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CANADA'S FIRE LOSS IN MARCH

Monetary Times Makes it $852,380 Which is a Reduction

A GODERICH BLAZE

Damage of $50,000 in Furniture Plant Last Night — Methodist Transfer Committee in Annual Session — The Railway Commission and the C. N. R.

(Special to Times)

Toronto, April 7—The Monetary Times' estimate of Canada's fire losses during March is $852,380 compared with $1,076,253 for the corresponding period last year and $851,690 for March 1909. Twenty-three fires were responsible for damage of $10,000 the largest being in Barrow, Sask., where the loss was estimated at $110,000.

Goderich, Ont., April 7—Fire last night caused $50,000 loss to the plant of the Kensington Furniture Company. The loss is covered by insurance.

Toronto, April 7—Up to date the Ontario "Georges" have contributed only about $40 and the "Marys about $37.50 to the fund for a coronation present to King George and Queen Mary.

The transfer committee of the Methodist church was in annual session yesterday, Rev. Dr. A. Carman in the chair. The presidents of all the conferences were present with the exception of Rev. T. B. Denby of Newfoundland who was delayed through the wreck of the S. S. Bruce.

Among the transfers were:—Newfoundland to Montreal—Rev. J. Leach; Newfoundland to Bay of Quinte, Rev. J. Lyon.

North Bay, Ont., April 7—The inquest into the death of Laurent Morin, found shot by a neighbor named McDougall, resulted in an open verdict. A formal charge of murder has been laid against McDougall.

Ottawa, April 7—The recommendation of the railway commission that the Canadian Northern be prosecuted to the full for operating a line in Manitoba without proper authorization has gone to the justice department for action.

The amount of the fine, if imposed, it is understood would be between $80,000 and $100,000 as the line complained of has been in operation about a year and a half and the fine is $200, a day for every day that traffic is carried over it, other than for construction purposes, before proper authority is secured.

FUNERALS

The funeral of David Ramsay took place this afternoon at 2.30 o'clock from his late residence in Sheriff street. Funeral services were conducted at the Mission church by Rev. Father Convers. Interment was in Cedar Hill cemetery.

The funeral of Henry Brandie took place this afternoon at 2.30 o'clock from his late residence, Spar Cove Road. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Mr. Hutchings and interment was in Cedar Hill cemetery.

The funeral of Miss Ethel Bettinson took place this afternoon at 3 o'clock from her late residence, Pleasant street, Lancaster. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. H. R. Read and interment was in Cedar Hill cemetery.

The funeral of Benjamin Abrams took place this afternoon at 2 o'clock from N. W. Brenan's undertaking parlors. Rev. H. A. Cody conducted the funeral services and interment was in Fernhill.

The funeral of Mary Eileen, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Francis C. Abbott, took place this afternoon from her parents' residence in Broad street. Interment was in the new Catholic cemetery.

WEATHER BULLETIN

Issued by authority of the department of Marine and Fisheries. R. F. Stupart, Director of meterological Service.

9 A. M. WEATHER REPORTS

Temperatures Past 24 Hours.

	Max	Min	Dir	Vel.	
Toronto	46	34	W	14	Cloudy
Montreal	42	38	SW	20	Cloudy
Quebec	42	34	SW	28	Fair
Chatham	46	34	SW	4	Cloudy
Charl'town	44	32	S	16	Cloudy
Sydney	42	30	SW	8	Cloudy
Sable Island	40	32	S	14	Cloudy
Halifax	56	32	SW	12	Cloudy
Yarmouth	46	30	SW	12	Cloudy
St. John	46	32	S	12	Rain
Boston	72	52	W	10	Cloudy
New York	68	54	NW	34	Cloudy

Forenoon Bulletin From Toronto.

Forecasts—Fresh to strong southwest to northwest winds, a few showers at first, then fair; Saturday, fine, not much change in temperature.

Synopsis—Showers are occurring in the maritime provinces, the outlook, however, indicates a period of fair weather. To Banks and American ports, fresh to strong southwest shifting to northwest winds.

Local Weather Report at Noon.

