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TRADE DELEGATES HAD BUSY DAY.

Visited Westmorland Oil Fields and Saw Well Torpedoed.

MANY MATTERS UP.

Aid for Building Steel Ships, Better Protection for Fisheries, the Dog-fish Pest, and to Insure Right Weight in Cans and Packages Dealt With.

Moncton, Aug. 18.—(Special)—The maritime board of trade delegates spent today at the oil wells at St. Joseph's College and Dover. A special train carrying about 100 visitors and Moncton citizens left Moncton at 9 o'clock and were met at Moncton by teams and conveyed across country to Dover, about fourteen miles. After inspecting the wells there the party were driven back to St. Joseph's College where they had dinner. In the afternoon a well was shot for the benefit of visitors and an hour or so spent in viewing wells in that district. The pumping operation...

G. T. P. COMMISSION IS NOW COMPLETE

Members Must All Take Up Their Residence at Ottawa.

MINISTERS DEPART.

All of Them Start to Their Various Homes -- Canada Eastern Purchase About Complete -- Large List of Entries for D. A. R. Shoot Next Month.

Ottawa, Aug. 18.—(Special)—The transcontinental railway construction commission is now complete. The forecast recently sent out proves to be correct save in one particular, the name of Robert Reid has to be substituted for that of James Duffield, London. The commission therefore, will be composed as follows: P. B. Wade, K. C. Annandale (N. S.), chairman; Alfred Bennet, Montreal; Robert Reid, London (Ont.); C. A. Young, Winnipeg. It is reported that P. E. Ryan, secretary to the Transcontinental railway commission...

JAPS TO SEIZE RUSSIAN VESSELS AT SHANGHAI.

Serve Notice That Their Fleet Will Enter Port and Take Them Out.

Admiral Jessen Reports That His Two Cruisers Escaped from Kamimura Full of Holes, and That They Lost More Than 400 Men and Officers—Bloody Battle Reported at Port Arthur, and Many Russian Positions Captured.

Shanghai, Aug. 18.—M. Odaigiri, the Japanese Consul General, has notified the Tao-tai of Shanghai that a Japanese fleet is coming to seize the Russian cruiser Askold and the Russian torpedo boat destroyer Grozovoi. The chief engineer of the Customs department reports that the Russian vessels are not seaworthy. The repairs being made by the Russians on the Grozovoi will be completed in about ten days. It is uncertain when the repairs to the Askold will be finished. There is no uncertainty here, although the situation is thought to be acute. The foreign consuls are determined to preserve the neutrality of the port.

Russian Request for Truce Denied. London, Aug. 19.—A despatch to the Central News from Tokyo says it has been announced there that the Japanese Commander in chief of Port Arthur has been unable to accede to a Russian request for grace in order to permit the removal of non-combatants from that place. Nothing has been received from any other source confirming the foregoing.

Final Stage of Port Arthur Siege. Tokio, Aug. 18.—Lieut. General Stoessel, in command at Port Arthur, has refused to surrender and has declined the offer made by the Japanese to the removal of non-combatants there. Reasons for this latter action are not given but it is probable that non-combatants are unwilling to accept a favor at the hands of the Japanese. They confess, however, that necessity for their removal exists. It is expected that the Japanese attack will be resumed immediately. It now enters upon its final stage.

Deadly Work of Kamimura's Fleet. St. Petersburg, Aug. 18.—The emperor has received a despatch from Viceroy Alexieff, transmitting the report of Rear Admiral Jessen, commanding the Vladivostok squadron. He says: "At dawn on August 14, the cruisers Rossia, Gromoboi and Rurik reached a point opposite Pusan. Soon afterwards a Japanese squadron was observed taking a parallel course. This squadron consisted of four ships of the armored cruiser type. The Russian ships tried to take a course for the open sea, but the Japanese overtook and attacked them at 5 o'clock a. m., having been reinforced by a cruiser of the Tokiwa type. The Rurik signalled that her rudder would not work and the enemy then concentrated its fire on the Rurik. The other Russian ships tried to save the Rurik. The Rossia had three funnels damaged. The Rurik lagged behind. The Japanese were now reinforced by two second-class cruisers and the main force of the enemy kept up a deadly fire upon the Rossia and the Gromoboi which retired at 10 o'clock, a. m. The Rossia had eleven breaches in her side and the Gromoboi one. On the Rossia, the captain was killed and seven other officers were wounded. On the Gromoboi four officers were killed and seven wounded. The two cruisers had 135 men killed and 337 wounded. The report concludes by testifying to the heroism displayed by all officers and men, who, it says, seemed to have been made of iron, knowing no fear or fatigue."

