

VOTE \$10,000 MORE FOR HYDRO WORK

Commissioners Discuss Engineering—Some Advancing Comment.

The City Council this morning passed another vote of \$10,000 for engineering and incidental account of the Civic Power Commission and decided to let the matter of apportioning this to the various board issues rest until the completion of the system.

Commissioner Thornton said there were some items that should not be in this account, and he mentioned the brackets for the ornamental street lighting amounting to \$183, extra concrete for tower foundations at the bridge and special volt meters.

He said, were part of bond issues, and should have been cared for in them. There was quite an item for stationery and insurance, and these should both be in operating account.

The commissioner questioned the item for engineer's expenses, amounting to \$102.95, to inspect the large transformers, and said his understanding was that the company from which these were purchased was to pay this bill.

R. A. Willet said the brackets were necessary to throw the wire off to prevent interference with poles of the New Brunswick Power Co. and this was authority to enlarge the bond issue to cover the extra necessary.

Commissioner Wigmore moved that \$10,000 be placed to the credit of the Civic Power Commission for engineering and incidental account.

Commissioner Thornton said if this vote went through, as he had no doubt it would, it meant an authorization of \$484,948.48, and yet the statement was being made that the system would be completed for \$460,000.

The Mayor said there was a credit against that.

Commissioner Thornton said the credit would be taken care of; there would be no credit when the work was completed.

The motion to vote the \$10,000 carried.

MACKENNA MAYOR OF CHARLOTTETOWN

Charlottetown, Feb. 13.—In the civic elections today John Mackenna was elected Mayor, defeating F. S. Brown by over 400 majority. J. A. Webster, L. B. Miller and Hugh Connors were elected ward commissioners and Bruce J. Taylor, William A. Dean, Robert Rattray, E. Porter, Dr. I. J. Yeo and T. W. L. Prowse were elected to the city council.

REQUESTS ANOTHER U. S. INVESTIGATION

Washington, Feb. 13.—Congressional investigation into land grants of the Northern Pacific Railroad was asked in a resolution introduced in the House today by Chairman Sinnott of the Public Lands Committee.

NOTICES OF BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS, 50 CENTS.

BIRTHS

BARNETT—Monday, Feb. 11, to Mr. and Mrs. James E. Barnett, 61 Mecklenburg street, a son.

DEATHS

SKINNER—On Feb. 14, Margaret, wife of Alfred O. Skinner, after long illness, died at her residence, 34 Coburg street, at 10 o'clock.

CLIFFORD—In this city, on February 14, 1921, Samuel Clifford, in the seventy-fifth year of his age, leaving his wife, three sons, one daughter, one stepson, one brother and one sister to mourn.

(Portland, Me., and Providence, R. I., papers please copy.)
Funeral arrangements will be announced later.

BEYEA—Suddenly, on Feb. 13, 1921, Joan Madeline, daughter of H. E. Eddon and Kathryn Beyer, in the second year of her age, leaving besides her parents, one sister to mourn.

Funeral on Friday from the residence of her parents, 230 St. John street, at 2:30 o'clock.

ESTABROOK—In Boston, Feb. 11, Margaret H. wife of Frank S. Estabrook.

PRINGLE—In Dorchester, Mass., on Feb. 11, Augusta P. (nee Pothier), wife of James W. Pringle.

IN MEMORIAM

DEWOLF—In loving memory of Lot DeWolf, who departed this life Feb. 14, 1918.
Gone, but not forgotten.
WIFE AND FAMILY.

TURNBULL—In fond remembrance of my dear mother, Mrs. C. Turnbull, who departed this life Feb. 14, 1920.
Deep in my heart there's a picture
Of a loved one gone to rest
In memory's frame I shall keep it
Because she was one of the best.
God only knows how I miss her,
As I journey along life's way.
DAUGHTER MILLIE.

DEVENNE—In loving memory of Alexander Devenne, who departed this life Feb. 14, 1921.
Gone but not forgotten.
WIFE AND FAMILY.

ELLINGWOOD—In loving memory of our two sons, Percy F. and Edward Lefroy Elingwood, who died Feb. 14, 1915 and 1917.
PARENTS, BROTHERS, SISTERS.

CARD OF THANKS

Mrs. Wellington H. Dunham and family wish to tender their thanks to the members of the Knights of Pythias and Independent Order of Foresters and all who were so kind during their recent bereavement in sending floral offerings and messages of sympathy.

GREEN'S
DINING HALL
KING SQUARE
Dinner ... 60c
Supper ... 60c
12-2-30 P. M. 5-8
Noon 12-2-30 P. M. 5-8

N. S. HOUSE OPENS

Legislation Providing an Eight Hour Day for Coal Miners is Predicted.