Friday, April 7, 1911.

Highest temperature during last 24 hrs 46
Lowest temperature during last 24 hrs 32
Temperature at noon 38
Humidity at noon 98
Barometer readings at noon (sea level and 32 degrees Fah.), 29.57 inches.
Wind at noon—Direction south, velocity eight miles per hour; fog.
Same date last year—Highest temperature 53, lowest 39; thick fog, thunderstorm and cloudy.

D. L. HUTCHINSON, Director.

LIKELY NOW TO FINISH BY THURSDAY

St. John Railway Extension Bill is Amended By Committee of Legislature in Fredericton

(Special to Times)

Fredericton, N. B., April 7—The house will adjourn tonight until Monday and the prospects are there will be no trouble in completing the session business by next Thursday evening.

Some Newcastle and Bathurst and Fredericton bills were recommended by the corporations committee this morning. Among them was one to permit the city of Fredericton to aid the John Palmer Company.

There was an amendment to the St. John Railway bill confining its operation and extension of lines in Kings county to the parishes of Hampton, Rothesay and Westfield and a stipulation that charges for electric light should not exceed those paid in the city of St. John.

There seems to be some delay in further consideration of the Hydro-Power legislation for it is now announced that this bill will not be considered again until next Tuesday.

Mr. Malcolm Sees Premier

Thomas Malcolm, railway contractor, of Campbellton, who has been in the city for several days, had a lengthy interview with Premier Hazen this morning. What took place has not transpired but after leaving the premier's office Mr. Malcolm spent some time examining Engineer Maxwell's plans and profiles of the Valley Railway survey.

Mr. Malcolm leaves for home this evening.

It is understood that the police commission to be appointed under the act of assembly will be composed of Police Magistrate Marsh, Mayor Thomas and Peter Farrell.

At a meeting of the hospital board last evening, Ald Edward Moore, was appointed a trustee in place of Matthew Tennant, retired. The trustees have entered into a contract with Thomas Miles, of St. Mary's, for extension of the Dow wing.

As a result of a warm rain yesterday the river ice is beginning to show signs of kweaening.

LOCAL NEWS

C. P. R. HIGH IN LONDON.

A despatch to J. M. Robinson & Sons says C. P. R. opened in London, Eng., today at 224 7-8 and at 9.30 a. m. was 226 3-4.

THE TRAINS

The Montreal express arrived in two sections this morning. The first section was forty minutes late and the second more than an hour. The second section carried passengers for the Empress steamer.

LUMBER CARGO

Schooner Genevieve, Captain Ward, cleared today for Allerton, Mass., with the following cargo: 81,005 s feet spruce plank; 55,635 feet spruce scantling; 210,000 cedar shingles. Shipped by Stetson Cutler & Co.

WAS ONCE AT JOHNVILLE.

Rev. Bartholomew McKelny, by whose will the Good Shepherd's and the Mater Miseracordiae Home here will receive $2,000, was stationed in Johnville, N. B., more than twenty-five years ago.

CASE ADJOURNED.

Carl Wissinger was in the police court this morning having been reported for driving an automobile through the streets without a number showing. In order to procure documents the case was postponed until tomorrow.

SAYS WOOD WAS STOLEN.

Harry London, this morning in the police court, complained that some of his wood had been stolen by Jeremiah Osborne. Both are wood dealers and they were told that their differences could be argued this afternoon so the matter was postponed until that time.

THE CORRECT SCORE

In the bowling match last night between a team from W. E. McIntyre, Ltd., and Charles Tilley's team the score was 1104 to 1096 in favor of the former quintette.

The bowling team of W. E. McIntyre, Ltd., issue a challenge to the team from Comeau & Sheehan to roll them a game tomorrow night on any alleys.

EDWARD GORMAN

The death of Edward Gorman occurred this morning at his residence, corner of Brittain and Wentworth streets. He had been ill about two months. Three brothers and one sister survive. The brothers are Frank, James and Patrick of St. John and the sister Mrs. Edward Harnish of Bangor. The funeral will take place on Sunday afternoon at 2.30 from his late residence.

