

VOTE \$10,000 MORE FOR HYDRO WORK

Commissioners Discuss Engineering - Some Adverse 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 bond 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.

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 an extra to the contract and was properly charged in engineering and incidental account.

Commissioner Frink said he thought the Civic Commission should have done as any commissioner would have done and come to the council for authority to enlarge the bond issue to cover the extra necessary.

Commissioner Thornton said if this vote went through, as he had no doubt it would, it meant an authorization of \$484,949.48, 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.

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

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 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, sacharine is substituted for sugar, and baths are provided only once in four weeks. Clean linen is issued fortnightly.

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.

FIRST WORD FROM HERSCHER ISLAND. Prince Rupert, B. C., Feb. 13.—The first word from Herscher Island since the theft of the mail on February 1, was picked up by the Buckley Bay wireless station today.

FALLS 2 STOREYS TO INSTANT DEATH. Montreal, Feb. 13.—Plunging to the ground from a height of nearly two storeys when an elevator he was operating slipped its cog, Francis Gagnon, an employe 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, employe 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, the celebration was held on Pawnee Fork, 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.

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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GREEN'S DINING HALL KING SQUARE. Dinner 60c. Supper 75c. Noon 12-2:30 P. M. 5-8

SAMUEL CLIFFORD DIES SUDDENLY

(Continued from page 1) 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. La 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.

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, and fish, these articles being given on different occasions, certain days being set aside for meat and soup, while on others fish is provided.

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 in this province have been confined within the walls of the common jail. Among these was William Hughes, who was hanged on May 9, 1908, after being convicted of the charge of murdering his wife. At that time Mr. Clifford was the only turnkey in the jail, having had no relief before an assistant was secured.

Other prisoners found guilty of crimes, the telling of which occupied much of the attention of the press in the past were the two youths on trial for the Doherty murder.

Another who spent some time in the county jail was a man named Crawford, found guilty of murder and later adjudged insane and confined in the provincial asylum.

Still another of the prisoners to be incarcerated in the jail here was a man named Craig, who, having been found guilty on four counts in connection with a serious offence, received a most unique sentence, consisting of two years, three years, five years and life imprisonment in the penitentiary, the sentence having been imposed by Judge Duff.

During the year 1920, the jail had its largest number of prisoners, the number amounting to 1,095, while in the year 1921, 89 were sent to the penitentiary, the largest number in this respect in the history of the city.

Mr. Cunningham's Service. William J. Cunningham has been in the employ of the county jail for about 30 years and, like his former fellow official, Mr. Clifford, has always been an efficient and capable officer.

Montrose Orchestra and Concert party. Seaman's Institute, Thursday, Feb. 14. Prices 20 and 25 cents. 6950-2-16

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.

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, in Western Queensland, and finished at Broome, Western Australia.

In this period Mr. Terry dodged death four times; once from an infuriated buffalo, which charged his automobile; twice from bush fires, through which escape seemed impossible, and on another occasion from the lack of water and food. He found himself in the hands of a band of natives, which leads him to believe there are vast oil regions in the interior waiting to be developed, and he also found unutilized lands.

He was able to observe the Australian black, who bury their dead in the trees and dance the wild, weird corroboree.

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

On one of our days doing 80 miles, we had bought the car from a scrapper in Winton for a few dollars more than its value. On my way back to the car 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 in the West Australian coast late this winter. For about 700 miles of the trip we traveled 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 Arnhem river. The rest of the 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 exploit, have declared the region we traversed to be a 'great desert.' They have depicted the Sahara as something worse than the Sahara, but their lieutenants have shuddered at their tales. It is nothing of the kind. We found the land throughout to be composed of a fine black soil, and if the necessary roads were built, and if the necessary roads were made, it could be developed beyond belief. The rainfall here is only about 20 inches per year, though but the rivers are plentiful, though dry a large portion of the year."

Indeed, this part of the world presents great possibilities from an agricultural point of view. In the whole of its 630,000 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 not at the moment at the back of the machine. When he was about ten yards from us and evidently prepared to hurl us sky high I started to face the engine, 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 buffalo, and I would estimate his horns were fully seven feet long.

"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 his feet. He made me comfortable under 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.

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 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.

TORONTO BLAZE THROWS OUT 500. Toronto, Feb. 13.—Three quarters of Toronto's fire fighting forces battled for five hours today, a fire that devastated a four story brick factory occupied by the International Stock Food Company of Canada, Zyrad Chemical Company and the Robert Watson Candy works, resulting \$200,000 damage. Five hundred people are thrown out of employment.