Another Bloody Victory for Japs Reported. Chefoo, Aug. 18, 8 p. m.—A battle of huge proportions raged around Port Arthur Aug. 14 and 15, and was resumed Aug. 17. The Japanese, it is reported, sacrificed 20,000 more men, but gained important advantages in the matter of position. The above news was brought here by junks, one of which, having on board three Russians concealed in the baggage of Chinese to escape from the Japanese, left Port Arthur last night and was blown south by the Chefoo by a gale. The main force of the attack was directed against the left wing and resulted in the capture of Pigeon Bay positions and some of the forts at Lion Fishan. At Palenohang the Japanese hastily mounted guns which did excellent service in aiding the storming of the right wing where the Japanese are still in possession and some of the minor vessels, mounting eight-inch guns, two siege guns and six quick-firing guns. On the night of the 15th the battle raged somewhat when the Japanese sent the terms of surrender to Lieut.-General Stoessel. The terms provided that the garrison should march out with the honors of war and join General Kuropatkin; that all civilians be brought to a place designated by the Japanese admiral; that the Russian warships in the harbor, numbering seven, namely the battleships Retvizan, Sevastopol, Pobieda, Persevit, Putava, the armored cruiser Bayan and the protected cruiser Pallada and twelve or more torpedo boat destroyers and four gunboats be surrendered to the Japanese. Lieut.-General Stoessel is alleged to have received the terms with a burst of wonderful profanity, his habitual taciturnity averting that the Japanese had lost twenty thousand men before Port Arthur during the last ten days. The Russian fleet, including the Askold, is reported to have been destroyed.

Terrible Slaughter on Vladivostok Cruisers. St. Petersburg, Aug. 18.—6.05 p. m.—A later official despatch from Vladivostok shows that every officer on the Rossia and Gromoboi was either killed or wounded. Rear Admiral Jessen narrowly escaped the fate of Admiral Witthoff. He was standing on the bridge of the Rossia when it was wrecked by a shell. The two Russian cruisers were totally wrecked, their guns and engines being partially dismantled. The escape of the Russian vessels from Admiral Kamimura's four armored cruisers is regarded as a wonderful piece of luck. It is presumed that the pursuers of the Russian ships did not dare to go north, fearing that some of the vessels of the Port Arthur squadron would break through the Straits of Korea.

Russia Will Back Down on Contraband Claim. St. Petersburg, Aug. 18, 4.55 p. m.—It becomes more and more probable that Russia will meet the views of Great Britain and the United States regarding food stuffs bound to a belligerent unblockaded ports and consigned to private firms or individuals, when the ship's papers leave no room for suspicion, but not regarded as contraband. The subject is now under consideration. The emperor's government appears to be desirous of adjusting the question of flour on board the Arabis, confiscated by the Vladivostok vice court, but it is pointed out that the decision of the court makes it difficult to adjust it diplomatically, and it is suggested that the case should be appealed to the admiralty court here.

HON. A. G. BLAIR WILL AT CALGARY. Calgary, N. W. T., Aug. 18.—The railway commissioners arrived here yesterday, intending to go to Edmonton. Mr. Blair is ill, however, and the proposed visit consequently has been abandoned. The party will go to Banff instead.

Another Cut in Steerage Rates. Liverpool, Aug. 18.—The International Mercantile Marine Company today announced a cut in steerage rates from Liverpool on the Boston steamers to \$8.75, a reduction of \$5.75. South African Trophies to Canada. Montreal, Aug. 18.—A special London cable says: Lord Strathcona is arranging that the South African trophies for Canada, given by the war office, be shipped immediately, also 700 Mauser rifles.

KNIFED BROTHER AT HIS WEDDING

James Shirley Stabbed in Abdomen at Harcourt Celebration.

EDWARD LEAVES TOWN.

Brothers Had Quarrelled Over Trivial Matter, and Jack-knife Was Used to Impress Edward's Views Upon James -- Badly Hurt, But Will Live.

Harcourt, N. B., Aug. 18.—(Special)—James Shirley, who was married here yesterday afternoon, was stabbed and seriously injured last evening by his brother Edward. They quarrelled at the wedding celebration and Edward plunged his jack-knife several times into his brother's abdomen. James will probably recover. Edward has left the village. Yesterday afternoon in the Anglican church here Miss Mary Lee, daughter of William Lee, of Mortimore, was married to James Shirley, of this place. Rev. Mr. Freeborn officiated. The wedding festivities were held at the groom's residence. During last night, when liquor flowed freely, the bridegroom got into an altercation with his brother Edward, and was established in the stomach by the latter with a jack-knife.

