

FROM ALL OVER THE MARITIME PROVINCES

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Fredericton, N. B., Dec. 15.—The case of Judson Johnson, of Vancouver, charged with killing a moose illegally, was taken up in the police court before Col. Marsh this afternoon.

Provincial Secretary Flemming, who has been a jaunt to Montreal, arrived here at noon to attend a meeting of the treasury board. Hon. Mr. Maxwell is also here.

Turkeys sold in the local market yesterday at twenty-two cents a pound, and eggs brought forty cents.

Hartley French, a South African veteran of this city, has disposed of his land grant for \$425, and Robert Phillips has disposed of his for \$375.

Fredericton, Dec. 16.—The Gleamer, tonight says: "Yesterday was the last day for service of petitions on the members of parliament whose elections were protested. In no case in this province did this service take place and the protests therefore go by the boards."

At St. John tomorrow morning application will be made before Justice McLeod of the supreme court, with the protests against the election of Dr. J. V. Daniel, M. P., and Hon. Wm. Pugsley dismissed. Similar applications will be made in York and Kings counties in the course of a few days.

HOPEWELL HILL
Hopewell Hill, Dec. 16.—Golden Rule Division, No. 51, S. of T., of this place, had an official visit last evening from the grand worthy patriarch of the order, Edward S. Hennegar, who was accompanied by the most worthy chaplain, Rev. W. J. Kirby, and grand superintendent of young people's work, Miss Kirby, of Albert. A very enjoyable evening was spent with addresses by the grand officers, D. G. W. P. Marmer, M. Tingley, Edwin Wagstaff, J. C. Stevens and other members of the division. Golden Rule Division, which is one of the oldest temperance societies in the province, is in a prosperous condition, and its activities are increasing.

Fredericton, Dec. 16.—The directors of the Fredericton Agricultural Society held a meeting this afternoon and elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President, John A. Campbell; first vice, F. P. Robinson; second vice, C. H. Gilles; secretary, W. S. Hooper; treasurer, J. W. McCready.

As a mark of recognition of his services to the society, W. T. Turley Whitehead was unanimously elected honorary president. The board approved the usual committee and made a good start with the organization for the exhibition to be held here from Sept. 14 to 23.

The Royal Gazette today contains a number of minor appointments and long looked for financial statements has not yet made its appearance.

James P. Lunney and Percy A. Guthrie, attorneys at law, to be married by Rev. Albert Crossman—John William Smith and Joseph B. Steves, of Covalde, to be coroners.

Carlton county—John A. Lindsay, of Woodstock, to be a commissioner for taking affidavits to be read in the supreme court.

Gloucester county—Joseph O. Chaisson to be police magistrate for Caraquet in place of James G. C. Blackhall, resigned.

Kings county—A. Laverie, of Caraquet, to be a commissioner to take examinations.

Salisbury, N. B., Dec. 15.—Rev. H. H. Ferguson was at Stevens Mountain yesterday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Hope, celebrating the marriage of Alfred Crossman, a prominent young farmer of Stevens Mountain, to the daughter of a popular young lady of Indian Mountain. The young couple will reside at Stevens Mountain.

The Salisbury temperance committee closed a very successful and successful series of temperance mass meetings Monday evening at the United Baptist church at North River. The house was completely filled. Ichabod Lewis occupied the chair and the speakers were Counsellor G. A. Taylor, Rev. C. W. Hamilton and Rev. H. H. Ferguson.

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MARINE INQUIRY OF ONTARIO BILLS

Enormous Sums for Cruisers

Commander Spain Tells of \$500 He Got from Polons, But Says He Returned It, Though Books Don't Show It—Probing Other Accounts.

Ottawa, Dec. 16.—The marine inquiry resumed this morning by the presentation of a startling nature developed. Commander Spain told of \$500 being wired him by F. B. Polson, of the Polson Iron Works for a land speculation, but he did not use the money and said he returned it to Mr. Polson, who has since died.

The Polson Company officials, on the stand told of the books showing the \$500 transaction, but there was no record of its being returned.

Commander Spain, wreck commissioner, was the first witness, and was examined by Mr. Watson as to a transaction with Messrs. Polson, of Toronto. Commander Spain stated that plans for vessels which had been built at the Polsons' works would be submitted to him to report on whether the size and speed were suitable. He had made occasional inspections of the work being done by the Polsons on government steamers, but he was not responsible. There was a regular inspector on the work. Commander Spain said that he occasionally had certified to accounts.

Mr. Watson surprised the court by asking Commander Spain how many times he had received money from the Polson Iron Works?

"Only once," replied Commander Spain, "and that I can explain."

"You will have full opportunity to explain, but now please answer the question: How much did you receive?"

"Five hundred dollars."

"What date?"

"In the summer of 1901."

"Have you repaid that sum?"

"Yes, to Mr. Frank Polson."

"Where were you when you received it?"

"Victoria (B. C.), from the Bank of Montreal."

"How did it come to give it to you?"

"I wired Mr. Polson and drew on his authority for it."

"How did he come to authorize it?"

