

THE ST. JOHN STAR, N. B. THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6, 1906.

SEVEN

ENGINEER BLAKE CONFIRMS AID. CHRISTIE'S CHARGES

Safety Board Investigation, Which Began Last Night,
Developed a Lively Altercation Between Chief Kerr
and the District Engineer — Aid. Vanwart and Aid.
Christie Also Exchanged Compliments.

The first night of the investigation into the affairs of the department of public safety, and more especially into the affairs of No. 3 engine house, proved one of the liveliest meetings which has been held at City Hall for a long time. The investigation unearthed the fact that the drivers at No. 3 station are not on speaking terms with Engineer Leonard, who is over them, and that conditions generally were considerably strained through the fire department.

The following were present, Aid. Bullock presiding: Aldermen Pickett, McGoldrick, Holder, Sproul and Baxter, the investigating committee; Aid. Vanwart, Aid. Christie, Director Wisely and Chief Kerr, besides as many members of the fire companies and citizens generally as the committee room would hold.

Aid. McGoldrick said that he did not know what the committee are going to investigate. The charge made by Aid. Christie against Aid. Vanwart was virtually withdrawn at the last meeting of the council. As far as the engine houses were concerned he had been chairman of the department and from his own experience he was of the opinion that the engine houses are kept fairly clean.

AID. CHRISTIE FORMULATES CHARGES.

Aid. Christie, who had just come in, denied that he had withdrawn the charges against the chairman.

Aid. Bullock read the charge which was made against Aid. Vanwart and the heads of the department.

"Aid. Christie—That is quite correct." Being asked to formulate his charges he said that three weeks ago last Sunday night he had been called to see Mr. Leonard, whom he found quite ill. He noticed that the ventilation was bad and that there was a disagreeable odor. He remarked upon this to the gentlemen present, Mr. Blake and Mr. McGoldrick, and they replied that he was right. The conditions seemed no less than disgraceful both in regard to Mr. Leonard's room and the bathroom. The latter room he went in and examined, finding the furnishings antiquated and the condition generally such as should not exist in any public institution.

Aid. Pickett wished to know whether Aid. Christie has charges to make against other buildings in the department.

Aid. Christie replied that his attention was confined to the one building. This action in bringing the matter up might seem frivolous to some, but he did not so regard it. He repeated that No. 3 engine house was in "wretchedly disgraceful condition," and although the chief of the fire department is directly responsible the chairman also should be aware of it.

Aid. Baxter asked whether the condition of the bath room was due to the plumbing or to neglect.

Aid. McGoldrick—"I thought Aid. Christie withdrew his charges against Aid. Vanwart at the last meeting."

CHRISTIE AND VANWART.

Aid. Christie said that he did not wish to make personal charges against Aid. Vanwart, but when the bald facts are stated the chairman must be held largely responsible.

Aid. Vanwart—"We just wanted to know where you stand now and how many times you change your mind in the run of a month."

Aid. Christie said he would like to tell Mr. Blake and Mr. McGoldrick.

DISTRICT ENGINEER BLAKE.

Mr. Blake, sworn, said that every word which Aid. Christie had spoken was true but not half strong enough. He said that he had been in No. 3 engine house before coming to City Hall, and the conditions there were disgraceful. Mr. Blake, continuing, related the story of the time when Mr. Leonard was taken ill and Mr. Christie called in. Only Mr. McGoldrick and himself were in the room with Mr. Leonard, while three or four of the permanent men were down stairs, but not one of them offered the slightest assistance. The atmosphere in the room was very heavy and on the window the dirt was so thick that he could not see out. The bath room was in a filthy condition.

"We stayed there with Mr. Leonard and did what we could for him. Mr. Leonard came later and took charge of the patient. As he left the house he looked in and saw the condition of the bath room. Next morning he again visited Mr. Leonard's room. Mr. Leonard told him that not one of those men down stairs ever went up to aid him."

"I claim it is a disgrace to humanity that Mr. Leonard, a sick man, should have been so treated." In the bath

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STORM CAUSED DISASTER IN THE BAY OF FUNDY

Schooner Emma A. Harvey Wrecked Near Digby Gut
and Captain Perished—Another Member of the Crew
Not Heard From—Schr. Rebecca W. Huddell
Ashore Near Digby—Crew Safe—Other Mishaps.

DIGBY, N. S., Dec. 5.—All that is left of the staunch tern schooner Emma A. Harvey, Captain John Berry, now lies strewn on that bleak portion of the Bay of Fundy between Digby Gut and a small settlement, as the snow was much trodden. He was given a stimulus but was so exhausted he could not take enough to revive him. After muttering some unintelligible words he expired. The rescuers brought the deceased with them and the others to safety.

