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## SEALING STEAMER CRUSHED IN FLOES

(From Tuesday's Daily Edition.)  
The first disaster reported this season among the sealing fleet of steamers sailing out of Newfoundland was sent over the wires last evening, announcing the destruction of the old steamer Diana, which for two weeks was penned in among the icefields with her tall shaft broken and unable to free herself. The steady crush of heavy ice against the sides of the ex-whaler was too much for her, and she began to take water. Yesterday it came so fast that Capt. John Parsons, her commander, saw that it was dangerous to continue on board any longer, and signalled for one of the fleet to come to the rescue and take the mon-

The Sagona, the only craft prospecting the industry for the Reid, Ltd. Co., at once responded and reached as near the sinking steamer as it was possible to get when the work of transferring the crew was accomplished without accident. Whether the 7,000 seals that were taken in the two days previous to her meeting with the loss of her tall shaft were removed or not, the Herald was unable to find out.

Before Captain Parsons and crew left the doomed steamer they set her on fire, and then abandoned her. The Diana was built in the old country especially for whaling and sealing, and came to this country under the name of the Hecktor. Later she was purchased by James Baird, Limited, of St. John's, to prosecute the sealing industry, and during her campaign on the ground was fairly successful.

## AIRPLANE TO GUIDE SEALERS

Airship to Receive 10 Cents a Seal For Guiding Fleet to Herds.

(From Thursday's Daily Edition.)  
Perhaps the best piece of news that has come from the sealing fleet of Newfoundland was learned this morning by the North Sydney Herald, when it became known that an arrangement has been finalized between the captains of the various sealing steamers and Major Cotton, in command of the airplane that is hovering over and about the sealing grounds. For several days past the sealers and the Major were in conference in an endeavor to arrive at an agreement whereby the airship would follow the movements of the seals and report at once to the various ships, thus facilitating progress and aiding the sealers in their work. At first it was believed the parties could not arrive at an agreement, but this morning the Herald received word that Major Cotton has reduced his price from 40 cents per seal, the amount first stipulated by him, to ten cents a seal, and hereafter the sealers will be guided by the airship.

Yesterday was an extremely unfavorable one for the Vikings, employed in the gulf. All day it rained and blew a strong breeze from the southeast, and most of the time a dense fog shut out everything from view, making it impossible for Will Bartlett to do anything. In the afternoon, however, it cleared up somewhat, and with 5,000 on board the Vikings proceeded to a patch with about 350 seals on it. These were taken on board, which gives the Vikings' catch up to last night a total of 10,350 seals. According to word this morning the best of weather and ice conditions prevail. The ice is loosening up with a nice breeze from the southwest, making it easy for the men to pick up seals.

The Herald was unable to gather any information from the main fleet, except the fact that the total catch taken by the whole fleet of nine steamers was estimated to be in the vicinity of 72,000 seals. That this amount will be greatly augmented every day, now that arrangements have been completed with Major Cotton to keep the fleet informed of the movements of the seals, is certain, and it looks as if the season of 1922 will go down in history as one of the most successful years with the seals in the history of Newfoundland.

## LAST RACE OF SEASON

What was undoubtedly the last race on the Grove's Point ice speedway this season took place yesterday afternoon, at which there were large and enthusiastic attendance present. It was a three-cornered affair for a 75 sweepstakes, and was one of the prettiest and closest horse races witnessed on Cape Breton ice this season. The starters were Miss King, owned and driven by Norman McKay, of Millville; Danny Direction, owned by Murdo MacFarlane, Florence, and driven by the veteran Joe Hood, and a mare owned and driven by Alex. McLellan, of Florence. It was a nip and tuck affair in each of the four heats, and no one could tell who was going to win until the finishing post was passed, so close were the contests in each heat. The King mare won the two firsts and third and Danny Direction won the third, being 3.2.2 respectively in the others. Dan Hood the official starter for the winter season, gave every satisfaction, as did the judges, J. Handley, R. Jessome and Mike Flemming.

## RACING AT PT. EDWARD

The last race meet of Pt. Edward Sporting Club was held on the river Saturday. There were only two horses which responded to the word of the starter: Joker 2nd, owned by Wilson Rudderham, and Lady Halifax, owned by Jack Elliott. The latter showed a general form, winning in three heats, but at no time did she outclass the trotter. Pets time 1.12. Following is the summary of the money winners of the season, headed by President Wilson Rudderham's Joker 2nd. The best in order are: Direction Boy, Direction Kelly, Lady Halifax, Keith Hiron, Joker, Lola D., Jack Kip, Black Nancy.

