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The Northern Bank commenced business on Nov. 8th. 1905 with a paid up capital of $500,000 and on Dec. 31st, 1906—less than 14 months—paid up capital amounted to $1,130,000 and the Bank had a reserve fund of $50,000, deposits of $4,156,000 and assets amounting to $6,270,000. On July 1st, 1907—after less than 20 months business—the bank paid the first half yearly dividend of 5 per cent. per annum.

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APPALLING DROWNING ACCIDENT IN TORONTO; FEARED SEVEN LIVES LOST

PARTY OF TEN YOUNG MEN START OUT FOR A TRIP IN GASOLINE LAUNCH—ONLY SURVIVOR TOO DAZED FROM HIS AWFUL EXPERIENCE TO TELL HOW ACCIDENT HAPPENED — LAKE RESIDENTS SEARCHING FOR BODIES.

TORONTO, July 26.—An appalling drowning accident which has shocked the entire community occurred last night about midnight, during a sharp thunderstorm.

A party of ten young men from the Junction left Sunnyside about 9 o'clock for a pleasure trip in the gasoline launch "Dalvine," a home made craft.

Of the entire party but one is alive this morning, and he is so bruised and dazed with his awful experience that he can tell little of how the accident happened.

George Shields, 19 years old, crawled home early this morning, and told his friends that the launch upset, but how many were lost he did not know. When a search party got to work it was apparent that Shields was the sole survivor and that nine young lives had been snuffed out in the accident.

The following are the victims:—
JOE IRVINE, aged 20.
WALTER DUNDIN, aged 20.
FRANK KYLE, aged 18.
GLEN DALY, aged 19.
FRANK DALY, aged 20.
DAWSON NICHRAGAN, aged 21.
RUDGE MILLER, aged 19.
GORDON LEEROC.

The news quickly spread along the lake shore, and soon half the residents in the immediate vicinity of the Humber, were out on the lake searching for the bodies of the victims.

There was a heavy wind blowing from the northwest and searching parties were obliged to keep near the shore.

Very few people noticed the party around the Humber last night; it appearing, that the Irvine boys and their comrads met at the corner of Keele and Dundas streets. It was agreed that two of the party should go down to Humbolt where the "Dalvine" was moored, and bring her to Sunnyside, where the rest of the party were to meet them. The man in charge of "Dalvine's" boat house paid no particular attention to the two men who were in the boat. They were going down to Sunnyside to meet a party of friends, and thought that it might be well to take an extra supply of gasoline. At that time it was quite calm on the lake although it looked as though a storm was in sight. "We don't intend to be out very long," said one of the occupants of the boat.

Trades and Labor Congress

Notice is issued that the 23rd annual sesion of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada will open at Winnipeg on the morning of September 16. Last year its proceedings took place at Victoria. In a greeting to the councils and unions from the President, Alphonse Verville, M. P., the Vice President, James Simpson, the Secretary-Treasurer, P. M. Draper, Ottawa, is outlined some subjects of discussion. They include various laws passed by the Dominion Parliament and the Provincial legislatures, the policy of the Congress towards immigration and the effect of immigration on wages and hours of labor. The statement adds, "The movements and utterances of the representatives of the Liberal and Conservative parties indicate very clearly that we will have a general election for the Dominion Parliament in 1908. This means that the Winnipeg convention of the annual parliament of labor will be the only chance that the representatives of labor, through their Dominion Legislative Labor Body, will have of reviewing the work done by the provincial executives with respect to independent political action and taking such steps as they deem necessary to complete this work."

Firemen Cooked to Death

ST. PAUL, July 24.—Two men killed and two injured in a collision in Minneapolis yesterday, between Great Northern passenger train and Milwaukee freight. F. L. Seroff, engineer and A. Parker, fireman on Great Northern engine wre cooked to death in the cab. S. Daulr, helper on engine was bruised and burnt, while John Schaeffer, junior, was scalded by escaping steam while trying to rescue the bodies of the victims from under the wreckage.

KEIR HARDIE ON IRISH QUESTION

LABOR LEADER DISCUSSES GENERAL POLITICAL SITUATION IN THE OLD COUNTRY

WINNIPEG, July 26.—James Keir Hardie, leader of the Labor party in the British House of Commons, arrived in the city today. He will be in town all day and tomorrow leaves on the Pacific express for Calgary.