WINTER PORT INCREASE MORE THAN $300,000

The exports on eighty-eight steamers show an increase of $302,002 over a like number of steamers last season. The figures follow:

1911.	
Canadian goods	$12,369,143
Foreign goods	6,628,596
	$18,997,739
1910.	
Canadian goods	$14,811,948
Foreign goods	3,883,789
	$18,695,737
Increase	$302,002

BIG LINER STILL IN GRIP OF SANDS

Lone Hill Life Saving Station, Long Island, April 7—(Canadian Press) — The giant North German Lloyd liner Prinzess Irene was still lying helpless in the sand keys off here today, with her 1,700 passengers aboard. They are in no danger, but a nod'western prevents them being taken off.

TWO YEARS IN DORCHESTER AND PAY FINE OF $1,000

BOY KILLED BY TRAIN IN NOVA SCOTIA

Chas. Burke of Amherst, Fourteen Years Old, Falls Between Cars and is Fearfully Mutilated

Amherst, N. S., April 7—A sad accident occurred last night on the railway line of the Maritime Coal and Railway Company, running from Maccan to the Joggin Mines. Charles Burke, fourteen years old, adopted son of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis P. Burke, of this place, boarded a special which the Maritime Coal Co. had provided to carry horse show visitors to the Joggin Mines.

When about a mile and a half from Maccan Station he went to pass from one car to another, and fell between the two. The wheels of the baggage car severed his right leg from the body at the hip, cut off his right arm at the elbow and cut off the fingers of the left hand. The train was stopped, and Dr. R. Sutherland of Springhill rendered assistance to the lad, and the train was backed to Maccan and further surgical aid was summoned.

Mr. and Mrs. Burke were brought to him on a special. The boy died early this morning. Only last week Mrs. Burke was called upon to mourn the death of her sister, Miss Melanson.

LAST MINUTE WORDS FROM MANY PLACES

New York, April 7—The C. D. Mills flour mills were destroyed by fire today with a loss of $250,000.

New York, April 7—Death today claimed the 146th victim of the Triangle Waist holocaust when sixteen year old Annie Miller succumbed to injuries received in jumping from the burning Asch building.

Madrid, April 7—Six persons including Francisco Eldono, "the King of the Spanish Gypsies" were killed and three others mortally wounded today in the collapse of a building near Grenada.

Quebec, April 7—Lieutenant Governor Pelletier arrived home yesterday afternoon from Atlantic City where he has been spending several months in the interest of his health. He looks much better.

London, April 7—The Times this morning makes the announcement that the purchaser of Rembrandt's Landscape "The Mill" is P. A. B. Widener of Philadelphia. Mr. Widener has denied that he has purchased "The Mill."

Tokio, April 7—K. Okura has given $500,000 to the relief of poor and sick in Japan.

New York, April 7—A cable despatch received by the Chinese Empire Reform Association here says that a cabinet will be established in China soon.

Rome, April 7—Exceedingly friendly exchanges marked a dinner given by the king and queen at the Quirinal last night in honor of Crown Prince Frederick William and the crown princess, who came here to present the congratulations of the German emperor and empress on the occasion of the Italian jubilee.

Pueblo, Colo., April 7—Zbysko, the Polish wrestler defeated W. Demetral, "The Greek Demon," in a finish contest here last night, the Pole getting two falls in one hour and four minutes.

El Paso, Tex., April 7—Eighty-three wounded and a number of prisoners taken by the federals at Casas Grandes were brought into Juarez today.

SENATOR FORGET DEAD SAYS REPORT HERE

A Montreal despatch received by J. M. Robinson & Sons this afternoon, says that Senator Forget is dead.

WEST INDIA STEAMER

West India line steamer Ocamo, Captain Coffin, arrived today from Demerara with eighteen passengers.

Judge Forbes Sentences J. G. Sperdakes on Charge of Stealing Electricity

If Fine is Not Paid an Additional Two Years Must be Served—Council for Sperdakes Announces There Will be an Appeal

Judge Forbes this morning sentenced J. G. Sperdakes, a Charlotte street Greek confectioner, to two years in Dorchester and a fine of $1,000 for stealing electricity from the St. John Railway Company. If the fine is not paid an additional two years must be added to the sentence. An appeal is announced.

