and in the afternoon the

A SENSATIONAL MURDER IN LONG ISLAND SUBURB

Amelia Staffeldt, 15 Years Old, Outraged and Murdered in a Lonely Field—Police Have No Clue to the Murderer

NEW YORK, May 23.—Amelia Staffeldt, 15 years of age, was outraged and murdered on the outskirts of her father's farm in Elmhurst, Long Island, this afternoon. The crime was committed in a lonely spot where the girl had wandered in search of dandelions, and the weapon employed was the kitchen knife she had used to sever the crowns from the roots of the wild flowers. The girl died fighting. The body, when found by Joseph Engel, a farm hand, was laid stripped of clothing and bore the evidences of a revolting assault. Two gaping wounds in the throat told how the murder was done and the blood-stained knife lay near by. An autopsy held tonight showed that the girl had been criminally assaulted before she had been killed. She had been choked and the bruise marks left by fingers were found on her throat. The injuries which caused death were on the right side of the neck. One of them penetrated the mouth. The other was the fatal slash of the neck and through the spinal column and into the brain. It was a blow delivered with great force and the physician who conducted the autopsy declared the man who wielded the knife to have been more than ordinarily strong.

The police tonight had little work on in their hunt for the murderer. NEW YORK, May 23.—After a whole week's work the police today are far from a definite clue to the identity of the murderer of Amelia Staffeldt, the fifteen year old girl who was shockingly murdered with a knife in a field at Elmhurst in Queen Borough yesterday. Borough Inspector Flood personally has charge of the case. Every detail of the crime has been carefully gone over, he explained and no loose ends of the girl, who might possibly have had to do with the crime, had come to light. Information gained from an employing carpenter may possibly lead to something tangible. This carpenter told the police that he had worked near Elmhurst for two months past. Several of the men had been drinking and at noon they started for Manhattan. One in particular is said to have taken a short-cut across the old farm in a field of which Miss Staffeldt's father was the owner. Several of Inspector Flood's detectives think that the crime was committed by an insane man, on account of the manner in which the body was found. The man who was working with Engel, also believes from his cursory sight of the stranger that he was a foreigner.

DEAN BACK IN MONCTON

Book Keeper Who Was Missing Has Returned and Says He Has Not Misappropriated Funds.

MONCTON, N. B., May 23.—(Special)—Nelson Dean, the young bookkeeper reported missing, has returned to the city, and in explanation of his sudden disappearance, said he took a walk out into the country where he spent the past few days. He claims that he has not misappropriated funds to any extent and says he can make good any discrepancy. The young man's father, at Yarmouth, has been communicated with, and in the meantime an effort will be made to ascertain the state of affairs with reference to the accounts dealt with by Dean.

HOW THEY DO IT IN QUEBEC

Dominion Medical Officers Force Second Class Passengers to Jump, Dance and Run.

MONTRÉAL, May 23.—(Special)—Shipping companies here have received complaints against the tests which second class passengers are subjected by the Dominion Medical officers at Quebec. These passengers, many of whom are refined in taste and habits, are required to jump and dance and run up and down the steps of the ship. The matter, it is said, will be brought to the attention of the interior department.

A MYSTERIOUS EXPLOSION

NEW YORK, May 23.—A mysterious explosion in crowded Mott street today seriously injured eight children, three of them fatally, and struck terror to the hearts of hundreds in the crowded thoroughfare, and it was not until a large force of police arrived that order was restored. The cause of the explosion has not yet been ascertained, but residents of the neighborhood are firm in the belief that this was a black hand act. The police believe it to be an accident. When the explosion came the street was filled with pedestrians and romping children and every person on the street within a radius of fifty feet was thrown to the ground. The injured children, all of whom were Italians were removed to a hospital. Three of them died later. Two others are in an extremely critical condition. Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Foster arrived home today on the Boston train from their wedding trip.

THE TIMES NEW REPORTER

HIRAM SEEKING SPORT

Mr. Hiram Seeking Sport is in town today, having come to spend the 24th. Hiram is fond of sports and when he is in town he is sure to be in the games in the afternoon and sports in the afternoon he promptly determined to make a day of it. Hiram got the fever years ago, when base

A CASE OF VERACITY

Interesting Case Heard in the City Court This Morning—Set Aside for Further Evidence.