Discussing the general political situation in the old country, Mr. Hardie was emphatic in expressing, his views, that an Irish parliament is the only solution of the Irish question. "Irish people," he declared, "would have accepted Mr. Birrell's bill if it had been more logical and hedged with less restrictions and vetoes." He added that he would not be surprised to see the Tories offer a home rule scheme in return for the Irish support of protection.

A striking phase of the political situation at home, in Mar. Hardie's view, was the woman's suffrage movement. "I think," he said, "that the government before it dissolves will introduce franchise reform. The women's suffrage movement has come to the front, thanks to the militant tactics adopted, and if such a bill is introduced it will include women's suffrage."

WINNIPEG FLOODED BY CLOUDBURST

HEAVIEST RAIN STORM FOR YEARS—FLOODS STREETS AND BASEMENTS

WINNIPEG, July 25.—Winnipeg was flooded last night. About 8.20 p. m. an extraordinary heavy rainstorm, accompanied by lightning and thunder swept over the city. The rain fell in torrents and the disturbance resulted in a cloudburst more than any ordinary thunderstorm. The thunder was not very marked, but there was a good deal of vivid lightning which showed up the density of the clouds.

Within an hour, horses were wading through some of the streets to their knees. Basements and cellars were flooded, and the volume of the rainfall soon found out the weak spots in the domestic roof. Considerable damage was done to wholesale warehouses, and almost all the large buildings of the business section with basements suffered, the sewers being quite unable to carry off the water. The full extent of the damage cannot be ascertained.

Damage at the Free Press

The basement of the Free Press building was flooded, the whole of the mechanical department being put out of business. The water covered the floor of the press room, filling up the motor pits and running back into the engine room, before it reached the fires and put the motors out of business.

The electric lighting and type-setting machines were connected up with the city power service without interrupting the work above the basement. The Free Press this morning was printed on the press of the Tribune, which suffered less from the effects of the storm.

Hotels Suffer Loss

Nearly all the hotels on Main street and Portage avenue suffered loss from the rain. Sacks of flour and sugar were found floating in about two feet of water at the Queen's hotel. The lights of the Leland went out about 10 o'clock. The furnace room contained about three feet of water—sufficient to put the fires out and disable the motors.

The Clarendon and the Royal Alexandra were two of the very few hotels that suffered no loss.

STEAMER ASHORE ON SEAL ISLANDS

SS. "ORINOCO," AFTER LANDING PASSENGERS, GROUNDS NEAR CAPE SABLE

HALIFAX, Nova Scotia, July 26.—Steamer "Orinoco," of Pickford and Blacks, West India line ran ashore this evening on the Seal Islands near Cape Sable and lies in a precarious position.

The "Orinoco" was bound for Halifax from Barbados, via St. John, at which port she landed all her passengers a few days ago. The fog was thick in the Bay of Fundy for several days, and it is supposed that the steamer ran out of her course rounding Cape Sable and ran on the rocks off the Seal Islands. Her engines, however, are disabled, and she requires immediate assistance. A severe storm is raging on this part of the coast tonight, and if it extends to Cape Sable it will go hard with the stranded vessel. Her crew are still aboard but were in no danger when the last report was sent.

SOUVENIR HUNTERS AT COREAN PALACE

PRIVILEGED OLD LADIES CARRY OFF ALL PORTABLE ARTICLES FROM PALACE

SEOUL, July 26.—Kwan Ant Hill has been stirred to its very foundation by the former emperor's second pledge of abdication. A wave of great excitement swept over the peninsula yesterday, when the new agreement with the Japanese was announced, and the emperor's proclamation published in the province. All the privileged old ladies attached to the court arrived in crowds at the palace, condoling weeping, wailing, and incidentally carrying away in their customary loose clothing everything detachable and portable. The palace was looted of all posible souvenirs.

The ex-Emperor wept saying that his efforts for many years had been a mistake and that he should have taken the proposed course. He was unable to continue his speech. Knowing that the affairs of state had passed to a new administration he commended to the cabinet's benign care his son the new Emperor.

KENORA SUICIDE

Temporarily Insane Was Verdict of Jury at Inquest Held Today

KENORA, Ont., July 25.—At the inquest held on the body of Hugh McArthur who comitted suicide on Saturday last by jumping through the window at the Royal Jubilee hospital. The jury returned a verdict, "That deceased came to his death as the result of casting himself from the window of the hospital while temporarily insane, and that no blame attaches to any one." Deceased was a bachelor, about 50 years of age, and a resident of Paisley, Ont. He was evidently a man of some means, for besides some sixty dollars, a bank book was found upon him, showing a banking account of over two thousand dollars. He was on his way to visit a brother who resides in Edmonton. The remains were sent east to his old home at Paisley.