## ORANGE ORDER ASK DR M'KAY'S RESIGNATION

But Premier Murray Does Not Feel Like Losing Services of Best Qualified Man in Canada.

Halifax, N. S., March 28.—The resignation of Dr. A. H. McKay, Superintendent of Education in Nova Scotia for "fostering and encouraging sectarian education" in the province, was asked by a delegation of Orangemen, headed by Rev. F. C. Ward-White, of Lunenburg, who waited on the provincial government here today. The delegation asked for the appointment of a royal commission to examine into matters of sectarian and bi-lingual schools and for a minister of education responsible to the electorate. The presentation of the delegation's demands aroused in heated debate.

Mr. Ward-White said that in certain Nova Scotia schools teaching was in French up to the end of the fourth grade. Premier George H. Murray said that in the case of a child who could not speak a word of English, it would seem better that he should be given his earliest school teaching in a language he understood, allowing the change to English to be gradual.

In answer to further questions by Mr. Ward-White the Premier said he considered the present school system better than that advocated by the delegation, and also that he considered the superintendent, Dr. McKay, the best qualified for his position of any person holding such a position in Canada. Mr. Murray added that the French people of the province were law abiding and peaceful.

Rev. L. J. Donaldson, Trinity church, Halifax, spoke of the high respect given to the government of the United States by every school child, and said that the varied nationalities which entered that country were being welded into a United English speaking race.

Hon. R. M. MacGregor, minister without portfolio, replying to Mr. Donaldson, said that whereas the elements of the United States referred to were newly arrived from foreign lands, the French of Canada were the oldest inhabitants of the country.

Hon. E. H. Armstrong, Minister of Mines and Public Works, could not see why both English and French should not be learned. W. B. M. Parker, Newport, said that the establishment of bi-lingual and sectarian schools was against the school laws of the province and a violation of the school laws should be dealt with the same as the violation of any other law.

## LITTLE BRAS D'OR LADY DEAD

The funeral of the late Mrs. Patrick Howley, one of the best and most widely respected residents of Little Bras d'Or, who died at 4 o'clock Friday morning, after a rather lingering illness, aged 55 years, took place Sunday morning, and was one of the largest ever seen in the Little Bras d'Or. During the 11 o'clock services in St. Joseph's church, Rev. H. D. Barry, P.P., referred in eulogistic terms of the dead lady, who took such an active part in church affairs. Besides her sorrowing husband Mrs. Howley is survived by four sisters, Joseph, on the old homestead at Bras d'Or Gut; Miss Johanna, at Sydney Mines; Mrs. Garret Walsh, of Boston, Mass.; and Mrs. E. F. Garnier, Gannon road, this town, and three brothers, Michael on the old homestead, and Patrick and Thomas in the West.

## DEATH OF DONALD MORRISON

The death of Donald Morrison, a native of the Baddeck district of Victoria county, took place at his home in Glace Bay last Saturday night. He was 82 years of age, and is survived by his wife, who was Miss Finlayson before her marriage, two sons and three daughters. The deceased had lived in Glace Bay for 49 years.

## A RICH DISCOVERY NEAR MONCTON N. B.

Comes Upon Information of Location of Valuable Deposits in Strange Way.

(From Saturday's Daily Edition.)  
Getting rich over night is the good fortune of Mr. A. B. McLeod, of Centreville, who by a lucky streak of fortune located a valuable deposit of clay which, upon analysis by the director of mines at Ottawa, Mr. Haane, was pronounced one of the best for producing hard dark and red brick, as well as for the manufacturing of flooring and roof tile.

Last year Mr. McLeod, after severing his connection with the Mutual Wholesale of Sydney Mines, went to Moncton, where he engaged in the real estate business. One day he drove a few miles out from the city to inspect a farm which was for sale. During his investigations of the property he discovered there was no water nearby for domestic purposes. The woman explained that every effort to dig a well was foiled by the presence of rock, hard clay and coal. Further questioning elicited the information that the well diggers took away nine barrels and a pancheon of coal from the excavations. Shortly after Mr. McLeod left promising to return with an answer whether his customer would buy the property.