The case of Cornelius Rogan vs. William O'Hara aroused considerable interest and was argued at this morning's session of the city court and from the contradictory nature of the evidence, which was presented, the case was set aside for further evidence. The parties to the suit accuse each other of borrowing and not repaying and the defendant declared that Rogan brought him there in court through spite, and that he had never borrowed anything from Rogan. Rogan when sworn, stated that in July 1905, O'Hara went to him and asked for the loan of \$20, saying he was going to get married. Rogan furnished the money, and later, he added, loaned O'Hara two dollars more. Only six dollars of this amount had been repaid and Rogan now claims the balance of \$16 still due. He had asked defendant for it, several times but had received no payment from him. He had not billed O'Hara for the amount and in reply to a query said he had come to court to get satisfaction. After the case had been argued O'Hara declared that Rogan stated he would come to court and get the money to give to Mr. Gibbons and had sued him out of spite. He flatly denied borrowing \$20 from the plaintiff but said he had gotten a smaller loan from him. In addition to this, he stated, that Rogan owed him about \$50 partly for loans and partly for work done. Of the money borrowed—\$20 at one time, \$6 at another and \$6 at a third—he had received some seven dollars on the first loan. He had never billed Rogan for this indebtedness and never presented the payment of it. His honor said the question to settle his whose statement was correct, and set the case aside to obtain additional witnesses. It may be resumed this afternoon.

COMMISSIONERS ARRIVED TODAY

Grain Commissioners Reached This City from Portland, Me. on Noon Train.

The members of the grain commission which was appointed by the government in July last arrived in the city today on the Boston train. They are J. Miller, Saskatchewan, chairman; George E. Goldie, Ontario; and L. McNair, Manitoba. J. R. Boyle, of Alberta, who was secretary of the commission, has resigned, and it is probable that Mr. Neill, of Toronto, will be appointed in his place. The commission, before coming here, was at Portland, Maine, and previous to that they were looking into conditions at New York. The work of the commission is to inspect the facilities in various parts of Canada and the United States for handling grain. On leaving here they will go to Halifax. Mr. Dunbar, of the Harard staff, accompanies the commissioners as stenographer.

THE MIRACLE DIDN'T WORK

And John Green, of Ottawa, Still Navigates on His Hands and Knees.

OTTAWA, May 23.—A great sensation was created at Stittville among "the natives" when it was announced that the morning service of a series being conducted by the holiness movement church on the camp ground here, that a miracle would be performed in the afternoon by Rev. Johnstone, a young minister of Frensdon, whereby a well-known cripple, John Green of Ottawa would be made to walk. From his youth up this man has journeyed on his hands and knees. At the time appointed a very large crowd was in attendance. Rev. Johnstone spoke for a short time on the events of his life during the past few months of which time he came to learn that he was a child of God to be an apostle and was gifted with power to heal the sick. Turning to Mr. Green, who occupied a seat on the platform, he took him by the hand and walked with him to the front of the church. After supporting him for a few minutes he was obliged to leave him as he was before. A little later Johnstone made the statement that he must be mistaken in the time or mode, but that his faith was still strong and that he would yet be successful in his calling.

JUDGE STOPPED A LITTLE GAME

Sensational Turn to a Case Before Ontario Non Jury Assize Court.

TORONTO, Ont., May 23 (Special)—A sensational assize court was the scene of a sensational incident yesterday when Justice Teetzel practically ordered Frank Wait to swear information against his neighbor, James Deinkwater, of Cambridge, for forgery with the result that the young man was arrested. The charge is forging his uncle's name to a note for \$500. Deinkwater, who carried on business as a general storekeeper at Cambridge, was arrested in November last for the benefit of creditors and the action in which he appeared before the judge was one in which he was adjudged to be insolvent. He was the son of Robert A. Elliott of Oshawa, who had two mortgages on a farm belonging to him, declared insolvent. Both these mortgages were taken to secure past indebtedness and it was claimed that, inasmuch as Deinkwater knew he was insolvent at the time they were made they were of a fraudulent nature. When placed on the stand Deinkwater swore that the note for \$500, purporting to be signed by his uncle, Frank Wait, was a claim against his estate, but in his evidence, given subsequently, was totally denied any knowledge of the matter. The judge immediately stopped the case and informed him that it was his duty to swear information against Deinkwater for forgery. "If you don't," he said, "we will see what we can do."

WALL STREET

NEW YORK, May 23.—Opening prices of stocks moved downward from last night's closing level on a meagre volume of dealings. Can. Pacific lost 1 3/8, Brooklyn Transit, 1 1/4, N. Y. C. and American Smelting a point, and Union Pacific and Northern Pacific large fractions. The market opened easy.

MONTRÉAL STOCKS

MONTRÉAL, May 23.—(Special)—On the stock market today there was less selling than yesterday and prices were firmer. Trading fell off to a marked extent. The most active features were Nipissing, 11 1/2; MacKay, 49 1/2 to 1 1/4; Pfd., 68; Detroit, 67 3/4; Twin City, 80.

WILL CELEBRATE SIXTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF WEDDING

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Peters Will Have That Rare Privilege on Monday Next.