Quarrelled Over Trivial Matter. The Shirley home is at the lower end of the village and is occupied by Matthew Shirley and family and one of his sons-in-law. In the family are several grown up sons. Great preparations were made for the wedding supper and festivities at the bridegroom's residence. Everything seemed all right till about 10 o'clock, when James and his brother Edward quarrelled over some trivial matter and a five-eagle scuffle ensued. In the melee Edward drew his jack-knife and plunged it into James' abdomen four or five times. Only the shortness of the blade and thickness of clothing prevented death resulting. When the guests saw he was dangerously wounded a physician was sent for but Dr. Fairbanks was away on vacation and Dr. Keith in Moncton. The latter reached home at 11.30 and dressed the young man's wounds and again attended him today.

It was reported tonight that the injured man had died but he is still living and though badly hurt will probably recover. Edward Shirley left Harcourt during the night and his present whereabouts are unknown.

LORD MINTO BEGINS FAREWELL TOUR.

Governor-General Will Sail for Home October 21st.

Will Visit Pacific Coast Before He Goes—Quebec Citizens Gave Him Complimentary Dinner Last Night—State Ball This Evening.

Quebec, Aug. 18.—(Special)—Lord Minto has completed arrangements to leave Canada for England with his family on the 21st of October. He will say farewell to Quebec on Monday, when he will proceed to Ottawa and later leave for a trip to the Pacific coast in company with his military secretary, Major Maude. He will visit Victoria and Vancouver, Regina and Winnipeg. He has not decided whether he will visit Toronto or not before he departs, but probably will. He will leave Ottawa on October 29, and the following day will go on board an Allan steamer at Montreal. This evening his excellency was tendered a complimentary farewell dinner in the Morrison Club by the leading citizens of Quebec. Tomorrow night he will give a state ball at the Vice Regal quarters which will be attended by Admiral Sir Archibald Douglas and officers of the fleet now in port.

CONSERVATIVE WINS B. C. BYE-ELECTION

A. McDonald Has 64 Majority, But in the General Election He Went in by Acclamation.

Vancouver, B. C., Aug. 18.—(Special)—A. McDonald, the Conservative candidate for the provincial government in the bye-election for Lillooet, was declared elected this morning by a majority of 64, with Dig Creek and Empire Valley yet to be heard from, which will not likely change the vote. Mr. McDonald was disqualified on account of accepting a government contract. At the general election Mr. McDonald went in by acclamation. His opponent at the bye-election, J. Stoddard, is a Liberal.

TO HELIOGRAPH EIGHTY MILES

Test to Be Made Between Mountains at Westfield and Millville.

CLIPPERS SHUT OUT.

Fredericton Tartars Have a Cinch With St. John Players—Disciples of Christ in Session at Burt's Corner—Other News of Provincial Capital.

Fredericton, Aug. 18.—(Special)—Capt. Lister is arranging to have a test made in a few days of military signalling from points eighty miles apart. He will station two men with a heliograph on top of a mountain at Westfield and two others will be sent to Millville, where there is also a high mountain. It is confidently expected that there will be no difficulty in establishing communication between the two points. The test will likely be made on Saturday.

The Tartar base ball team played two games with the Clippers of St. John today, and added two more to their long list of victories. The morning game resulted in a victory for the home team by a score of 13 to 1 and this evening the Clippers were shut out in a five inning game with a score of seven against them. The superior hitting of the Tartars won them the game. Batteries—Tartars: Dunphy, Hughes and Malory. Clippers: Mills, Case and Dureen. Norman McLeod refereed in a very satisfactory manner. The Tartars leave for St. John tomorrow morning to play two games with the Portlands.

The Fredericton Park Association is making great preparations for their race meeting on Labor day. Secretary Collier is now sending out entry blanks and has assurances that a big field of horses will be brought together. Purses aggregating \$800 will be offered. The Tartars left for St. John tomorrow morning to play two games with the Portlands. The Fredericton Park Association is making great preparations for their race meeting on Labor day. Secretary Collier is now sending out entry blanks and has assurances that a big field of horses will be brought together. Purses aggregating \$800 will be offered.

About sixty delegates to the annual meeting of the Disciples of Christ for Nova Scotia and New Brunswick arrived by steamer Victoria this afternoon and left immediately in carriages for Burt's Corner, where the meeting is being held. They will return to their homes on Monday.

Canada Eastern Purchase. The formal transfer of the Canada Eastern Railway to the Intercolonial system will take place on Sept. 1. The accident sustained by Judge Gregory yesterday will probably be the means of confining him to his home for some weeks. His ankle is greatly swollen and he is suffering a great deal of pain, but as yet the attending physician is unable to determine whether or not the bone has been fractured. As a result of recent rains the water in the river here has risen over two feet during the past few days, and has not yet started to recede. The corporation drive in the vicinity of Wheeler's Island, and should reach the boom limits by tomorrow or Saturday. Word comes from Grand Falls that the river at that point is steadily rising and that the upper corporation logs are coming over the falls in large numbers.