Halifax, Feb. 14.—Legislation providing for an eight-hour day for coal miners, to regulate the sale of shares, bonds and other securities of joint stock companies, the further protection of the feeble-minded, and to give effect to resolutions adopted at the recent labor conference at Ottawa, insofar as they are not already covered by existing laws, was forecast in the speech from the throne, read this afternoon at the opening of the 4th session of the fourteenth parliament of Nova Scotia since Confederation.

PERSONALS

Friends of Henry Carr, 74 Forest street, will be glad to know that he is recovering from his severe illness with pneumonia.

PRISONERS GET LESS TO EAT

Prussians Save Expense in Jails—Bath Taken Once a Month.

Berlin, Feb. 14.—The inmates of Prussian prisons have been put on reduced rations to save expense. They now get only 125 grams of meat weekly, and baths are provided only once in four weeks. Clean linen is issued fortnightly.

Berlin newspapers denounce this means of saving as shortsighted and contend prisoners will leave the jails worse than when they entered.

TWO ARRESTED FOR GOVERNMENT THEFT

Toronto, Feb. 13.—Charged with the "theft of certain monies from the Provincial Treasurer during the years 1921 to 1924 inclusive," William J. Murphy, clerk in the city registry office, and James M. Pollock, cashier in the same institution, were arrested today.

The amount of the alleged shortage is not known. Auditors are still at work.

FIRST WORD FROM HERSCHEL ISLAND

Prince Rupert, B. C., Feb. 13.—The first word from Herschel Island since the date set for the execution of the two Eskimos on February 1, was picked up by the Buckley Bay wireless station today.

The message said nothing about the hanging, but stated that Sergeant Thorne, of the R. C. M. P., who was to conduct the executions, had left Herschel "for the outside."

Corporal Deak, formerly of Fredericton, was one of the murder victims.

FALLS 2 STOREYS TO INSTANT DEATH

Montreal, Feb. 13.—Plunging to the ground from a height of nearly two storeys when an elevator was operating slipped its cog, Francis Gagnon, an employee of the Thomas Davidson Manufacturing Company, of this city, was instantly killed at the company's offices here this afternoon.

STRANGER KILLED IN ONTARIO WOODS

Port Arthur, Ont., Feb. 13.—A Lindall, employee of James Stewart's lumber camp, was killed by being struck on the head by a falling tree. He was a stranger in this district, his relatives being unknown.

HOMEMADE FLAG

Cloth from two skirts, one red and one white, was used in making a homemade American flag to fly at the first Fourth of July celebration held in Pawnee county, about two miles above its mouth, not far from where earned stands now. Pending the preparations for this celebration it was discovered there was no flag in the community.

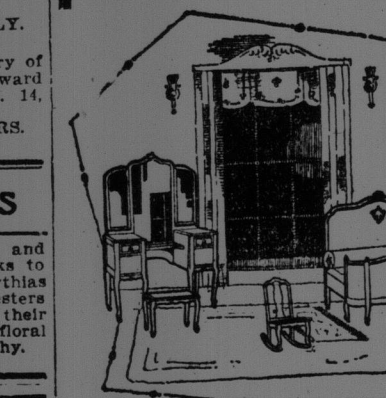
So Mrs. Tompkins contributed a red flannel skirt and Miss Post one of spotless white, and the two ladies labored nearly all night; and the next morning at early dawn the product of their labors was flung to the breeze amid the loud cheers of the assembled citizens. A fish pole was used for a staff.

RIGORS OF THE GAME

"Twenty-seven persons," writes William De Millie's assistant, "worked four days last week in frozen mountain land to give audiences about five minutes of entertainment. They traveled into bleak country with a baggage car full of cameras and paraphernalia, suffered in the cold, snow-covered farm lands and brought back to the studio enough film to add about five minutes to the length of William De Millie's production of 'Icebound.'"

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SAMUEL CLIFFORD DIES SUDDENLY

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position on June 26, 1922, and saw many changes and improvements effected during his life of service to the county.

Served Under Five Sheriffs.

He had the unique experience of serving under five sheriffs—James A. Harding, H. I. Sturdee, Robert Ritchie, Stephen S. deForest, and the present sheriff, Amon A. Wilson.

During his long term of service, although conditions in and around the jail, which was erected after the St. John fire, had not undergone very many radical changes, several important improvements took place, including the addition of the south wing, which occurred at the time Dr. Christie was chairman of finance in the city.