The captain and part owner of the vessel, John Berry of Larrade, Maine, was aged 54, married, and leaves a widow and family. The first mate, D. F. Young of Millbridge, Maine, aged 55, was slightly frostbitten. Second Mate Spencer of Parrsboro, aged 35, was injured. The cook, whose name cannot be learned tonight, was very badly frostbitten and may not recover. Two seamen, both Spaniards, are badly frostbitten. One seaman, an Irish-American, aged 44, name unknown, would not leave the vessel in the boat and has not been seen since.

BLAKE AND CHIEF KERR LOCK HORNS.

Chief Kerr—"You state things I never heard of."

Mr. Blake—"I told you about the conditions and you ordered the rooms to be cleaned. I have a Steven Gerow as a witness."

Chief—"I want to ask you, Mr. Blake, did you tell me about the conditions in the engine house before the occasion at which Mr. Gerow was present?"

Mr. Blake—"No."

Chief—"Now, Mr. Blake, you are under oath, and I want you to tell me whether you called all these matters to my attention when Mr. Gerow was present."

Mr. Blake—"Remember, I am not going to take any bluff from you."

Chief—"I simply ask you this question."

Mr. Blake—"To the best of my knowledge and belief I did not."

Chief—"I ask you—"

Aid. Bullock—"That's sufficient."

Mr. Blake—"Thank you, Mr. Chairman."

Chief again commenced to examine Mr. Blake.

DON'T TU-TU ME.

Mr. Blake—"Don't you tu-tu me. I stand here as your equal."

Chief—"I won't have any such language from you. It isn't respectful."

Mr. Blake—"I have as much respect for you as you."

Aid. Bullock—"I protest. This will do no good."

Aid. Baxter suggested that all questions should come through the chairman, and to this it was agreed.

Chief—"Did he ever complain about the water closet?"

Mr. Blake—"Yes, I told him before."

To Aid. Bullock Mr. Blake said that the sanitaries were about sixteen years old. He had the same in his own house.

OTHER HOUSES ALL RIGHT.

Aid. Baxter said that the chief had confined his attention to No. 3 engine house. He would like Mr. Blake to state the worst about all the houses.

"Take the lid off if there is any lid to be taken off."

Mr. Blake said that if the chief goes on with his present plans and makes his regular visits the chief will have as good a department as can be found anywhere. Mr. Blake said that conditions are all right in No. 2 and No. 4 engine houses. The trouble is confined to No. 3 house.

Aid. Baxter—"Where do you consider the fault lies in the trouble between Mr. Leonard and the men?"

Mr. Blake said that he could only speak on hearsay.

Aid. Christie—"Is it true that two men on the ground floor have been told to report to the chief if Mr. Leonard does anything which they did not like?"

Mr. Blake—"That is the hearsay."

WALTER McLELLAN.

Walter McLeLlan was next called. To Aid. McGoldrick, witness said that Mr. Leonard had made no complaints to him about the men not obeying him.

To Aid. Sproul, he said that he had heard Mr. Leonard say that the men did about as they liked.

To Aid. Sproul, he said that he supposed Mr. Leonard meant the engine driver and hose cart driver.

To Aid. McGoldrick, he said that he had never seen any insubordination at a fire.

Chief Kerr here arose to make some remark, saying that he was not speaking under oath.

Aid. McGoldrick—"Give him the truth."

Aid. Bullock—"Is it true that a coat hanging in a room in the house up stairs, in a short time smells of the stables?"

Witness—"Yes."

Aid. Baxter suggested that the committee should go up and make a personal investigation and there see Mr. Leonard, whose evidence they heard.

It was decided, however, to send the chief's wagon for Mr. Leonard, who is still in ill health.

EDWARD LEONARD.

To Aid. Christie witness said that his own room was clean except the windows. The bath room was dirty. The plumbing is old.

To Aid. Baxter witness said that he never gave any orders now to the men under him.

Mr. Leonard said that shortly after Driver Cox was dismissed Chief Kerr had sent for him from the workshop and had told the drivers, Day, Donohoe and Fowler, before him to watch him and report anything he did wrong.

places, but were not so badly affected as the others. When the rescuers reached the captain they found him on his knees in the snow, he having evidently walked backwards and forwards to keep up circulation, as the snow was much trodden. He was given a stimulus but was so exhausted he could not take enough to revive him. After muttering some unintelligible words he expired. The rescuers brought the deceased with them and the others to safety.

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The ship's papers, it is feared, have been lost. A large number of the villagers are at the wreck tonight, and further particulars will be learned by telephone when they return to Thorne's Cove.

It is one of the saddest disasters that have occurred here for several years, and every one is anxious to get all the information possible.

REBECCA W. HUDDLELL.