It is not often that the sixtieth anniversary of a wedding is chronicle, but Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Peters, of this city, will, on Monday next, have attained that period of wedded life. Sixty years ago, lacking a few days, Mr. Peters was married to Miss Mary J. Underhill, daughter of the late Benjamin J. Underhill. Their married life has been a very happy one, and they have a large family of sons, daughters, grandchildren and great children. Although they have now attained a ripe old age both are hale and hearty, and give promise of being spared to celebrate many more anniversaries. Mr. Peters is 83 years old and Mrs. Peters has reached her 75th year. The diamond wedding on Monday will be spent in a quiet way, Mr. and Mrs. Peters receiving their friends in the afternoon from 4 to 6 o'clock, at their home, 80 Waterloo street. Ten years ago, when they celebrated their golden wedding at the home of their daughter, Mrs. William Peters, Jr., on King street east, a very large number of friends and relatives called and extended their best wishes, and a great number of handsome presents were showered upon Mr. and Mrs. Peters' two children.

FELL DOWN STAIRS; DIED SOON AFTER

Mrs. Sarah Cunningham, of Bentley Street, Was Killed by Falling Down Stairs in Her Home About 10 O'clock Last Night.

Mrs. Sarah Cunningham, widow of the late Robert Cunningham, met with an accident last night in her home on the corner of Bentley and Chesley streets, which terminated in her death. Mrs. Cunningham was an elderly lady who resided with her son John. Last night about 10 o'clock she was about to retire for the night, and in walking along the hallway she had to pass a door which was usually locked. When passing the door last night, the old lady leaned against it, which was unfastened, and by its

opening, she was precipitated headlong down the stairs. Her head struck the balustrade and when picked up she was unconscious. Dr. Roberts arrived soon after being summoned and found a large mark on Mrs. Cunningham's temple. Concussion of the brain was the result of the accident, and at 11.30 o'clock death relieved the injured lady of her suffering. Besides her son, John, Mrs. Cunningham is survived by two daughters, Mary, residing at home, and Mrs. John Rolston, of this city.

MR. BIRRELL'S IRISH BILL

Liberals Must Incorporate Some General Home Rule Scheme in Their Programme.

DUBLIN, May 23.—The Nationalists are of the opinion that one result of the rejection of Mr. Birrell's Irish Bill by the National Convention will be to compel the Liberal party at the next general election, to incorporate in its programme some genuine home rule schemes. In the meantime they expect that the present parliament will take Mr. Broy's Irish University Bill and other Irish legislation. The Irish members of the House of Commons will continue to cooperate with the Liberals on general legislation. The opposition politicians in Ireland profess the opinion that the outcome of the convention threatens John E. Redmond's leadership of the Nationalist party, and declare that Redmond and the other Irish members of the house came to Dublin from Westminster intending to support the bill, but when they reached Ireland they were forced to vote against it. They say it would be interesting to learn how far the Irish members were consulted in the preparation of the bill, and whether or not they promised the cabinet their support. It is certain, they declare, that the Nationalist party would have been hopeless if the bill had been attempted to stem popular feeling, and the worst dimensions of recent years would have resulted.

NEWS FROM FREDERICTON

Twenty-two Applicants for Vacant Chairs at the University of New Brunswick.

FREDERICTON, May 23.—(Special)—Chancellor Jones has received twenty-two applications for the chairs in geology, electrical engineering and agricultural chemistry at the university. The following is the list: Geology, Dr. George Bailey, Dr. Philip Cox, Donald W. Davis, Charles E. Gabel, Robert W. Hagner, C. A. Jewell, John D. McLaren, H. L. Madison, B. A. Place, R. B. Reardon, Fred W. Roberts, A. W. Hill, Alfred McGee and Edward Mueller. Chemistry—Agriculture—Paul Sarup, C. N. Carson, W. L. Estabrook, George O. Fenwick, D. W. Hamilton, J. W. Hill, Alfred McGee and Edward Mueller. Electrical Engineering—W. B. Carmel, J. W. Clawson, G. S. Crawford, R. S. Dahl, Francis Richardson, Jas. T. Root and J. H. Hillick. The residence of the late James S. Root was purchased for public auction this morning by D. E. Crowe for \$1800. The water in the river here fell about seven inches last night. Empire Day was generally observed in the schools of the city here this afternoon. Special exercises of a patriotic character were carried out. At the High school the programme included addresses by Mayor McLeod and Judge Wilson and Edward MacNutt read his prize essay on Lemuel Allan Wilnot and his times. Harry Frodsham, an employee of the L. C. R. shops at Gileston, had two fingers taken off while at work on Tuesday. The University athletic team leaves for St. Stephen this afternoon to take part in sports there tomorrow. Quite a number of friends will accompany them. Ald. Cornelius Kelly was voted the most popular citizen in the city at the bazaar in the Arctic Bunk last evening. Residents of Douglas Avenue and all who pass that way are indignant at the neglect of civic officials which prevents the watering cart from going that way. The clouds of dust today are almost suffocating, and no attempt will be made to sprinkle the street. There should be a watering cart on this much-used thoroughfare.

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