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FATAL LANDSLIDE

Explosion and Landslide Killed and Injured Twenty Men Sleeping in a Construction Camp on Transcontinental.

Quebec, April 15—Seven men are known to be dead and seven more are still missing as the result of a premature explosion and landslide which buried a night gang of twenty men who were sleeping in a construction camp near Bagotville yesterday afternoon.

Work was being carried on, on the construction of the Ha-Ha bay railway in Chicoutimi county, two hundred miles from Quebec. The day gang was busy blasting out a cut on a farm about three miles from Bagotville, while the night gang was asleep in the camp below. Fifty barrels of dynamite and two hundred barrels of powder had been prepared.

THE USUAL WARNING APPARENTLY NOT GIVEN
It is stated that the man working a battery did not give the usual warning before firing the blast, and an unexpected slide of some 75,000 cubic yards of soft earth and gravel rushed down from the cliff upon the little

camp below, where the men of the night gang were sleeping. With out a moment's warning the unfortunate men were buried under a huge mass of debris, and it took considerable time before their fellow-workmen could organize effective measures of rescue, for their task was rendered more difficult by the approaching darkness.

The work of the rescue, however, was pushed ahead, while medical aid was summoned from the villages of St. Alphonse and Bagotville. WITH THE SEVEN DEAD SIX LIVING WERE FOUND

Up to the latest accounts received this morning seven of the dead had been taken from the debris, while six men had been found alive. A gang of men is still at work this morning searching for the victims, but now all hopes of rescuing any of them alive has been abandoned. It is said there were only nine Canadians in the destroyed camp, the remainder being foreigners.

Motoring on the Annapolis

(Middleton Outlook)

April 8th may seem rather early for boating, but it was on that date the Outlook man enjoyed a trip on the Annapolis river with Mr. A. M. Reed. The craft in which we sailed was a motor boat recently purchased at Lunenburg by Mr. Reed and Mr. J. Arch Potter.

As the river is too narrow and the banks too high for using a sail, boating on the river at Middleton has been confined to the canoe and the row boat. But Messrs. Reed and Potter determined to make an experiment with the gasoline launch.

The only question was the depth of water. This is a right at the present time as there is now plenty of water below and for several miles above the highway bridge. There would probably also be plenty of water in the dry season between the bridge and the Taylor falls a distance of a mile to a mile and a half. But throughout the summer it might be difficult to operate a motor below the bridge and above the falls.

With a small expenditure in clearing rocks and drift wood, however, a highway might be cleared which would enable gasoline launches to ply between Middleton and Bridgetown. This would prove of some commercial value and of much value in affording a means of healthy outdoor recreation enhancing the popularity of this part of the Valley as a summer resort.

There is another thing which we noticed with regret. A number of the best trees along the river bank have recently been cut down. Now the beauty of the sail on the Annapolis river in the summer season, and it is most beautiful, is largely due to the presence of trees along the banks. Instead of cutting down the trees already there, more should be set out. These would increase the beauty and arrest the process of carving in now going on at many points along the banks of the stream.

Suppose a channel were cleared in the river so that motor boats could ply on the river all summer and the banks from Bridgetown to Middleton were lined with trees which are at Lawrencetown and other points. The Annapolis river would become famous the world over for its beauty and not only one section but the whole distance along its banks would be known as a paradise.

This experiment and these suggestions may not prove of practical value, but they are at least worthy of investigation.

The proposition of the Outlook coincides with the suggestions that a citizen made to the editor of the Monitor-Sentinel the other day. This young man was of the opinion, and he said his opinions were shared by many with whom he had talked, that it would not be an expensive nor a difficult matter to clear a channel in the river from Bridgetown to Middleton, which would give these communities as well as Lawrencetown and Paradise the privilege of summer boating an amusement which would be generally indulged in and enjoyed.

He suggested that the Monitor-Sentinel propose the plan as in the line of possible improvements and we agreed to do so. We were therefore especially pleased to find that the people of Middleton were considering such a scheme as worthy of serious attention. The important question of course would be the raising of the funds for the expense of clearing away the rocks and debris. If the four communities to be benefited would agree to bear each a proportionate share of half of the expense, doubtless the County Council could be induced to vote the other half. We should be glad to publish further suggestions on this subject.

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Bridgetown Tennis Club Elects New Officers

At the annual meeting of the Bridgetown Tennis Club at the Town Hall Tuesday evening, April 12th, the following officers were elected:

PRESIDENT—W. A. Warren
VICE-PRES.—F. R. Beckwith
SEC. TREAS.—F. R. Beckwith
MANAGING COMMITTEE.—H. L. Bentley, F. R. By, J. E. Bell, H. B. Hicks, John Palfrey and A. F. Hiltz.
ENTERTAINING COMMITTEE.—Mrs. F. R. Fay, Mrs. W. D. Lockett, Miss Brenda Troop, Miss Bessie Hoyt and Miss Bessie Ruggles.
It would appear from the interest taken that Tennis would be as popular this year as last. As funds are needed immediately would the members kindly send in their dues to the secretary treasurer at their earliest possible convenience.

