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FIFTIETH YEAR

MAJOR HODGINS CROSS-EXAMINED

Statements Made to Him by Commissioners and Engineers

QUEBEC CLASSIFICATION

Intimation That Committee Will Pay Visit to District F.

Ottawa, June 3.—During the progress of the Hodgins inquiry resumed today, Major Hodgins, in a moment of heat, said the trouble with the inquiry was that he was an engineer trying to explain his actions, not a lawyer.

Charles Murphy, K. C., continued his cross-examination of Major Hodgins. Witnesses could not recall all the details of the interview he had with Commissioner Reid in Ottawa. He could not recall that Mr. Reid told him he did not make free use of his authority. On the trip to Quebec Mr. Reid had told witnesses that he was doing considerable kicking about the appointment of Engineer Grant. A serious talk with him had been made by the commissioners, and would have to go. It was on this occasion that the commission Young had stated that the Quebec classification would have to be taken on district F.

Mr. Murphy—if Mr. Young denies this what will you say? Major Hodgins—He certainly said so. Mr. Murphy then questioned witnesses as to this statement. That Mr. Armstrong, G. T. P. engineer, had told him at Quebec that the overclassification of that section would amount to \$2,000,000. "What would you say," asked Mr. Murphy, "if Mr. Armstrong cannot recall having made any such statement?"

"I would say that he had forgotten," replied the witness. Major Hodgins said he was willing to swear positively that Engineer Grant had stated to him that the commissioners wanted the contractors to make money.

Mr. Murphy—Then if Mr. Grant denies that whom is the committee to believe? Major Hodgins—The committee that I want to see Mr. Butler, deputy minister of the Interior.

Mr. Murphy—But Mr. Butler was not your chief. Major Hodgins—He was a friend of mine. I had a serious talk with him. Mr. Butler said that Mr. Grant had no authority to make such a statement.

During the interview, Mr. Murphy intimated that the committee would visit district "F" and take Major Hodgins with them. (Associated Press Report.)

Ottawa, June 3.—The inquiry into Major Hodgins' charges of overclassification and fraud in connection with the construction of the Transcontinental railway was resumed today. Mr. Murphy, counsel for the Transcontinental railway commission, continued the cross-examination of Major Hodgins, who said there were a great many mis-statements in the original interview which he gave the Victoria Colonist. He was asked to produce a copy of his letter to the Colonist. The interview was so impressively edited that he had asked the Colonist to make a correction, but the correction was as bad as the original interview. He claimed he had been misled by changing the location of the line over a distance of 20 miles.

Rails for Russian Roads. Pittsburgh, June 3.—It is heard here today that the United States Steel Corporation is negotiating with the Russian government for the purchase of the largest rail contracts ever. According to reports, the steel company will provide rails for relaying practically the entire Trans-Siberian railway, and probably more than 5,000,000 of 30 and 36-pound rails will be required for the purpose. The value would be about \$35,000,000.

Scottish Lady's Estate. Toronto, June 3.—The inquiry into the value of \$18,000 has been led by the late Mrs. Catherine Somerville, of Saxe-Coburg place, Edinburgh, who left an estate valued at \$120,000. Rosina L. Young, Selkirk, Man., and Earl S. Shannon, Vancouver, are among the legatees.

Manitoba Telephones. Winnipeg, June 3.—Tenders have been awarded by the government telephone department for poles, lines, supplies, and construction work to be carried on in the province this year. The total amount set aside for this work is \$500,000. In each case where material is purchased the government has reserved the right to increase the amount to be purchased by fifty per cent. or to decrease it by 25 per cent.

Iron and Steel Prices Cut. Cleveland, Ohio, June 3.—Following the cut of \$4 per ton on bar steel announced yesterday, the bar iron manufacturers today reduced the price of bar iron \$3 per ton. This product, which has been previously quoted at \$30 per ton, is now selling at \$27. The majority of the dealers in this opinion that the reduction will stimulate consumption and tend to improve trade conditions generally.

Russia an Agricultural Country. Russia, pre-eminently an agricultural country, with a population of 150,000,000, over 87 per cent. are engaged in the open country, 72 per cent. are engaged in agriculture. Herein is found the obstacle in the way of those who are endeavoring to spread the revolutionary spirit. The organized revolutionaries are confined, in the main, to the cities, and their influence is not sufficient to move the great mass settled in the open country.

Checked by Water

Montreal, June 3.—Victor Houle, 13 months old, was choked to death last night by drinking water.