In the meantime a closer inspection of the property was made and from the little knowledge Mr. McLeod possessed of coal, he went back to Moncton fully convinced that there was coal there in paying quantities. He lost no time in making the necessary searches and secured a lease of the property in his own name.

Without any fuss Mr. McLeod proceeded to the farm and sank three holes. In every case he came across coal, but was handicapped by a hard brown clay which seemed to obstruct the progress of the work.

It was not until the peculiar hard brown substance seemed to be his only worry. One day he returned to the city with a small quantity of it which he showed to some friends, among them being Dr. Henderson, president of the big oil company, which is operating wells near Moncton. The moment he examined it Dr. Henderson became very much interested, and was anxious to know all about it at the same time pronouncing it as most valuable. Treating the matter more in the light of a lucky hunch, at once made Mr. McLeod an offer of \$8,000 for the clay rights on the property.

Like any other ordinary man, Mr. McLeod deferred acceptance and at once got in touch with the Director of Mines at Ottawa as well as with other experts. The results were far better than Mr. McLeod ever anticipated. There were millions of tons of the clay, and at the lowest estimate it was worth at least \$9 a ton.

From \$8,000 Dr. Henderson jumped his offer to \$16,000. But Mr. McLeod and his partner in the enterprise decided to go slow. When the news of the discovery reached the ears of certain people there were several emissaries sent from the United States. But Mr. McLeod thought he could do business nearer home and got in touch with the British Empire Steel Corporation, with whom negotiations are now pending.

Whether the latter will assume ownership of the property or not, it is certain to change hands within the course of several days, Mr. McLeod retaining the right to the coal leases. Unlike the many "rich discoveries" that all pages of newspaper space, there is nothing of the sensational in the discovery of Mr. McLeod and his Moncton friend, Mr. Steeves, and all of the foregoing are only extracts from the cold bare facts, following the examinations of the government and other experts.

## A HAULING RECORD

At the Nash Creek, N. B., camp of the Lonsdale Lumber Co., under the superintendency of Mr. Stevens, of the Saguenay River, N. B., a pair of horses weighing about 1400 lbs. each hauled 7500 ft. of sawn green lumber a distance of 6 1/2 miles, 178 ft. up grade in two place. The best previous record was 4500 ft.

## DISCUSSING THE COAL MINE SITUATION

Ottawa, March 28.—This morning at 11.30 the delegation of Mayors of Nova Scotia mining towns were scheduled to go into conference with members of the Government to press their demands for a Royal Commission to investigate the situation in the Nova Scotia coal fields. The Prime Minister will be present, with Hon. James Murdock, Minister of Labor; Hon. W. S. Fielding, Minister of Finance, and Hon. D. D. McKenzie, Solicitor General, together with private members from Nova Scotia.

## ODDFELLOWS SPENT ONE GOOD NIGHT

The 31st anniversary of Vesta lodge I. O. O. F. was celebrated in a most fitting manner by the members of the lodge as well as by those of Vesta lodge, Sydney Mines, and several outside brethren. There were at least 125 Oddfellows in attendance last night in the Vesta rooms on Commercial street, and the tasty decorations and enticing surroundings showed that the committee in charge of affairs were fully up to their business.

Perhaps never before in the 31 years since Vesta was at first instituted in North Sydney, was there such a flow of mirth, song and story as prevailed at last night's function, and it is safe to say no more successful function was ever more enjoyed by any fraternal organization in North Sydney before. The following program, which speaks for itself, was rendered:

Selection by male quartette, composed of Messrs. Mal Macdonald, Charles McLean and Harry Clarke, Solo by Brothers A. W. Shano, A. G. Ellis and Prof. Williamson.

Speeches by D. D. G. M. Oscar Miles and D. C. Macdonald, of Briar lodge, Sydney Mines.

Solo by John Macdonald, also of Briar lodge.

Then refreshments and smokes were enjoyed by the brothers, dined which the praises of brother Al Hill, who was, more than anyone else, responsible for the dainty and inviting lunch. After everybody had partaken of the delightful repast, the male quartette gave another of their beautiful selections, which was heartily encored. This was followed by a solo by bro. A. W. Shano, without whose presence no function is complete. Then came remarks from the various visiting brethren, all of whom spoke in feeling terms of the local lodge. By way of divergence bro. Shano, Tanquer, Pilkington and McLean (of Briar) indulged in story telling. And what stories to be sure! Another selection by the male quartette was followed by the singing of the closing anthem, God Save the King, when a happy and contented crowd reluctantly left for their homes, all vowing the anniversary of Vesta the most successful and most pleasant they ever attended.