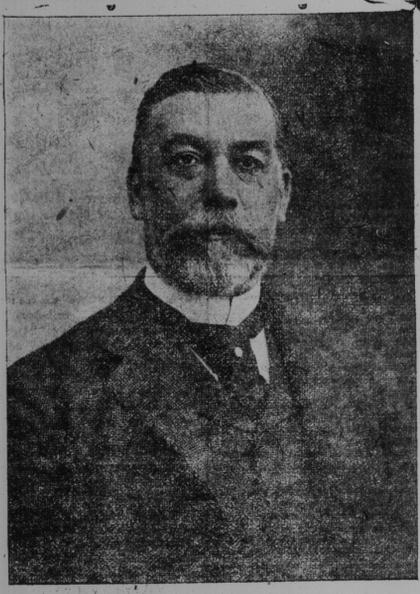
Ald. H. C. Jewett has added to his stud another German coach stallion, lately purchased by him from the World's Fair Importing Company of Avila, Illinois. The animal arrived this morning direct from St. Louis. Gross is a blood bay and weighs about 1,600 pounds. Ald. Jewett's stud now include a hackney, a French coach and two German coach horses. Austin Burnett and Miss Irene Moore, both of Kingsport, came to this city yesterday and were married by the Rev. G. B. Payson.

Miss Amy Holmes and Sydney Nash, both of Lakesville Corner, Sanbury county, were married by the Rev. G. B. Payson at his residence yesterday. Robert McKay and Miss Mabel McDonald, both of Coverly Bridge, came to the city yesterday and were married at the Free Baptist parsonage by Rev. F. Clark Hartley. Major E. E. Massie, Lieut. John Neill, J. A. Lawson and R. T. Mack will be among the local rifle shots who will compete in the Provincial Rifle Association matches at Sussex on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of next week.

Freel Goodspeed, B. A. I., a recent engineering graduate of the U. N. B., leaves shortly for Winnipeg to accept a position. He will be accompanied by Edgar Miles, B. A. I., of Musgraveville. This morning Duncan McDermott received from Boston a telegram announcing the death there last night of his sister, Mrs. J. Fred Hill. Her husband survives and there are three brothers, Duncan and Archie McDermott, of this city, and John of Idaho; and four sisters, Mrs. Joseph Robinson, of Marsville; Mrs. Bailey, of Woodstock; Mrs. J. A. McCallum, of Woodbury; and Mrs. Crawford, of Portland.

LARGEST PULP MILL IN THE WORLD

St. John's, Nfld., Aug. 17.—Sir Alfred Harmsworth and a number of newspaper proprietors of London have just closed negotiations for 1,200 square miles of timber area in the interior of Newfoundland, on which they propose to erect the largest pulp mill in the world.



HON. MR. SUTHERLAND. The Minister of Public Works who is ill and whose retirement from the Cabinet is forehadowed.

Woodstock, Ont., Aug. 18.—(Special)—Latest advice from the Dunville Sanitarium indicate a material improvement in the health of Hon. James Sutherland, minister of public works. But he is still a very sick man. It is expected that his retirement from the cabinet will be announced before long.

was very interesting to the visitors and expressions of gratification at the prospects of the oil industry were heard on all sides. The shooting of the well was most successful. The delegates were welcomed to the college by Father Corbett and a vote of thanks was extended to him for cordial assistance. The visitors returned to Moncton at 6 o'clock after a most enjoyable outing.

Officers Elected. The first business taken up this evening was the election of officers. The following were chosen unanimously: President, E. K. Spinye, Yarmouth; 1st vice-president, Capt. Jos. Read, Sarnia; 2nd vice-president, W. S. Fisher, St. John; permanent secretary, C. M. Greel, Halifax; corresponding secretary, E. H. Armstrong, Yarmouth; auditor, M. G. Dewolf, Kentville.

Captain Allen, Kentville, introduced a resolution asking the governments of the three provinces to cooperate in the publication and distribution in Great Britain and Ireland among a desirable class of emigrants showing the advantages offered to settlers in the maritime provinces and calling for the appointment of a committee from each province to bring the subject before their respective governments. Mr. Jamieson, of Digby, seconded the resolution, which was adopted. The committee named were New Brunswick, W. M. Jarvis, St. John; Senator McSweeney, Moncton; D. G. Smith, Chatham; Nova Scotia—Campbell, Halifax; Dr. W. B. Moore, Kentville; C. Jamieson, Digby; P. E. Island—N. Rattenbury, Charlottetown; J. E. Lefurgey, Summerside; H. Acorn, Souris.

To Protect Canadian Shipping. The maritime shipping interests were brought up by a resolution moved by W. Lewis, Louisbourg, as follows: Whereas, the shipping interest of the maritime provinces is every year decreasing, and whereas (Continued on page 3, fourth column.)