Sawmill Burned

Merrickville, Ont., June 3.—Kyle's sawmill here was destroyed by fire this morning. Loss about \$5,000. Insurance small. The fire is believed to have been the work of an incendiary.

Found Dead

Montreal, June 3.—Robt. Gilmour, 51 years of age, a civil engineer, who arrived in the city from Glasgow last month, was found dead in his boarding house, St. Hubert street, today. Gilmour is said to be a man of means.

Row Results in Murder

Cobalt, Ont., June 3.—Reports that a row in a construction camp at the Nipissing district. The coroner's jury holds Thomas S. Wright responsible for the murder.

Decreased Railway Earnings

Montreal, June 3.—Grand Trunk earnings for the period ending May 31st decreased by \$14,124, the figures being \$9,930 for this year as against \$1,303,533 last year. C.P.R. earnings for the ten days ending May 31 decreased by \$214,000.

Longshoremen's Secretary Arrested

Montreal, June 3.—Geo. Pelouin, secretary and business agent of the Longshoremen's Union, has two charges against him in the police court. He is accused by several boats of having accepted \$1 from each, for which, complainants allege, he undertook to find them work. Pelouin claims the money was received as part payment of initiation fee into the union. The other charge is having attempted to draw a revolver on a man named Fagan.

HONORING MEMORY OF A GREAT WRITER

Body of Emile Zola to be Interred in Pantheon at Paris Today

Paris, June 3.—Preparations for the interment tomorrow of the remains of Emile Zola, the French Temple of France, are now complete. The ceremony will be very elaborate and impressive, and almost identical with that observed in the case of Victor Hugo. The body of Zola, who is so honored, was transferred to the Pantheon today.

The red anti-Semitic journal, La Libre Parole, publishes an extra edition today, denouncing the government and parliament for the posthumous glorification of Zola, characterizing it as an infamy which will convert the Pantheon into a cemetery of traitors. The paper also placarded a number of walls with posters setting forth a protest and bearing the alleged signatures of thirty-four officers of the "Old Army." A small body of students attempted a demonstration this afternoon before the Pantheon, but they were easily dispersed by the police.

Tonight the body was taken from the cemetery at Montmartre in a simple hearse which was followed by the widow and other members of the family and a few intimate friends in carriages. The Pantheon raised cheers and groans, the cheers predominating as the hearse passed, and an anti-Semitic crowd endeavored to start a hostile manifestation.

During the night the body will be touched over by friends of the famous writer in the possible manifestations before the tomb. It has been decided to close the Pantheon after the conclusion of the ceremony tomorrow, and to re-open it on Saturday for the admission of the public.

Indian Educator Dead

Carlisle, Pa., June 3.—Capt. A. J. Standing, widely known as an Indian educator, and one of the founders of the Carlisle Indian school, died here today at Dickinson college today, aged 69 years.

Boundary Commission Expert

Washington, June 3.—Otto H. Tittman, the superintendent of the Coast and Geodetic Survey, was today appointed as expert commissioner of the United States-Canadian Boundary Commission.

Waiting on Supplies

St. Catharines, Ont., June 3.—The employees of the Welland Canal have received notice to the effect that if they remain in the government's service at their own option, and if they continue in their present positions they will have to be content to await the passing of supplies at Ottawa before any wages can be paid.

Fish Experts' Views

Ottawa, June 3.—F. Johannsen, of Copenhagen, head of a world-wide fish firm, has been visiting the Canadian fisheries department and in an interview expressed the belief that the Dominion could make a trade of \$5,000,000 a year out of fish in European markets, and that the fishery resources would be worth more sent out alive than canned.

Emergency Currency

New York, June 3.—Steps may be taken at a meeting of the clearing committee of the New York bankers on Friday to issue a national emergency currency association, as provided for in the Vreeland bill, enacted at the close of the last session of Congress. The purpose of such an association would be to issue additional currency in the event of a financial emergency such as that which occurred last fall. The clearing committee was in session for a short time today discussing the Vreeland bill, and the representatives of large New York banks expressed a desire to form such an association. Action was postponed until next Friday.

EXPERIMENT WITH PRODUCER GAS

Probability That Plant Will Be Established by Government

MAY HELP IN INDUSTRIES

Cases Dealt With in Supreme Court—Privy Council Appeal

Ottawa, June 2.—It is likely that in the near future the government will establish, not probably in Ottawa, an experimental plant for investigation into the employment of producer gas from peat. The producer gas might be used for conversion into electricity for fuel, or as direct power from steam, or for the smelting of iron by the open hearth process. Of account of the great importance of the fuel and iron industries in Canada, particularly the central parts of the Dominion, where there are no coal deposits, it is thought highly desirable to reawaken public confidence in the utility of peat for fuel.

