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## Band Minstrel Show

One of the Most Successful Entertainments Ever Given in Bridgetown, for Benefit of Bridgetown Band.

The Court House Hall was completely transformed on Monday night for the occasion of the Minstrel Show given under the direction of Mr. Frank Stanton, of St. John, which was greeted with a packed house. The stage, surrounded by colored lights, and numerous electric lights produced a very attractive setting. The platform was raised and extended to accommodate the amateur minstrel troupe, which consisted of about forty members of the Grand chorus. The end men were W. D. Lockett, W. P. Coade, Ingalis Austin, Thos. Cowling, Harry Marshall, Albert Burns. The jokes, though not all new, were received with keen appreciation, shown by liberal applause. Particularly good hits were made by Mayor Lockett and W. P. Coade. The grand chorus of the Grand Central—the "two Bills,"—and when we say that they were "immense" we have stated the whole facts and under the skillful direction of Mr. Stanton made no exception on this occasion. Mr. Stanton is the de-late manager of the Cedar Theatre, but as an amateur on this occasion he presented a moving picture and vaudeville show. He repeats Monday night's performance on Wednesday with a partial change of program and introducing a new comedy sketch. On Monday night it is the intention to put the entertainment on the boards at 8 o'clock. The benefit of the Middleton Base Ball Team. The first of August Mr. Stanton will go to Newcastle, N. S., to see the performance of the Newcastle Band. The Bridgetown Band, for whose benefit the entertainment was given, has the public thanks of the performers. After so short a time of their reorganization, their progress is most commendable and Bridgetown has reason to be proud of its orchestra.

## Boy and Girl Drowned in Bedford Basin

Caught in a terrible squall in Bedford Basin on the 15th, William Muir, aged 16, and Miss Una Roy, aged 17, both of Halifax, were drowned by the capsizing of their boat. They did their best to steer their trail craft to a point of safety, but in vain. Miss Margaret Muir, aged 12, was rescued by climbing to an oak for nearly an hour. The storm was one of the worst that has swept over the Basin for years.

The merry party set out from the boathouse at Bedford at half-past three in the afternoon of July 15th in a sailboat owned by Lewis Muir, Mr. Muir and Miss Roy were expert swimmers, particularly the young lady. The least capable in this respect was Margaret Muir, the only one saved.

Margaret Muir, the heroic little girl, who made such a brave struggle for life, after witnessing her brother and Miss Roy drown, tells the following pathetic story: "As soon as we were thrown into the water, Will gave Una and I an oak each, which came out of the boat when she upset, and told us to use them in reaching the shore, saying he would make for Spruce Island. He started to swim in that direction, but his heavy oilskins and rubber boots seemed to weigh him down, and I saw him pass below the surface a few yards from me.

"Una had a long rubber coat and she seemed to become exhausted. After swimming about for several minutes she threw back her head, as if stunned, and immediately sank. I kept afloat with the aid of the oak and was blown in between Spruce Island and the Hen and Chicken rocks, where I was rescued. While I was in the water I took my watch out to see the time, but it had stopped."

The parents and friends of the little girl did not wish to question her further, and it is not yet known

what conversation passed between the drowning children. After grappling the waters of Bedford Basin from daylight, the body of William Hampton Muir, one of the victims of Wednesday afternoon's sailing accident, was located at sun down and brought to the surface by Geo. Shefferson and his mate, Friday morning. Jas. E. Roy, father of the drowned girl, Una Roy, while grappling brought to the surface the remains of his daughter.

## Crescent Lodge, I. O. O. Foresters

District Deputy Grand Master J. Buckley, District Deputy Grand Conductor J. Crowe, of Annapolis, visited Crescent Lodge on the 9th inst., and installed the following officers for the ensuing term:— Harry Abbott, N. G.; Stanley Marshall, V. G.; John F. Titus, R. S.; Fowler Forsythe, F. S.; C. C. Pigott, Treasurer; W. H. Long, Jr., Warden; Lansdale Hall, Con.; Burpee Chute, O. G.; J. W. Peters, I. G.; Arthur Charlton, R. S. N. G.; Alton Walker, L. S. N. G.; Alfred Hiltz, R. S. N. G.; Loring Hall, L. S. G.; George Chute, Chaplain; Harry Chute, R. S. S.; G. B. Tibert, L. S. F.

At the close of the Lodge, Past Grand, W. E. Jewett, invited the members to his home, where refreshments were served by the retiring N. G., W. E. Jewett.

JOHN F. FITTUS, Recording Secretary.

## BOY'S LIFE SAVED.

My little boy, four years old, had a severe attack of dysentery. We had two physicians, both of them gave him up. We then gave him Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea remedy which cured him and believe that saved his life. WILLIAM H. STROILING, Carbon Hill, Ala. There is no doubt but this remedy saves the lives of many children each year. Give it with castor oil according to the plain printed directions and a cure is certain. For sale by W. A. WARREN, BRIDGETOWN, W. WADE AND BEAR RIVER DRUG STORE, BEAR RIVER. Samples free.