DIGBY, N. S., Dec. 5.—The vessel reported off Point Prim last night, carrying the schooner Rebecca W. Huddell, Capt. J. W. Scott, from Salem, Mass., for St. John. She is now ashore at the Joggins, at the south end of the town, and with the exception of her sails being blown away, is not seriously damaged.

The tug Bear River has been engaged to float her at high water, and either dock her here or tow her to St. John, according as to whether she is taking very much water or not.

When seen by our reporter this morning, Captain Scott tells a story of extreme hardship ever since he left Salem, Friday night. The fact of the matter is the vessel left port short handed; he carried no second mate, and a very small crew. Saturday night he encountered a severe gale, with rough weather, and lost foremast, mizzenmast, and all other sails. At the same time one of his anchors was washed off the bow, carrying everything with it. Mr. Huddell, at St. John, is now endeavoring to get the vessel to St. John, at one o'clock Monday morning, where he anchored in a blinding snow storm. The vessel was blown to the beach, and he promised to send out a tug. In the meantime the vessel dragged her anchors and drifted off shore with 75 fathoms of chain attached.

At 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon, when the vessel let up, he saw Point Prim and the Nova Scotia. To lay there longer and drag ashore meant the destruction of his vessel and the death of all the crew. He therefore slipped his anchors and fortunately succeeded in reaching the harbor. He used a piece of a mainsail, a gaff, a topsail used as a foresail, and two head sails. He was now unmanageable and his crew, like himself, almost entirely exhausted by the intense cold weather and want of sleep and rest. However, a couple of men manned the boat and landed back of Geo. H. Peters' residence. Mr. Peters did everything possible for their relief, and sent telegrams to their friends, etc.

It was here that Councilor B. W. Cousins boarded the vessel and piloted her to where she is now beached. The Rebecca W. Huddell is 90 tons and hails from Boston, as does her captain, but he resides in St. John. So far as he knows there is no insurance on the vessel.

SCH. RIPLEY ROPES ASHORE.

CHILLIOTTETOWN, P. E. I., Dec. 5.—The schooner, Ripley Ropes, Capt. Doucette, produced land by Wedlock Bros., Stanley Bridges, sailing from New Brunswick, arrived here Saturday night. She met a heavy snow storm Sunday night and heavy southeast gale last Monday night, during which she lost her sails and was driven ashore on the eastern side of Cape Sable, about two miles east of Annandale at two o'clock Tuesday morning. The captain and crew of three men landed safely at eleven o'clock yesterday after a terrible experience in rough and stormy weather. The vessel is on a sandy bottom. She is not badly damaged and may get off. She is owned by Capt. Sutherland of Stanley Bridge, and neither the schooner nor cargo is insured.

DIGBY, Dec. 5.—Sch. Glenara, Chas. Starratt, master, from John for Digbytown, docked at Digby with loss of both anchors.

COLLINS' LAWYER WILL LOOK OVER GROUND

MONCTON, Dec. 5.—James C. Sherman, who is counsel for the young man Collins, in jail at Hopewell Cape, Albert County, awaiting trial on the charge of murdering Mary Ann McAuley, will make a tour of the locality in which the crime was committed. The trial began early in January, and Mr. Sherman, who is confident that Collins will be acquitted, notwithstanding the strong evidence, wishes to get a clearer idea of the immediate surroundings at New Ireland.

NATIONALITY OF MASTERS AND MATES DISCUSSED

Bill Requiring Officers Holding Canadian Certificates to be British Subjects Given Second Reading

OTTAWA, Dec. 5.—The Commons had afternoon session with private members business and under the new rules adjourned at six for mid-week adjournment. The nationality of masters and mates who shall be principal subject of discussion.

Mr. Lancaster was told by Mr. Broderick that the dredge Galveston had been bought at New Orleans for \$14,000 and alterations had cost \$10,942, and insurance \$4,574. The dredge had given satisfaction.

Mr. Chittie was informed by Mr. Oliver that to July in the last fiscal year 164,888 had entered Canada from Europe and 23,429 from the United States. Of these 22,442 had settled in the Maritime Provinces, 7,188 in Ontario, 28,394 in Manitoba, 17,681 in Saskatchewan, 17,157 in Alberta, and 12,541 in British Columbia. The department was trying to supply domestic servants and farm laborers to Ontario.

Mr. White was told by Postmaster General Lemaux that in declaring the Georgian Bay canal a thing of the near future he was simply giving his personal view of the matter. There had been \$553,567 spent on the survey and the report was expected soon.

The second reading was given Mr. Leitch's bill to amend the railway act in respect to expropriation. It gives property owners the right to compel railroads to carry out expropriation proceedings when once begun. The bill requiring masters and mates holding Canadian certificates to be British subjects was given a second reading.

AFTER TEN YEARS.