GOVERNMENT BUY 50,000 ACRES LAND

WILL BE SOLD TO SETTLERS IN 100 ACRE LOTS AT 75 CENTS PER ACRE

FREDERICTON, New Brunswick, July 25.—The provincial government has completed the transfer of 50,000 acres of land from the New Brunswick Railway Company. The deed is ready for the government and the title will be taken within a few days.

The price, which the government is paying for the land is 75 cents an acre, and it will be sold to settlers in 100 acre lots at that price, plus cost of survey and interest. The land is in Victoria county, and is known as Blue Bell Tract. It is well watered by branches of Tobique river, and the Grand Trunk Pacific surveys show that the road will pass through the north east end of it.

CITIZEN'S DAY BRANDON FAIR

BRYCE OF ARCOLA WINS TWO BIG PRIZES AND SECURES FREE PRESS CUP

BRANDON, Man., July 25.—Today was citizen's day at the fair, and citizens celebrated the civic half holiday in proper style. The grounds were crowded all day long. Judging was completed today in all classes and tomorrow will see the break-up. Western horsemen made a great showing. Bryce of Arcola, won the all age stallion championship, with Baron of Arcola, which takes with it the Free Press challenge cup. Bryce also won the Corby special for the best heavy mare, any age or breed, with Ella Henderson. Many of the horses shown here will leave tomorrow for the fair at Regina.

TO STAND TRIAL FOR WIFE MURDER

MAGILL AND HIS YOUNG WIFE TO BE TRIED AT CLINTON, ILLINOIS

CHICAGO, Ills., July 26.—With the return of Frederick Magill and his young bride from San Diego, California, where they were arrested, to their old home in Clinton, in this state, to answer to the charge of administering poison to Magill's first wife, interest in the case has generally increased, and a large section of people of Illinois are eagerly awaiting further developments. The opinion in the home town of the former banker is divided on the question of his guilt. While his past record had not been altogether creditable, he was never known to be guilty of any serious offence and his former friends are of the opinion that his present predicament is due wholly to his disregard of public opinion in marrying his former stenographer, so soon after the death of his wife. On the other hand, there are many persons who do not hesitate to declare their belief in the truth of the grave charges brought against Magill, and it is not to be denied that there is strong circumstantial evidence against him.

A City of Calamities

London has been peculiarly unfortunate among Canadian cities so far as the visitation of disasters entailing heavy loss of life is concerned. The collapse of the downtown building Tuesday, with the toll exacted of a number of lives and many injuries, makes the third incident with little over a quarter of a century in the life of the city, creating widespread horror.

The Thames holocaust of 1881 and the terrible city hall episode of 1898 have been vividly recalled to mind by this added misfortune.

The overturning of the steamer Victoria, by which more than 200 passengers were drowned, takes a foremost place in the ghastly record of Canadian disasters. At the time of its occurrence it thrilled the whole country with horror, even as within the last few years America has been thrilled by the burning of the steamer Slocum outside New York, the Iroquois Theatre panic at Chicago and the still more recent San Francisco earthquake. It has truthfully been said that there were few London families who did not lose a relative near and distant and no families that had not occasion to mourn the tragic taking off of a friend.

It was at 5 p.m. on May 24, 1881, that the Victoria left Springbank, London's popular pleasure resort, on her ill-starred return journey with clear skies and genialy warm spring atmosphere, the holiday had drawn many thousands from their homes, and the steamer of 70 feet length and 26 feet beam was densely crowded with merrymakers, to the defiance of regulations.

Nearing Cove Bridge the Victoria carreened, and the passengers thrown into panic, rushed pell-mell to the opposite side. The unstable craft swayed to and fro, while screams and shouts rent the air; then the boilers, dislodged by the motion, broke away and demolished the stanchions that upported the hurricane deck. The steamed then keeled over into the water, and though the friendly banks were only a few yards away, scores perished miserably. Many who were able to swim were borne beneath the urface by the weight of others and terrible scenes, relieved by countless deeds of heroism and self-sacrifice, were enacted. The blow, was, perhaps, the severest dealt to any single community in Canada, owing to its essentially local character.