The present capacity of the entire building in the matter of cells amounts to 39. The main building has nine rooms on the top floor, four downstairs and two in the basement. In the wing which runs to the south of the old building there are 24 cells, each side having eight rooms.

Bread and Water Days.

One important change in the order of things was introduced some few years ago in relation to the kind of fare provided for the prisoners. Formerly, every meal given to the inmates of the jail consisted of bread and water.

Today, the food provided for those whose acts or omissions bring them within the shadow of the law is of the very best. Bread and tea is the fare allowed at each breakfast and supper, while the dinners throughout the week include such foods as potatoes, meat, soup and fish, these articles being given on different occasions, certain days being set aside for meat and soup, while on others fish is provided.

The Chain Gang.

One of the old institutions in connection with the jail, inaugurated under Alderman Lewis' administration as chairman, and continued on as the time of Commissioner Fisher, was the chain gang, by which those who work the city and county profited to a large extent. They built roads, quarried rock, shovelled snow and assisted in public works of various natures.

It was by the chain gang that Victoria street, in the North End, was built, and to this institution must be accredited the work of constructing the artificial lakes in Rockwood Park.

Prisoners of Note.

During the service of Mr. Clifford a number of men whose names have gone down in the annals of criminal history were in the jail. In fact, in the whole vast area there are not more than a handful of settlers, and for months on end we never saw sign of civilization.

In all, we were crowded more than 3,000 miles of trackless wilderness. After we had huddled the car from a screech in Winton for a few days, we were taken to a special building on it to protect us against weather conditions. We also made and built a special trailer to carry the heavy supplies and fuel necessary for the journey.

"We started across Northern Australia early last year and arrived at Broome on the West Australian coast late this winter. For about 700 miles of the trip we travelled through country without the faintest sign of a trail. Once we spent 14 days doing 80 miles. That was while we were crossing a range of mountains near the Armstrong River. The first part of the trip was right across the Barclay Table Land, which was very soon traversed. Eventually we arrived at Hell's Creek in Western Australia. Thence we struck the old Tanami track and followed it down to Derby, which is only 140 miles from Broome.

"Previous explorers, in order to enhance their exploits, have declared the region we traversed to be a 'great desert.' They have depicted the region as something worse than the Sahara, with all their listeners have shuddered at their tales. It is nothing of the kind. We found the land throughout to be composed of a fine black, rich and fertile soil, instead of the dreary area of sand this section of Australia is reputed commonly to be. If it were exploited properly, it would be one of the richest in the world. Irrigation was made, it could be developed beyond belief. The rainfall here is only about 20 inches per annum, but the rivers are plentiful, though dry a large portion of the year.

Mr. Cunningham's Service.

William J. Cunningham has been in the employ of the county for some time as turnkey for about 30 years and, like his former fellow official, Mr. Clifford, has always been an efficient and capable officer.

His appointment on the jail in No. 2 Engine House, then located in Sydney street where the patrol wagon and ambulance are now housed. For the last eight years he has resided at the home of his sister-in-law, Mrs. Cunningham, widow of his brother, George Cunningham.

Mr. Cunningham was still unconscious at 2:30 and his condition was practically unchanged. A slight hemorrhage of the brain was said to be the cause of his illness.

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C. N. R. INJURED ARE RECOVERING

Vancouver, B. C., Feb. 13.—Reports from Chilliwack, B. C., indicate that all of those injured when the cars of the Canadian National transcontinental train went through the bridge at Popkum yesterday are progressing favorably. All are expected to recover.

SAYS HE FOUND NO AUSTRALIAN DESERT

Explorer Declares Reputed Waste is Fertile Land—Tale of Adventure.

The so-called "Great Australian Desert," which was supposed to extend over an area of many thousands of square miles in the northern territory and northeastern part of Western Australia, does not exist, according to Michael Terry, a 25-year-old world traveler, Russian war veteran and adventurer, who arrived in New York last week on his way to England to lecture before the Royal Geographical Society and the Overseas Club.

He declared the "desert" is rich, fertile land, capable of development of irrigated.

The fact that this British society has requested Mr. Terry to appear before them lends credence to the statements he makes. The youthful Anglo-Australian is among the very few "explorers" who have been accorded this honor. He recently made a 3,000-mile trip on a second-hand Ford through trackless wildernesses.

His voyage of adventure, research and discovery has never been previously made in these circumstances. The trip, which lasted seven months, started at Winton, Western Queensland, and finished at Broome, Western Australia.