MINNEKHAHA WILL CALL AT HALIFAX. Montreal, Feb. 13.—Announcement was made here today by the White Star Dominion Line agents that the new Minnekahaha of their Hamburg service is to be transferred to the Canadian service, and will make regular voyages between Hamburg, Cherbourg and Halifax throughout the summer.

GIRL GETS RICH SELLING LIQUOR

Young Stenographer Moves to Bahamas, Makes Fortune in Two Years.

Nassau, Bahamas, Feb. 14.—Miss Gertrude C. Lythgoe, a young stenographer from San Francisco, who came down here on a vacation several years ago, is the head of the largest liquor exporting house in the West Indies. She supplies the rum-runners of the Atlantic coast and has built up a great fortune in two years.

People here call her the "Queen of the Bootleggers," but Miss Lythgoe indignantly repudiates such a distinction. She says her business is strictly legal and she has no right nor desire to inquire where the liquor goes after it leaves her hands.

There are people, however, who hint that Miss Lythgoe sometimes undertakes to ship a big cargo "on her own" and land it in America. Stories are current about her battles with "chickens" and rum pirates off the American coast.

The rum runners all know her as the shrewdest person to deal with who have struck since bootlegging became a "big business."

THREE DROWNED, THREE RESCUED. Providence, Feb. 13.—Two boys and a girl were drowned and two other boys and a girl rescued in Roger Williams Park. The two boys who were saved were two girls who had broken through the ice on South Lake. The drowned were Frank Tefft, 18, son of Ernest Tefft; Elsie Anderson, 8, daughter of Gustav Anderson, Cranston, R. I.; Leonard Donigan, 19, son of James Donigan, Cranston, R. I.

Get A Blue Serge Suit. You can be proud of these Blue Serge Suits we are showing at \$29.75. They are good, substantial cloths and the color is the good old "honest-injun" blue.

Come in and see them! OVERCOATS like these we are now selling at 1-3 Off Regular Prices are built for protection as well as adornment. Their pure wool fabrics are soft and warm; their proportions are generous; comfort is written in every line of them—\$16.67 to \$40.

GILMOUR'S, 68 King. Clothing, Furnishings, Tailoring.

Lay Away Sale

A Masterpiece Home and Marcus' Mark-Down

FILLED with Heirlooms of the future, filled with the finished art of the great masters of furniture history—here now are five rooms marked down by Marcus from \$2,200 to \$1,500.

Don't let the time of the Sale get away from you—look before the end of these last two days, if you love solid Walnut and solid Mahogany, toned with age to deep hue. Look while able if you would see the limit of luxury in a Chesterfield suite. Expect equal excellence in all five rooms. \$2,200 worth for \$1,500. Lay away, pay in May or later as you like. Until September. Stored and insured free, and no interest. Anything obtainable separately.

10 Piece Dining Room by Adams: Solid Mahogany. The old master's own Brown toning of the ruddy Mahogany. 72 inch Buffet of sparing ornament, massive and delicate line. Removable plush cutlery trays, etc. Six legs. Curve cornered six leg Table. Five side and an Armchair seated in Blue Plush Mohair. China Cabinet with draped fretwork. Serving Table.

Cloth of Gold Tapestry and Mohair Chesterfield. Arching crown double banded backs, round and deep, Cloth of Gold Tapestry again on the reversing spring seats and inset on oval arms, then corded Silk tassels. The figuring on the Gold in faint Blues, Reds and leaf Green, the sides and borderings in Beaver Plush Mohair. Feet and joining frame in Spanish polychrome. The Club Chair and then the large wing back Fireside Chair.

A 72 inch Solid Mahogany or Walnut Refectory Table. A Windsor Reception Chair. Free choice of a Floor Lamp. An Art Mirror, polychromed.

Bed Room by Sheraton. Solid Mahogany of rich antique hue. Six pieces of the incomparable Sheraton curve and proportion. Old Gold handles, burl Walnut panels. Lattices right and left of Bed panels. Stately Dresser, full depth Vanity with the ultimate of utility. Chiffrobe in keeping. Bench, Rocker, and Night Table.

Breakfast Set; Modern Kitchen. Six piece Breakfast Set in any color scheme. Includes Buffet and drop-leaf Table. White Kitchen complete with Enamel Kitchen Cabinet, Porcelain top Table and four White Enamel Chairs.

TWO LAST DAYS. j. Marcus Furniture, Rugs 30-38 Dock St. (OPEN LAST EVENINGS)