The Judgement

In delivering judgment, Judge Forbes said:—

This charge against the defendant is laid under Sec. 351 of the Crim. Code of Canada which is as follows:—"Everyone commits theft who maliciously or fraudulently abstracts or causes to be wasted or diverted, or consumes or uses any electricity, etc., 57 and 58 Vic. Cap, 29, Sec. 307." Under this section the crown has filed the following information. (Here His Honor read the information). To this information the prisoner pleads not guilty.

It appears from the evidence that the defendant entered into three separate contracts, marked A. B. and C., with the St. John Railway Co. in the following words: —"You are hereby requested to connect with your system and supply electric current for lighting by meter at rate of .15c. per M. watts, less 10 per cent. upon premises No. 33 Charlotte street, occupied as candy store, etc." It appears that under this agreement due connections were made with the electric power of the said company, who placed their meters in said store for the purpose of registering the quantity of electricity consumed.

The information charges that during the continuance of those contracts the defendant did unlawfully and fraudulently abstract electricity of a value exceeding $10, then being carried, &c., by tapping the electric wires of said company, etc. Let me here dwell on the term maliciously. I cannot agree to the definition of the learned counsel for the defence that the crown to succeed must prove a malicious intent. I accept the definition of Justice Littledale in McPherson vs. Daniel, 10 B. & C. 227. Malice in its legal sense denotes "a wrongful act done intentionally without just cause and excuse."

In Roscoe's Criminal Evidence, p. 21, 11th. Ed., it is thus defined:—"All that is meant by the presumption of malice is that when a man commits an unlawful act, unaccompanied by any circumstances justifying its commission, it is presumed that he has acted advisedly and with an intent to produce the natural consequences of such an act." In the same authority I find the following definition of intent to defraud, p. 23. "This presumption is very similar to malice. It is always made whenever the natural consequence of the act is to defraud, and no proof is necessary that such was the intention of the prisoner."

The evidence clearly discloses that the meter placed in the place of business of the defendant was tampered with, the wires connecting with the meter cut, and the registering capacity of the meter prevented. After the wires connecting with the meter were cut they were ingeniously bent so as to hook when desired, and when disconnected the meter would not register the electric current consumed, and thus the company was defrauded of their property. It is difficult to ascertain how long this fraud was carried on, but from the evidence of Mr. Hopper, the company was defrauded of thousands of dollars of property, and the defendant benefitted thereby.

In considering the evidence as to who committed this fraud, we must consider the surrounding circumstances, and enquire who was benefitted or profitted by the fraud. The defendant was under a contract to pay the company .15c. per M. watts, and every watt diverted from the meter was so much gain to the defendant. The shop was his and the gain was his, and we have the evidence of young Pittson that frequently, just before the man who took the record of the electricity consumed came, he, the defendant, was in the habit of looking at or doing something with the meter.

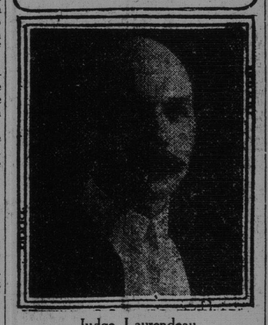
Here is an establishment managed and owned by the defendant, and all the employes are his servants. None of them are called to explain or show if there was any accident or cause why these wires were cut, or the wires disconnected not only at one meter but at both meters; no explanation, no reason; nothing but the bald statement of the defendant on oath, "He did not do it." How can this be? I cannot believe him. I have therefore no difficulty in finding the defendant guilty as charged in the information.

The sentence of this court is that he be confined in the Dorchester penitentiary for the period of two years and whilst there he be kept at hard labor, and that he pay a fine of $1,000, one half to be paid over to the company he has defrauded; and in the event of his neglect or refusal to pay such fine he be confined in said Dorchester penitentiary for a further period of two years.