The fatal night of Jan. 3, 1898, has been brought back to the minds of thousands of the people of London on each succeeding municipal election since the hapening of nine years ago. While the number of victims, 20, was but a tithe of those of the holiday catastrophe, the circumstances were so tragic even now they are to be recaled with a shudder.

It had been a day of triumph for the Conservatives of London. With civic elections run on strictly party lines, Dr. John D. Wilson had been returned mayor and a majority of his followers as aldermen. With jubilation in the air, the doors of the city hall were flung open, and 2,000 enthusiastic electors packed floor and platform till to move was difficult.

Solicitor Toothe, prominent then and since in matters political, had just advanced to speak, when before the eyes of the dismayed assembly, the platform swayed. This first premonition of disaster spread panic in an instant, and there was a desperate struggle to gain the open air. There was a crash of falling lumber as the beam supporting the platform gave way, and, like an earthquake, opening up a yawning gulf, flooring covering 400 square feet, slid, as down a funnel into the pit. Hundreds of people were plunged down to the floor below, and here the flooring gave way also, precipitating many into the cellar below. A huge safe and massive iron coil toppled upon the writhing, struggling mass, terribly crushing hapless victims. The gallant rescue work of the police and fire department, was effective in extricating many unfortunates, but with a total of a score dead and then ten times that number injured, the happenings may be recorded among the wost disasters the country has known.

The wreck at Wanstead several winters ago, when over a score of lives were lost, was also, in a way, a London calamity, the dead and injured all being grought to that city.

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A Romance of the Peerage

There is no chapter in the romance of peerage which has quite the same glamour and fascination as that which tells the stories of humbly born maidens who have emerged from their obscurity to dazzle the world for a while from the stage, and then, by a dramatic turn of fortune's wheel, to burst into the meridian splendor of a duchess or countess—bridging in a few years of triumph the gulf which separates the obscure from the glittering satellites who circle round the throne.

Such was the revolution which Cupid wrought by a touch of his magic wand in the life of Lavinia Fenton, who was modestly ushered into the world when Anne was Queen of England. Lavinia never knew her father—a down-at-heels, retired naval lieutenant who died while she was still in the cradle, says a writer in the London Tit Bits, and her mother was only rescued from dire poverty when she found a husband in Mr. Fenton, who kept an unpretentious coffee house in a slum near Charing Cross. Humble as was the environment in which she thus spent her girlhood, Lavinia was fortunate in her stepfather, who not only surrounded her with a father's care and affection, but gave her out of his small earnings an excellent musical education.

Possessed a Wonderful Voice

As a child Lavinia was gifted with a voice of remarkable sweetness and promise, which attracted many of the leading wits and actors of the day to the humble coffee house; and even the "pretty fellows" in all their splendor and embroidered coats, laced waistcoats, and black velvet breeches, with their red heeled shoes, gold clocked stockings, and their atmosphere of musk and olvet, did not think it beneath their dignity to invade the slums in order to hear the "little nightingale" sing for their delight, and to pat her encouragingly on the head.

To her wonderful voice Lavinia united beauty and grace of person and a sprightliness of charm which marked her out for exceptional success on the stage, and when she was eighteen, in the full flush of her girlish beauty, she made her first courtesy to the public from the Haymarket stage as Monima in "The Orphan." Her appearance was an immediate triumph; all London flocked to see and applaud the girl whose combination of loveliness with rare histrionic ability was a revelation and a new sensation to jaded appetites. Not content with admiring her art, scores of would-be wooers—men of rank and fashion—besieged her with their unwelcome attentions, but to all she turned a deaf ear, which but increased their importunity.

A Star at Fifteen Shillings a Week

Her next appearance was as Cherry in "The Beau's Stratagem," a character of which she made such a brilliant success that the manager of Convent Garden Theatre determined to secure her for his own theatre. This, incredible as it seems in these days of regal salaries, he succeeded in doing by an offer of fifteen shillings a week, salary which the average chorus girl of today would scoff at. At Covent Garden Lavinia added to her reputation, and also to the embarrassing number of her admirers, until she reached the crowning point of her career when she created the part of Polly Peachum in Gay's new and lively "Beggar's Opera."