In the supreme court today the court dismissed the appeal with costs in the case of Bowman vs. Silver, a Toronto life estate mortgage action. Bremner vs. Toronto Railway company was opened and adjourned.

There is a chance that Sergeant Perry of Vancouver, the King's prisoner, may become a member of the Biele team. He is now at the head of the waiting list, and it is quite possible that one or more of those now on the team will drop out.

A dispatch from London announces that the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council has given permission for withdrawal of the appeal in the case of the West Kootenay Power and Light company against the city of Nelson. This suit was originally for an injunction to prevent the city from proceeding with the construction of its power plant in the way proposed, on the ground of interference with the company's plant. An injunction was granted by Mr. Justice Irving, whose judgment was reversed by the full court.

Guinness Investigation Stopped

Lafayette, Ind., June 3.—Further investigation into the case of Guinness, which was stopped today, the county commissioners deciding they cannot interfere with the company's plant. An injunction was granted by Mr. Justice Irving, whose judgment was reversed by the full court.

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SOLENT COLLISION COMES INTO COURT

Claims For Damages Made by Admiralty and Owners of St. Paul

London, June 3.—The case of the British Admiralty against the owners of the merchant ship St. Paul, which came up today before Sir John Grollier Barnes, in the admiralty court, is the result of a collision with the steamer St. Paul off the coast of the Antipodes. The admiralty claims damages for the loss of the Gladiator, alleging negligence on the part of the St. Paul, that she did not sound her siren at proper intervals, that she improperly failed to pass on the port side of the cruiser, and that she was traveling at excessive speed under the circumstances, that she improperly attempted to cross ahead of the Gladiator, and that she failed to slacken her speed or reverse her engines in due time. There is also a cross action by the owners of the St. Paul, who claim damages against Captain Lundsten of the Gladiator, the navigating officer of the cruiser, and the crew. The company alleges that a good lookout was not kept on the Gladiator, that the cruiser improperly failed to pass the St. Paul on the port side, that the Gladiator's helm was improperly put to starboard, and that she neglected to sound the necessary signals.

The allegations of both plaintiffs against the respective defendants are practically identical. Parts of the wreck were brought up to London for the inspection of the judges and the Trinity House masters, who are acting with him.

Captain Lundsten was the first witness called. He reported his evidence given at the coroner's inquest, but in greater detail. He expressed the opinion that if the two vessels had kept on the courses they were upon when they first sighted each other, they would not have collided. He claimed that the St. Paul not only starboarded her helm, but said she attempted to do the same, by blowing two blasts. Captain Lundsten said he thought that but for this the collision would not have occurred.

Pilot Bowyer, the first witness for the defence, declared that the cruiser's speed on the Solent was about knots an hour, and that the St. Paul was going about six knots. He saw the cruiser on her port side and ordered full speed astern. He remarked that the men standing near him: "The cruiser is going to starboard. Good gracious, she's never going to cross my bows." He declared he never starboarded his helm, and alleged that he did not blow two blasts on the siren. The hearing was then adjourned until tomorrow.

Pipe Shop Burned

Pittsburg, Pa., June 3.—The large pipe shop of the Best Manufacturing company was destroyed by fire today. The loss is \$75,000.

Quarantine Against Venezuela

Havana, June 3.—The national board of sanitation recommended on May 25 that there be a quarantine station, the only Cuban port of entry for vessels from Venezuela. Governor Magon approved the recommendation, and the department of sanitation is now enforcing the regulation.

Rich Stringer

Phoenix, June 3.—While drifting on the 125-foot level at the Tip Top mine, in Silyark camp, an extra rich stringer of silver was discovered today. Drifting has been going on steadily at the Tip Top for some time, and the stringer has been very encouraging. An extension of the power line is being made at the mine by the Greenwood Waterworks company.

New York Recount

New York, June 3.—The recount of the ballots the disputed majority election of 1904, proceeded with expedition today before Justice Lambert in the Supreme court. Twenty-nine ballot boxes were opened, which showed a gain of 16 votes for Wm. R. Hearst. Seventy-seven boxes have been counted, and the total gain for Hearst is 112. Early today Hearst made his appeal for a material reduction in the later count.