The case will be appealed to the supreme court of New Brunswick. J. A. Sinclair and Dr. W. B. Wallace, K. C., appeared for Sperdakes, F. R. Taylor, for the St. John Railway Co., and C. H. Ferguson for the crown.

PEOPLE OF NOTE

Times' Gallery of Men and Women of Prominence



Judge Laurendeau

Justice of Superior Court, Montreal, who was appointed as the third commissioner to test Canada's new anti-trust law.

ZEPPLIN ONCE MORE FLIES AND CARRIES SEVERAL PASSENGERS

Friedrichshafen, April 7—(Canadian Press)—In his dirigible balloon, the new Deutschland, Count Zeppelin, with several passengers, set out at 8.25 o'clock this morning for Stuttgart to greet King William II. of Wurtemberg and Queen Charlotte on the occasion of their silver wedding anniversary tomorrow.

Stuttenhart, April 7—The airship Deutschland arrived here at 3 o'clock this afternoon and circled over the royal palace, while Count Zeppelin dropped a parachute bouquet with his greetings to the king and queen. A landing was made in the suburbs where additional passengers were taken on.

ANOTHER SCENE IN TRIAL OF CAMORRISTS

Viterbo, Italy, April 7—(Canadian Press) Again today the trial of the Camorrists was interrupted when Ciro Vitozzi, the accused priest, weakened by a self-imposed fast, fainted. In the confusion President Bianchi declared the sitting suspended. At the same time the court ordered Vitozzi to break his fast with the yolks of half a dozen eggs.

PRINCE RUPERT SCENE OF WILD LABOR RIOT

One Man Killed By Police and Forty Arrests Made — Canadian Labor Notes

(Canadian Press)

Prince Rupert, B. C., April 7—A mob of strikers and a force of police clashed here yesterday and a sanguinary fight followed. Pistols, stones and clubs were freely used and the rioters were finally subdued. One of the strikers was killed by the police and many were injured on both sides.

The situation is serious and it is feared that further conflicts will follow. Forty arrests have been made.

Toronto, April 7—Progress towards the settlement of the dispute between the G. N. W. Telegraph Company and its operators was made by the arbitration board yesterday. The men scored one important point. All those operators who have been discharged for participating in the demand for higher wages will be reinstated. Adjournment was made until the middle of May to allow efforts for settlement.

Lethbridge, Alta., April 7—Miners are leaving the camps in train loads, having decided that the coal strike will be a long one. Lille and other small towns in the Pass are nearly deserted and the sale of tickets in Lethbridge for Europe is unprecedented.

WONDERFUL WORK BY WORLD'S SPEEDIEST STENOGRAPHER

Montreal, April 7—(Canadian Press)—One new record was made and several marvellous accomplishments performed last night at an exhibition by Rose Fritz, the world's champion stenographer. Taking copy from new matter and reading her own copy, Miss Fritz managed to write 164 words a minute without a mistake.

Her opening test was a minute from dictation and in this she took 222 words in a measured minute. Then followed a test of a minute from dictation, blindfolded, when she wrote 208 words. While holding an animated chat with one of the audience Miss Fritz wrote 148 words a minute reading copy from a book and made not a single mistake in her writing.

As a final test Miss Fritz started in for two minutes to write from the same book, while adding up figures on a blackboard spelled off to her. The sum was in six columns but she got it correctly added up long before the two minutes were up and still kept on writing without a mistake at 137 words a minute.

DODGE WARRANTS AND RUSH SHELDON AWAY TO MONTREAL

Pittsburg, April 7—(Canadian Press)(—Charles D. Sheldon was released by the court this morning on his own recognizance and must go back to Montreal immediately to face charges of a varied range by hundreds of former clients in his blind pool. It is hardly believed that any additional charges will be made here. The prisoner will be hustled out of this state to prevent the service of any warrants and rushed to Canada to face his accusers. This morning District Attorney Seymour asked the court to vacate the special bail and release the prisoner on his own recognizance. This plea was greatly granted.