At this time Lavinia was twenty years old and a radiantly beautiful girl, with her remarkable voice fully matured. The sensation she caused was electric. She became the idol of the town and the toast of the gallants; songs were composed in her honor, duels were fought over her, and whenever she took the air she was followed by crowds of admirers. Even the ladies went into raptures over Polly Peachum and court beauties cooled themselves with fans bearing Poll's pictured presentment.

Enter the Duke of Bolton

It was, perhaps, inevitable that a girl so richly dowered and surrounded by so many tempting matrimonial baits should not long remain to adorn the stage. Cupid had other views for her, and though she left behind her a "trail of broken hearts" the little mischievous god did not intend always to be discomfited.

One of the most ardent and persistent of all her woers was Charles Paulet, the handsome, if not irreproachable Duke of Bolton; and whether it was owing to his importunity or to the dazzling prospect of a duchess' coronet we know not, but one day London was startled with the news, which ran from mouth to mouth and was the absorbing topic from the court to the meanest coffee house, that the "Duke of Bolton had run away with Polly Peachum." The rumor was perfectly true. Lavinia, the child of the slums, the dazzling ornament of the stage, had capitulated at last, and—although not for some years—was destined to take her place among the greatest ladies in the land, but little lower in rank than a princess of the blood royal.

For nine years she wore her new and splendid dignity with a modesty and adaptability which conquered even the hearts of the envious. To all her charms of person she united a rare intelligence, and she repeated in the salons the great triumphs she had won as a girl on the stage. "She had much wit, good strong sense and a just taste in polite literature," says a contemporary. "I have had the pleasure of being at table with her, when her conversation was much admired by the first characters of the age, particularly old Lord Bathurst and Lord Granville." From Lavinia Fenton, whose beautiful voice and childish charms won her first coquetts in the obscure London coffee house, are descended the present Lord Bolton and great nobles of the day.

Columbia Passengers Arrive

ASTORIA, Oregon, July 24.—Steamer "George W. Elder" arrived here this morning, having on board 67 survivors of the wrecked steamer "Columbia." The "George W. Elder" did not sight any of the missing rafts or boats of the "Columbia" and picked up none of the victims after leaving Eureka.

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JAPS INVADE VANCOUVER

MANY THOUSANDS IN HAWAII ANXIOUS TO COME OVER TO CANADA

VANCOUVER, B.C., July 26.—All but eight of the twelve hundred Japanese who arrived on the "Kumeric" yesterday, were passed as physically fit, and otherwise properly equipepd under the imigration regulations. This morning a small army of little brown men are landing.

The Japanese agent in charge said, in an interview today that there are seventy-five thousand Japs in the Hawaiian Islands, most of whom are discontented, and a quarter of whom will likely come to British Columbia as they are excluded from the United States.

In order that the steamship company, would be fully protected, the Japs who came on the "Kumeric" were required before leaving Honolulu to deposit twenty-five dollars each to pass the immigration officer, and this sum aggregating thirty thousand dollars was sent by draft to the Canadian Bank of Commerce here. The money was again given out yesterday to each man as he came up to pass the doctor's inspection.

OTTAWA FIRE CHIEF TO FACE INQUIRY

ALLEGED THAT HE DID NOT PLACE ENGINES TO BEST ADVANTAGE

OTTAWA, July 26.—Following a criticism of the manner in which the fire which swept the Edwards Co.'s premises on Thursday was handled by the brigade, the civic fire and light committee, at a special meeting tonight, recommended to the city council that an inquiry before a county judge be conducted into the circumstances. It is alleged that Chief Prevost did not place his engines advantageously, having stationed them at hydrants instead of taking water from the Rideau river close by. The chief defends his methods and courts investigation. The outcome of the fire has caused quite a sensation locally.

FINE FOR CLIPPING CROP FLAXEN CURLS

FOR DOING CHARITABLE ACT MAN IS FINED BY MAGISTRATE

OTTAWA, July 25.—An interesting case developed in the police court today, when Mrs. Armanda Carriere charged Alfred Starmand, of Clarence street, of assaulting her two little sons.

The "assault," consisted of what the fond mother claimed was a luxurious crop of flaxen curls. According to the defendant, the young brothers Carriere used to frequent his place, asking him to clip off unnecessary locks. He refused to do so without their mother's permission. One day they came in and said their mother was agreeable, and their hair was soon falling fast.

The act was done in a spirit of neighborly charity, according to a witness. Magistrate O'Keefe fined accused $5 and $2.

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