"I was going to British Columbia and he had been built at the Polsons' works which was spoken of as the terminus of the Grand Trunk Pacific. Mr. Polson knew I was going there and wanted me to buy some property for him there. I wired from Victoria that I was going up and he authorized the bank to give \$500. I did not go to Port Simpson, and on my return east gave Frank Polson back the identical bills which I had received in Victoria, and which I had until that time carried in an envelope in my despatch bag." Commander Spain said that he had not intended to go into the scheme, but his brother was going to invest. This

officials. He knew of no inquiries by officials as to profits on the work or the men employed.

"To shorten the matter," suggested the judge, "please say what gratuities, if any, the department officials got?"

"I don't know that they ever got a cent," answered the witness. "If there was anything of that kind it was done by Mr. Polson."

"And he has gone home," remarked the judge.

The tender for repairs to the Aberdeen was for \$17,000, but the account finally submitted was for \$45,223. Mr. Watson wanted to know why the big increase.

Witness said the boilers were not included in the tender, but Mr. Watson read from it to show that some boilers were, and that they were down to cost \$12,000. Mr. Watson promised to come back to this point after examining the books, and then went on to the allegations made in the Halifax that a propeller and condenser for the Aberdeen had been charged for, but not delivered.

Witness was sure that had not been done. The extra work had been done on the order of Mr. Schmidt, of the department at Halifax.

Mr. Marshall, of the Brockville Lumber Company, was next called and examined about an account for lumber, totalling \$19,421. It covered three years. There was only one contract and this was signed by Mr. Brader. Witness declared the prices to be wholesale. Questioned about dealings with officials, Mr. Marshall said he had had but one such transaction. It was with J. F. Fraser for lumber bought for his cottage.

\$475 Polson Lost Money.
J. B. Miller, who testified that since January, '04, payments to Polson totalled \$206,000. The extras on the Aberdeen were \$32,533. The company had lost money on its government contracts in the last three years.

Robert O. Mackay, of Hamilton, told about getting \$7,500 for the use of the steamer Golebe in delivering lighthouse supplies. He had first offered the steamer Niles to do the work for \$5,800 but the department was slow and his was withdrawn. Mr. Zimmerman, M. P., went with him to the department about the matter. The witness was ordered to produce books and checks to refresh his memory.

John McKeever, Kingston, who since 1904 has filled hardware orders to the amount of \$27,000, was then examined. There was no contract in writing but an agreement with J. F. Fraser. Plumbing was the principal account. Witness was quite sure that no more than retail prices were charged. His firm had fitted up a house for Fraser in Ottawa in 1905. He produced the account but it was not copied from the job blotted to the regular books. It was an omission, the only one connected with the department, observed Mr. Watson.

The witness was ordered to produce the job blotted, though insisting that the account made up two days ago was an exact copy. It had been paid; it totalled \$2,401. He had not compared the charges to the government and to Fraser.

J. H. Davis, owner of a dry dock at Kingston, was questioned about repairs totalling \$4,460 to the government boat Scout. The witness declared that no detail was kept of the cost of the work. It simply bid at a certain figure and billed for the lump sum. The firm had no cash book. It started work before it got the contract and got advance payment before the work began.

The witness showed great reluctance about producing his books. The check book, he said, had been mislaid or destroyed in a clearing up of the office. He brought leaves out of a letter book instead of the book itself and was ordered to produce the rest. He declared that he knew of no disbursement to J. F. Fraser.

The examination will be continued after a search is made of a secret room where, witness said, the books were kept. The inquiry adjourned at this point till tomorrow morning.

AMERICAN SCHOONER LOST ON COAST OF NEWFOUNDLAND

Halifax, Dec. 16.—Captain McIntyre and crew of the American schooner M. B. Stetson, wrecked off the Bay of Islands coast, Newfoundland, is here en route to Boston.

Captain McIntyre, speaking to your correspondent, said: "The Stetson left Bucksport (Me.) on Nov. 28 for Bay of Islands (Nfld.) to load frozen herring. The Stetson was a vessel of only eighty-two tons and when we struck the heavy northeast gale on December 1 the force of the gale combined with the weight of ice upon the masts and rigging, broke the mainmast and almost the entire spread of sails were torn away. The mainmast went overboard, placing the craft in such a helpless condition that she could not make headway sufficient to keep off the lee shore."

"Several hours later the Gloucester schooner Patricia here in sight and rescue of the crew. The weather was bitterly cold and the vessel's rigging and deck were covered with several feet of ice. The crew, fearing they would perish before assistance arrived, took to the boats and abandoned the schooner on Dec. 3, leaving only myself and mate and one of the women on the vessel."

The Patricia remained by us for nearly two days until the weather moderated sufficiently to allow the launching of a boat and on the afternoon of Dec. 4, we were able to take on board and the Stetson was left to her fate."

The M. B. Stetson was owned by T. M. Nicholson, Bucksport (Me.).

Pythian Officers.
St. John Lodge, No. 30, Knights of Pythias, has elected C. C. H. F. Black; V. C. F. Patterson; P. T. E. Burchill; M. of W. G. F. Price; K. of R. and N. W. McInnis; M. of E. P. Dykman; M. of E. W. H. White; M. at A. A. H. Rourke; I. G. S. Springer; O. G. H. F. Williams; W. H. Dunham, trustee for three years.

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