SUGGESTS LEGISLATION TO REVIVE HORSE RACING

Albany, N. Y., April 7 — (Canadian Press) — Senator Brackett of Saratoga Springs is at work on a bill which he thinks, if passed, may be effective in reviving horse racing in New York state. He suggests the appointment of special officers to patrol the grounds and prevent gambling at races. These officers would be paid by the racing association and would be held accountable for gambling rather than the directors.

ARM ALMOST CUT OFF IN P.E. ISLAND MILL

(Special to Times)

Charlottetown, P. E. I., April 7—As Joe Moras was taking a slat from the saw mill at East Baltic he slipped and fell against the saw. He had his left arm frightfully mangled and almost severed from the body. Mr. McVain, who was nearby, pulled him away in time to save his life. Mr. McVain put a splint on the arm and stopped the flow of blood until a doctor came.

PANAMA BOND ISSUE

Washington, April 7—(Canadian Press) Unless Secretary Macveagh changes his plans the issue of Panama bonds, likely $50,000,000, which the treasury is preparing to bring out will be dated June 1. The bonds will bear 3 per cent. interest, and will not be available to national banks as the basis for note circulation, and from the investor's point of view will be the greatest revenue producers of all the government securities.

Aldershot Bandmaster Dead

Halifax, N. S., April 7—(Canadian Press) —Obod. A. Langille, assistant postmaster of Mahone Bay, N. S., died last evening in his 42nd year. He was bandmaster of the 69th regimental band and brigade bandmaster of Aldershot militia military camp.

ABANDON STEAMER HARLAW

Hundred and Forty Men And Sealers on St. Paul's Island

HAVE NO PROVISIONS

Help Being Rushed From Halifax —Monongehela River Steamer Turns Turtle, Two Drowned—Mother and Son Die in Cleveland Fire

(Special to Times)

Halifax, N. S., April 7—The steamer Harlaw owned by the Halifax & Newfoundland Steamship Co., and under charter to Crosbie & Co., of St. Johns, Nfld., has been abandoned in a sinking condition. A despatch from the superintendent of St. Paul's Island station to the agent of the marine and fisheries here, says 140 men,—crew and sealers—are ashore on the island. No provisions were saved. Supplies and immediate assistance are asked for.

The government steamer Lady Laurier has been ordered by wireless to come to Halifax for supplies and will leave tomorrow to render assistance.

The steamer is of iron, built in Glasgow in 1881 and is of 267 tons. She operates between Halifax, Cape Breton and Newfoundland ports usually but was on a sealing trip at the time of her loss. The master is Captain Barbour and the sealers are from Newfoundland. The steamer is insured in England.

(Canadian Press)

Monogahela, Pa., April 7—The big river steamer Henry A. Laughlin, belonging to the Vesta Coal Company was wrecked by a high wind early this morning, turned turtle and went to the bottom of the Monongahela River, keel uppermost. Effie Hughes, cook, and Jane Lawrence, with the fireman, name unknown, were drowned. Eleven others of the crew swam ashore.

Cleveland, Ohio., April 7—Two persons lost their lives and three others were badly burned in a fire which destroyed the dwelling house of Henry Marston late last night.

Mrs. Marston, aged 35, her son Henry Marston, aged 7, are dead. Henry Marston, her husband, aged 35, and their two daughters, Alice and Ellen, aged 12 and 2, respectively, are seriously burned. The blaze was caused by a defective gas mantle.

THREE MINOR ACCIDENTS TO EMPLOYES OF I.C.R.

Petitcodiac River Navigation Likely to Be Late in Opening—Pay of Railway Clerks

(Special to Times)

Moncton, April 7—Three I. C. R. employes in the new shops were victims of minor accidents yesterday. Harry Russell, carpenter, had the fingers of his right hand badly jammed while laying a track walk in the yard. J. A. Bishop, while working at the same job, cut his knee quite severely with an axe. J. W. Bennett, apprentice in the pattern making shop had his hand injured by coming in contact with a machine. Several stitches were required to close the wound.

A delightful informal dance was given in Castle Hall last night. Among out of town guests was W. Rising of St. John. The chaperones were Mrs. R. P. Dickson, Mrs. B. F. Reade, Mrs. Irvine Malcolm, and Mrs. F. L. Thompson.