## MOONSHINERS IN BATTLE

Belated news reaches the Herald of a battle royal between two bush whiskey experts, in which one of them fared off pretty badly at the hands of his more burly opponent, and is now nursing some broken ribs and extremely sore spots. The principals, who are supposed to be well up in the moonshine business, reside not a thousand miles away from the pretty and quiet little village of Boisdale. They quarreled, it is said, through jealousy of one securing more customers because of his skill as a bush distiller. Now comes hints of legal action, the broken victim claiming that he will seek monetary bail for so much time lost and loss of business, as well as shock to his mental system. And in such event what a tale will be unfolded in the police court.

## RUGBY SPORTS PREPARING

Halifax, N. S., March 27.—The Maritime Provinces Rugby Football Union has issued a circular to clubs and colleges under its jurisdiction asking the opinion of the various bodies on the matter of arranging a spring rugby season.

## SEEK MAN WHO GOT JEWELRY PACKAGE

Montreal Firm Looking For "Rod McKenzie General Store, North Sydney."

(From Tuesday's Daily Edition.)  
Who and where is "Rod McKenzie, general store, North Sydney?" That is a question the jewelry concern of Smith, Patterson Co., Ltd., 124 St. Catherine street, Montreal, are anxious to find out. Failure to locate Rod means a loss of \$444.87 plus expenses of a representative of the concern as a result of a trip from Montreal to North Sydney, and other incidents.

Some two or three months ago Smith, Patterson Co., Ltd., received an order from "Rod McKenzie, general store, North Sydney," for jewelry to the amount indicated above. The goods were in due time forwarded by the Dominion Express, payable by draft of one month. A day or so after their arrival here "Rod McKenzie" called at the express office, paid the charges and carried away his jewelry.

All went well until the time for paying the draft arrived, and the Montreal house got a bump when the document was returned. Then followed considerable correspondence, but nothing could be ascertained about "Rod McKenzie, general store, North Sydney."

Last week C. A. Mann, representing the Montreal house, arrived in town, and almost the first thing he did was to consult chief of police Clark. The latter lost no time in getting on the track, but the suspect is believed to be in a certain section of the country outside of North Sydney. The chief ascertained that a tall, slim individual who, it is believed, tallies with the description of the fellow who took the goods away from the express office, obtained a loan of \$8 from a well-known Commercial street business man, depositing a watch as security. Later a letter was received from Inverness containing the \$8 and a request that the watch be forwarded to an address given, which was done. This letter is believed to have been written by the same party from Montreal, and would indicate the much sought individual is at present in the vicinity of Inverness County, and it is likely the hunt will be continued in that section.

## ANOTHER LANDMARK GONE

Shortly after midnight this morning the sudden and unexpected death of one of North Sydney's oldest and most respected ladies, in the person of Mrs. Margaret Smith, took place at the residence of her son, Mr. Daniel and Mrs. Smith, Archaic avenue. For several days the deceased lady had been unwell, suffering from the prevailing epidemic, a mild case of flu, but lately seemed to have completely recovered. All day yesterday she was about the house as usual, eating her meals and seemed to be in her usual good health. In the evening, however, she complained of a pain, but that seemed to have passed over, and nothing seemed amiss. Shortly before the midnight hour, however, she called her daughter-in-law and complained of weakness. No time was lost in sending for her spiritual adviser and physician, but there was no hope. Life had run its course, and ten minutes after the arrival of priest and doctor, the old lady was dead, death coming as if the departed had been in sleep. Mrs. Smith was born at Southside East Bay, about 75 years ago, her husband, the late Donald Smith, predeceasing her about forty years. For thirty years or upwards the deceased made her home in this town, and during all that time she was universally respected by everyone who had the pleasure of meeting her. Two daughters, Mrs. J. E. Cameron, of Newton, Mass., and Mrs. Joseph McGilvray of Amherst, and two sons, John R., at Barra Head, Richmond County, and Daniel, with whom the deceased made her home, are left to mourn a kind and loving mother. Mrs. Rory McIsaac, Southside East Bay, and Mrs. Daniel McNeil New Waterford are sisters of the deceased. Funeral services will be held in St. Joseph's church Thursday afternoon, after which interment will be in Lakeview cemetery. Funeral will leave the home at 2.30 o'clock.