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INDEPENDENT BANK INSPECTION

Manager Eason, of the Bank of Nova Scotia, here, yesterday received from the Bank of Nova Scotia, a letter from the head office in Toronto: Manager of Bank of Nova Scotia, St. John (N. B.):

We are sending the following announcement here headed "Independent Bank Inspection, Bank of Nova Scotia takes interest in the condition of the bank, who at the time of the last report of government inspection and who has recently called public attention to the necessity for an independent examination of banks, has announced that pending a suitable amendment to the bank act or the adoption by the Associated Banks of an effective system of inspection, the Bank of Nova Scotia will follow the method of banks in Scotland under which each bank employs chartered accountants trained to bank inspection to verify its statements."

The Bank of Nova Scotia has engaged two chartered accountants in Edinburgh to undertake the work preparatory to issuing the seventy-fifth annual statement to its shareholders.

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WILL ERECT BUILDING FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL GOVERNMENT HELD MEETING LAST NIGHT

Handsome and Commodious Addition to Westmorland County Case Decided
be Made to Germain St. Baptist Church—S. S. Ann. Meeting Horse and Carriage Found In River

The Germain-street Baptist Sunday school, which is in the midst of erecting a handsome and commodious addition to the church, held a meeting last night at the annual meeting held last night at the Germain-street Baptist church, which will be dedicated on Sunday evening, December 10th. The lot of land between the residence of W. C. Cross and the school, which was presented to the church by a number of the young men of the congregation, will be utilized. The gift was made on the condition that it was to be used exclusively for Sunday school purposes. A strong committee has had the matter under consideration some time, and is now discussing plans for the proposed building, which will cost a large sum of money. The officers elected for the ensuing year were: Honorary, T. S. Simon; superintendent, W. C. Cross; assistant superintendents, D. Hunt and S. Hunt; treasurer, W. C. Cross; general secretary, T. H. Bolyea; school secretary, A. J. Dearness; chorister, W. F. Nobles; pianist, E. L. Fenerty; vice-president, N. S. J. P. Landry; Truro; N. B. J. F. Roach; P. E. I. Rev. Father Burke; directors: N. E. I. C. Craig, C. W. Holmes, Amherst; R. A. Wilkins, Halifax; N. B. J. P. Ham, St. John; Edgar Ayer, St. John; J. V. Jackson, Moncton; P. E. Island, Albert Boswell, Jr., Theodore Ross; commissioner of agriculture secretary, E. Elderton.

The evening meeting was presided over by C. A. Archibald, Truro. Large numbers of the ladies of the congregation were present. The day will be given up wholly to the work of organization, which, it is hoped, will be completed in time to permit the delegates to return to their homes in the evening.

H. R. EMMERSON,
Ottawa, Nov. 21st, 1906.

LIBERAL Convention Called

To the Liberals of New Brunswick: It is my desire to meet the Liberals of New Brunswick in convention. Nearly three years have elapsed since the last general meeting; it is also the judgment of many friends that such a gathering should take place for the purpose of perfecting party organization in all the counties of the Province. To that end, I will invite all Liberals who can make it convenient to do so to attend at Berryman's Hall, in the City of St. John, on Thursday evening, 27th December next, at 7:30 o'clock. This invitation is extended to all Liberals in New Brunswick who are interested in the success of the party and I would especially ask the Liberal Associations and Liberal Clubs of the various counties throughout the Province to select delegates, who shall be authorized to represent them at the convention.

There are many matters of importance to be considered, and it is therefore my earnest wish to have at the convention as many as possible of those who have a real interest in the advancement of Liberalism. Thursday evening will be devoted to the selection of a Nominating Committee and the arranging of preliminaries. It is possible that an opportunity will be offered for short addresses from representatives of the different counties.

The convention will re-assemble on Friday at 10 o'clock in the forenoon for the transaction of the real business of the gathering. The day will be given up wholly to the work of organization, which, it is hoped, will be completed in time to permit the delegates to return to their homes in the evening.

ATTENDANCE INCREASING AT WINTER FAIR

AMHERST, N. S., Dec. 5.—Beautiful winter weather prevailed this third day of the winter fair. The attendance was good all day. In the evening, a large crowd was in the building. This morning the annual meeting of the Maritime Poultry Association was held with a good attendance. Officers for the coming year are: President, H. L. Fenerty; vice-president, N. S. J. P. Landry; Truro; N. B. J. F. Roach; P. E. I. Rev. Father Burke; directors: N. E. I. C. Craig, C. W. Holmes, Amherst; R. A. Wilkins, Halifax; N. B. J. P. Ham, St. John; Edgar Ayer, St. John; J. V. Jackson, Moncton; P. E. Island, Albert Boswell, Jr., Theodore Ross; commissioner of agriculture secretary, E. Elderton.

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