In this period Mr. Terry dodged death four times; once from an infuriated buffalo, twice from bush fires, through which escape seemed impossible, and on another occasion from the lack of water and food. He found bituminous deposits, which leads him to believe there are vast oil regions in the interior waiting to be developed, and he also found amethysts. On many occasions he was able to observe the Australian black, who bury their dead in the trees and dance the wild, weird corroboree dance.

Describing his journey, which was taken by himself and a companion who has since gone to sea, Mr. Terry said:

His Story of the Trip.

"We made the trip through the heart of the northern territories through lands little known to white men. In fact, in the whole vast area there are not more than a handful of settlers, and for months on end we never saw sign of civilization.

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Indeed, this part of the world presents great possibilities from an agricultural point of view. In the whole of its 330,000 square miles there are only 4,000 white men, and they are all on the fringe.

Believes There Is Oil.

"The Government rents in many instances land in this district at the rate of 25 cents per square mile per year. I found a substance which a geologist subsequently pronounced to be a bituminous deposit. This pointed to the fact that somewhere in this hidden wilderness is a vast natural reserve of oil. It is possible that some of the richest wells may be eventually opened up there. Already the Government is prospecting a few hundred miles distant from where I found the bituminous substance. I mean to go back next year and see if there is not a fortune in oil waiting to be picked up. In any case it is worth a chance at 25 cents per square mile per year.

"Adventures I had aplenty. I don't want to dwell on them, but I did not expect to come through the trip unscathed. They were not as alarming as might be expected in a territory as wild as the northern district. The first unpleasant experience was after the seventh week out. We were snoring along peacefully in an old Ford near some small trees when a buffalo, which, for some reason or other, had left the herd, dashed out and charged the car. Incidentally, a buffalo is the only dangerous animal throughout the whole of Australia. The beast was so close that we had no time to level our rifles, which were more by accident than design. I admit. The old Ford made a great deal of noise under pressure. The buffalo paused in its rush, lifted its head, started at us, then made off with a disdainful snort. The specimen we saw then was enormous. He was nearly twice as big again as a game bullock, and I would estimate his horns were fully seven feet long.

Trapped by a Bush Fire.

"A few days later we were trapped by a bush fire. I never knew how this started, but I suspect it was unfriendly natives, who wished to see us roast alive. From all sides we saw the flames, towering high and roaring like 10,000 blast furnaces, swiftly close in on us. Neither I nor my companion thought we had a chance in a thousand, but at the last moment the wind shifted. That left us a fiery avenue with flames about fifteen feet high to rush through. We backed the car a bit, took a flying run and came through a wall of flame with nothing worse than a bad scorching. I was greatly afraid the petrol tanks would burst. Anyway, it was a close touch.

"Something of the same nature occurred the following week. That convinced me it was not an ordinary bush fire, but the work of enemies. On this occasion we had warning of the danger in time and managed to escape in comparative comfort.

"Number four adventure was during the latter stages of the journey. First we ran out of gas more than fifty miles from the next cattle station. That meant we had to proceed on foot in order to get the necessary supplies. We were also pretty low as regards food and water. We calculated, however, if we traveled light we could do it before our supplies were exhausted. The second day we got lost in the bush. I cannot adequately picture with words the utter sense of loneliness and helplessness we felt. After a few hours it seemed as if we were condemned to go on wandering until we dropped from sheer exhaustion. At the end of the third day I succumbed from lack of water, food and fatigue. My mate, however, was still able to keep on a tree in the shade and gathering all his energy and his wits finally made his way out and reached the station. By the time he came back I was in a pretty bad way. We had to rest up for a week before we had strength enough to go back to our Ford."

BLUE GRASS STATE
FAVORS COOLIDGE

Louisville, Ky., Feb. 13.—Kentucky's delegation to the Republican national convention was instructed yesterday by the party state convention to cast their vote for President Coolidge in the presidential nomination.

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SEVERE SUFFERING IN NORTH SCOTLAND

London, Feb. 1.—(By Mail)—The Lord Mayor has issued an appeal on behalf of the population of the Highlands and Islands of Scotland who have been reduced to destitution by the failure of the harvest. "The population of the Hebrides," the appeal states, "have been suffering for some time a distress unparalleled for severity in the memory of the present generation, and are now approaching the climax of their ordeal."

MORE TESTIMONY AGAINST EMBARGO

Montreal, Feb. 13.—Embargo on the export of Canadian pulpwood on the part of the United States would not save a single tree in the Dominion, would mean a drop of \$7 or \$8 a cord would force more French-Canadians to leave Quebec land for United States in the price paid to the cutter, and cities, the Royal Commission on pulpwood heard from witnesses today.

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