STARVING CHILDREN

Deploable State of Affairs in New York School Children Aim for Lack of Nourishment

New York, June 3.—Reports that hundreds of pupils in the public schools are suffering from lack of proper nourishment as a result of so many persons in the poorer sections of the city being out of work were given official notice by the association for the improvement of the condition of the poor. To every school principal in Greater New York the association sent letters of two days weekly. Many of these letters requesting them to notify the association of cases of destitution. As a result of the association's action, several hundred of homes within the next few days. The association is being assisted by the United Hebrew Charities society.

More than 500 children of school districts number two and three on the lower east side are in need of food according to a report today. In many cases it has been found that children go without food on an average of two days weekly. Many of these have been in the school room for lack of nourishment. This is what has led to the discovery of the deplorable poverty.

AUSTRALIA DEVISES PUBLICITY SCHEME

Systematic News Service Over All-Red Cable to be Organized

Vancouver, June 3.—An "All-Red" service utilizing the Pacific cable and the Atlantic cable, and connecting news to readers in Canada and the Mother Country, the dream of the British Cable and Wireless company, is being at the Hotel Vancouver, is likely to be carried into practical operation. The service will be a systematic news service over the all-red cable to be organized.

The wife of A. Olsen, a farmer living at the farm near the city, was killed last evening while preparing supper. The cause of the accident was the explosion of a coal oil can which Mrs. Olsen had used to start the fire.

Winnipeg for Fraud

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QUESTIONS BEFORE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Many to Come up at Meeting Which Opened at Winnipeg Last Night

Winnipeg, June 3.—Preparations are now complete for the thirty-fourth annual general assembly of the Presbyterian church in Canada, which opens tonight in Knox church. His morning a number of commissioners arrived, and during the afternoon nearly all the commissioners reported on the work of their respective churches. The work of billeting the commissioners has been carefully attended to by the reception committee, and homes have been found for every one that will attend.

Rev. Robert Campbell of Montreal, the retiring moderator, was in attendance at the church this morning, making the final arrangements. Dr. Campbell was asked what some of the important questions before the assembly would be. The chief question, he thought, would be that of the proposed church union. In his opinion, church union is not a question that is likely to be unduly hastened, and each year brings fresh light on the subject, and usually a moderate portion of the assembly's time is given to the subject. This year there would be a strong discussion on the question. The committee on church union will present their report, which will show that considerable progress has been made towards forming a union of the churches.

Another matter that is likely to engage earnest discussion is the Queen's college outlook, which arises in connection with the consideration of a memorandum from the senate of the college, and which has been transmitted to the assembly from the advisory board of trustees. The real question is whether the college is to separate from the Presbyterian church, and some agreement will likely be reached.

Dr. Campbell said that the work of the church during the past year was very favorable and the reports on the whole are good. The financial situation, he thought, was better than could be naturally looked for. The financial stringency had to be considered, and the consequent dullness of trade and the restriction upon industry.

The laymen's missionary movement has made progress during the year, and is likely to receive attention and commendation.

Both the home and the foreign missionary committees have encouraging reports to submit, especially the foreign missions. Dr. McKay, secretary of the foreign missions, has been on a visit to the various foreign fields occupied by the churches.

PENNY POSTAGE WITH AMERICA

Important Agreement Made Between Britain and the United States

IN EFFECT OCTOBER 1st

Another Step Towards Fulfillment of J. Henker Heaton's Dream

London, June 3.—Penny postage between America and Great Britain will become effective on October 1st. The rate will be the same as between Great Britain and her colonies, one penny or two cents, per ounce.

Postmaster General Buxton, in announcing this agreement in the House of Commons today, expressed his confidence that this reduction would greatly increase the commercial intercourse and mutual good feelings already existing between the two countries. The announcement was greeted with hearty cheers.

London, June 4.—Postmaster General Buxton's announcement of a penny postage arrangement with the United States, which completes a long desired reform in the matter of penny postage with all English-speaking peoples, was greeted with gratification by the fish press and people that many of the weightier political reforms, and is especially greeted as an important step on the road to a universal penny post. Little doubt is entertained that it will speedily be followed by the announcement of a similar arrangement with France to the same end have been satisfactorily concluded.

The newspapers here are showering congratulations on Postmasters General Buxton and Meyer, and on Ambassadors Bryce and Reid, and are especially generous in their words for John Henker Heaton, "The Father of the Imperial Penny Postage," whose efforts have been rewarded.

J. Henker Heaton is now in Paris, said in an interview: "I attribute our success not to my efforts but to the influence of Ambassador Bryce and Lord Blyth, Ambassador Reid and John Wansbrough."

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