A. R. Mosher, grand president of the C. B. of R. E., Halifax, is in the city. It is understood he is here in connection with a movement for increase of pay among the I. C. R. clerks.

Miss G. F. Boyd left today for Calgary to remain for some time.

From present indications navigation in the Petitcodiac river to Moncton will not open much before May 1. The river is completely blocked with ice.

LOOK FOR GREAT SEASON

Montreal Has Promise of Record Breaker in Ocean Export Traffic

Montreal, April 7—(Canadian Press)—Every grain boat which sails from Montreal for European ports from the opening of navigation on the St. Lawrence to the middle of June will be loaded to full capacity. The shippers announced today that, all bookings for grain shipments up to and including June 15 are filled.

It is predicted that the coming season will tax the capacity of the lines to handle the freight that will leave Montreal.

Relic of Prince Charlie

London, April 7—(Canadian Press)—An interesting relic of the days of the Young Pretender was sold yesterday for $1,520. It consisted of a large salt glaze loving cup bearing the inscription, "God Bless Prince Charles, 1745." The Stuart tartan ribbon attached to the cup bore the words "God Bless P. C., and Down with the Rump."

CHIPMAN BRIDGE FACTS ARE BROUGHT OUT IN THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE

(Special to Times)

Fredericton, N. B., April 7— Further light on the government's method of handling bridge affairs was shed in the public accounts committee this morning when it was brought out that the new Chipman bridge was not erected on the site recommended by the chief engineer of the public works department. It did not develop why the engineer was overridden.

Engineer Wetmore was before the committee to give information asked for by opposition members. He brought with him plans and papers bearing on this bridge matter and among them the report which he prepared in regard to the site. There was a question as to whether the new bridge should be constructed on the site of the old structure or whether a certain new site should be selected.

The report declared that, while a bridge on the new site would probably cost a couple of thousand dollars less than one on the old site there were considerations which made it advisable to use the latter location. He drew special attention to the fact that at the new site there is the disadvantage of the proximity of a level railway crossing.

As was pointed out by Hon. Mr. Robinson this in itself was a very serious matter.

Throughout the engineer's report the whole tone was in favor of the old site, and he declared that he was in "favor of adhering to the recommendation of the old site." But in spite of his recommendation the bridge was put up on the new site.

In estimating the cost of bridges on the respective sites the engineer placed the cost of one on the new site as something more than $28,000, or about $2,100 less than his estimate for a structure on the old site. Subsequent events showed that he had been in error in his estimate of the probable land damages, an error which made the difference in estimated cost $1,000 greater in favor of the new site than it should have been. The difference in estimated cost therefore was only about $1,100 in favor of the new site.

But before the committee Mr. Wetmore said that the total approximate cost of the bridge, as he made it up from the information now available to him, had been about $32,600. Thus the new bridge cost at least about $3,000 more than the estimated cost of a bridge on the old site. Moreover, fifteen per cent. has been held back from a builder who had a contract on the bridge, and if it should be found that this must be paid, the cost of the bridge will be increased by another $700.

Some Bookkeeping

It was also found by the opposition men that the permanent bridge accounts contained an item of more than $600 for work done on a Westmorland bridge in 1908. Investigation showed that the account was presented about six months before the fiscal year 1909 ended, but it was not paid until some days after the books were closed for that year. Thus the expenditures for that year were more than $600 greater than was actually shown by the government's report.

Another item which was brought to the committee's attention was that of $2,521 for ballasting on the Central Railway. The noteworthy thing in this connection was that the amount was charged to capital account.

HELPS CARRY SUICIDE FROM RIVER; FINDS T'WAS HIS WIFE

(Canadian Press)

Boston, Mass., April 7—While assisting to carry the body of a woman who had committed suicide by jumping into the Charles River basin, from the West Boston Bridge last night, Patrolman Timothy W. Hurley lifted the sack placed over the face and found the woman was his wife, Mrs. Mary E. Hurley, 26 years old.

The couple had been separated for some time. Despondency is believed to have caused Mrs. Hurley's act