F. R. BECKWITH, Sec. Treas.

Boy of Fourteen to be Hung

Deland, Fla., April 11.—Irvin Harshett, a fourteen-year old Connecticut boy, was found guilty in a criminal court here today of the murder of Cleve Tedder, thirteen per cent, and was sentenced to be hanged. The crime of which the lad was convicted was one of the most atrocious of the annals of his state.

He met the girl while she was on her way to school, and their bodies were rejected his proposals he sally blurted to death. Her body was a mass of knife wounds. One physician testified at the trial that he counted seventy wounds.

After the boy's arrest he escaped lynching only by being spirited away. Throughout the trial Harshett maintained a stolid indifference to the testimony and received the death sentence with the same demeanor. His attorneys allowed him to go on the stand and relate the details of the murder in hope of substantiating their plea that he is insane.

Hanchett is a former inmate of the Connecticut state reform school and was brought here by W. T. Woolley and given employment.

Race Track Legislation

Ottawa, April 15—By unanimous vote the house of commons tonight passed the compromise measure which takes the place of the Miller bill to prohibit race track betting. The features of the bill are:

1 To legalize book-making on a race course of a duly incorporated association while a lawful meeting is in progress.
2 To limit race meetings to two meetings a year of seven days each, with an interval of at least twenty days. In the case of trotting and pacing the meetings are not to continue for more than three days in one week with a maximum of fourteen days racing in one year.

3 To prohibit new race track so far as book-making privileges are concerned, except in or near cities of not less than 15,000 inhabitants.

4 To prohibit hand books, pool-rooms, and the sale and advertisement of tips or other advance information for use in book-making or pool-selling. This will include transmission of racing intelligence for such purposes by mail, express, telegraph or telephone.

Government Annuities

Some time ago the Monitor-Sentinel published the scheme devised by our Dominion parliament for the payment of annuities as a provision for old age. The government has sent out Rev. W. G. Lane to visit various centres for the purposes of explaining the plan and its workings to all who are interested. Rev. Mr. Lane will visit Bridgetown on Tuesday the 26th inst. and will address a meeting in Warren's Hall Tuesday evening. The young especially who are dependent upon their own exertions, should be interested in the plan to enable them to earn an independent annuity as a safe-guard from want in old age.

Mistaken Star Gazers

(Halifax Herald.)

Citizens who have been rising early these past few mornings to catch a glimpse of the comet, and who have since been congratulating themselves on their success, have been indulging in mistaken enthusiasm. What they probably saw was the planet Venus and not the comet. What impressed these early star gazers most particularly was the magnificence and brilliant splendor of what they believed was the comet. It apparently became visible about an hour before the sun rose—and remained in sight until shortly after dawn. Astronomer Levis says there are now several objects visible in the morning sky, which, at the present time, are far brighter than the comet.

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COUNTY COUNCIL

In Semi-Annual Session at the Court House.—Report of the Court of Revisal and Appeals Received and Adopted.

Council met in the Court House at Bridgetown in the County of Annapolis on Tuesday the 11th day of April A. D. 1910, at ten o'clock in the forenoon:

Present: The Warden, Councillors Outhit, Charlton Fitch, Foster, Bent, Armstrong, Porter, Rawding, Healey, Piggott, Bishop, Grimm, Thomas, and Brown.

Minutes of the Annual Session A. D. 1910 read and approved.

Upon reading the petition of Henry Upwards of twenty others of the County of Annapolis for a change in the road from the Court House to the Court House Road so called to obtain to a point on the road of Fundy known as

that the prayer of granted and C. F. B. Read be appointed to inquire into such change and

he report of the Annapolis and Appeal it was reported as read be reported.

Following is the report of the

REPORT OF BOARD OF REVISION AND APPEALS

To the Warden and Councillors of the Municipality of the County of Annapolis:

Gentlemen: We, your board of Revision and Appeal for the Municipality of Annapolis county beg leave to report as follows:

On the 25th day of January, A. D. 1910 in pursuance of Chapter 73 of the Revised Statutes of Nova Scotia, 1900, Section 35 and following we met at the Court House in Bridgetown to hear appeals from the assessment.

The Clerk presented the following docket which we proceeded to hear and determine with the following result:

- | Appellant | Respecting | Wm. Ringer |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---|
| 1 A. D. Thomas | Jos. Ringer | Should be assessed to Elizabeth Ringer, widow of Joseph Ringer. |
| 2 John L. Potter | Self | Assessed in Wards 8 and 9 for the same property. |
| 3 Henry Messenger | Mrs. Winchester Daniels | No property in Ward 11. |
| 4 Henry Messenger | Fred Beckwith | No property in Ward 11. |
| 5 Henry Messenger | Archibald Kinney | No property in Ward 11. |
| 6 John I. Phinney | G. H. Burbage | Omitted from roll. |
| 7 John I. Phinney | Norman Burbage | Omitted from roll. |
| 8 John I. Phinney | H. E. Reed | |

Omitted from roll. John I. Phinney G. C. Miller Omitted from roll. John I. Phinney Anderson Lockwood and son Joseph To be struck off.

11 Beriah Baker Lemuel Mapplebec Omitted from roll. 12 Norman Chute Self Assessed for property sold. 13 Fletcher Longley Guilford Covert \$200 assessed to Fletcher Longley should be assessed to Guilford Covert.

14 Harry Baker Self Over-assessed. 15 Elias Messenger Self Part of property sold. 6 RESULT.

1. Appeal allowed and assessment ordered to be made to Elizabeth Ringer, widow of Joseph Ringer. 2. Appeal allowed and John L. Potter relieved of \$200.00 in Ward 8. 3. Appeal not allowed. 4. Appeal not allowed. 5. Appeal not allowed. 6. Appeal allowed and the name of G. H. Burbage ordered to be inserted with 1200.00 to be added to the assessment roll.

7. Appeal allowed and the name of Norman Burbage ordered to be inserted with 1500.00 added to the assessment roll. 8. Appeal allowed and the name of H. E. Reed ordered to be inserted with 250.00 added to assessment roll. 9. Appeal allowed and the name of G. C. Miller ordered to be inserted with 900.00 added to the assessment roll.

It was found when the boundary lines of the Town of Middleton had been defined that Nos. 6, 7, 8 and 9 had been inserted in the Middleton assessment roll when they should have been in the County assessment roll.

10 Appeal allowed and Anderson Lockwood and son Joseph with 1950 struck off as they were found to be included in the Middleton assessment. 11. Appeal allowed and the name of Lemuel Mapplebec added to the assessment roll with 370.00.

12. Appeal allowed Norman Chute having sold the property assessed to the Municipality. 13. Appeal allowed and Fletcher Longley being relieved from \$200.00, which was added to the assessment of Guilford Covert, he having bought the property.

14 Appeal allowed, Henry Baker being relieved of \$200.00, having been over-assessed. 15. Appeal allowed and Elias Messenger relieved of \$125, which was added to assessment of Chas. F. DeWitt.

We, your committee, carefully considered all these appeals and took evidence thereon the parties in most cases being represented by counsel and the Municipality being represented by G. S. Miller.

All of which is respectfully submitted. C. C. CHUTE, ROBERT LONGLEY, JAS. MORRISON, (Continued on page 4.)

Annapolis District Division

At a meeting of the District Division for Annapolis County convened at Granville Centre on Thursday the 7th inst, representatives were present from six divisions.

Resolutions were passed approving of the action of the Grand Division in advancing the per capita tax to eight cents per member.

Also a resolution that this District Division is decidedly of the opinion that the time has fully come when the Government of our county should adopt legislation prohibiting the manufacture, importation and sale of intoxicating beverages throughout Nova Scotia passed unanimously.

Rev. Mr. Warren, provincial organizer, was present and assisted in the deliberations.

Officers for the ensuing year were chosen, viz:—

- W. P.—J. H. Tupper, Round Hill.
 - D. W. A.—John Wade, Granville Centre.
 - D. Scribe.—L. W. Elliott, Clarence.
 - D. T.—A. B. Clarke, Brigetown.
 - L. Chap.—A. D. Parker, Granville Ferry.
 - D. Con.—Vernon Messenger, Clarence Centre.
 - D. S.—A. Herbert, Annapolis.
 - D. S. Y. P. W.—Miss Fargent, Round Hill.
- Stirring speeches were made in the evening by Rev. Mr. Raymond and Rev. Mr. Warren and others interspersed with musical selections.
- L. W. ELLIOTT, Scribe.

Mark Twain a Sick Man

New York, April 14—Samuel L. Clemens, better known as Mark Twain, the humorist, returned to New York from Bermuda today far from a well man. It was said when the steamer arrived that he was confined to his berth suffering from heart trouble and he had been indisposed during the entire trip. Mr. Clemens, the sudden death of whose daughter last winter, told severely on him, went to Bermuda early in the year in the hope of regaining his health. He had complained on his arrival from the island a short time previously, when he came to spend Christmas at his home. He had hardly recovered from the shock of his daughter's death when he again took passage for Bermuda visibly run down and admittedly far from well.

New Baptist Church for Wolfville

The Wolfville Baptist church, having decided to build a new edifice invited competitive plans from several architects. As a result of much careful consideration they accepted those submitted by Dumaresq and Cobb of Halifax. The drawings selected call for an English Gothic type of building, with a handsome Sunday school wing attached. The building, will cost in the vicinity of \$35,000, and will be a credit to the Baptists of Wolfville.

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