## Costliest Steamer in American Waters

Boston, July 19.—The steamer Commonwealth took her place as flagship of the Fall River line's fleet last night, succeeding the Priscilla. That the Commonwealth has the distinction of being the largest and costliest steamer in American waters is conceded by the gathering which made a tour of inspection yesterday afternoon.

In response to invitations issued by the New England Navigation Company, a party of guests took the special train which left the South station at 1:30 o'clock for Fall River. Among the 1000 people estimated to have been on the train were the following officials: General Passenger Agent A. B. Smith, General Freight Agent F. S. Holbrook, Assistant General Passenger Agent F. C. Cole, Express Agent Fremont Whittier, General Agent C. A. Call, Captain J. W. Miller, president of the Navigation Company, and M. B. Campbell, vice-president of N. Y., N. H. & H. railroad. The special train ran directly to the line wharf and the party quickly boarded the steamer.

In addition to those who arrived on the train the party was augmented by a large number from New Bedford and Fall River, so that during the hours of inspection, from 3 to 5 o'clock, the steamer presented a very lively scene. The local party returned home by special train leaving Fall River at 5:25 o'clock.

The Commonwealth exceeds in size and speed and magnificence any vessel heretofore built for coastwise service. Her length over all is 450 feet, breadth of hull, moulded, 65 feet, breadth over guards 96 feet, depth of hull 22 feet. She has sleeping accommodations for 2,300 persons.

Stepping aboard one enters the quarter deck. Here are the parson's office, barber shop, cafe and parcel room. Leather upholstered seats offer the traveller an inviting resting place. The stye of this room is modern English, the woodwork being of oak. Aft is the social hall and library, a saloon of the Louis XVI. period, a deep rose red carpet covering the floors.

The saloon deck is reached by an imposing staircase. On this deck is a saloon of the Louis XV. and XVI. styles. The beds in these suits are gold-plated. Forward in the grand saloon which extends up through two decks and is the main assembly room of the steamer. Nothing of the kind has ever before been attempted in steamship architecture. A broad stairway leads upward to the gallery deck which forms a sort of balcony over the entire saloon below. On this deck is a saloon of the Louis XVI. period. Forward is the writing room and the news stand. Here also is the telephone central exchange, for every part of the boat is connected by telephone, also the wireless telegraph station. After, are the Venetian, Gothic and Adams saloons. Parlor suites with bath connections open off from the latter saloon.

## Fireworks Cause Serious Accident

A most distressing accident befell Mrs. Kerr, wife of V. C. Kerr, of the H. & S. W. Railway accounting department, Bridgewater. It seems that Mrs. Kerr was watching some fireworks in Brookline, Mass., on the evening of the 4th inst., when the stick of a falling rocket struck her in one of her eyes, tearing it from its socket, and breaking a cheekbone and dislodging several teeth. The accident was a most painful one, and Mrs. Kerr's friends here are deeply sympathetic and distressed. The unfortunate lady is progressing as favorably as can be expected under the circumstances.—Bulletin.

(Mrs. Kerr—Miss Fannie Holland—will be remembered here, Mr. and Mrs. Holland and family having formerly resided in Kentville. Their friends here will be sorry to learn of this serious accident.—Ed. Advertiser.)

## Not Pensions but State-Managed Annuities

The House of Commons Monday passed a measure that means a great deal to the thirty Canadian who wish to make a safe provision for old age. The act provides machinery by which the savings of the people may be directed to the purchase of annuities. The funds to be accumulated will be held and guaranteed by the Dominion Government, which will add interest at the rate of three per cent.

The idea is Sir Richard Cartwright's. He does not think the time has come in Canada for old-age pensions taken out of the public treasury, believing that the mass of the Canadian people are still unable to provide for old age if assured of the safety of their savings and the reduction under state control of the cost of management to the lowest possible figure. The chief provisions of the bill follow:—

No annuity shall be larger than \$600 to one person, and not more than \$600 to husband and wife jointly. The minimum age at which an annuity may begin is 55 years. A man may arrange to have his annuity begin at a later age if he wishes to, but no man shall receive an annuity until he has reached the age of 55 years. This is subject to a proviso that if disability falls upon a man and he needs the annuity at an earlier age he can receive it, but the amount will in that case be smaller than what he will receive if he carries the transactions to the full 55 years.

The annuities will not be transferrable, and will not be subject to seizure. In case of death before the age at which the annuity is payable, all the moneys due in it will be received by the representatives of the annuitant, with interest at 3 per cent. compounded yearly.

The annuitant may make periodical payments at stated times, or he may make independent payments to suit his own convenience. Assuming that the contributor begins at the age of 20, and continues to pay until the age of 55, he can take his annuity at once, or if he chooses he can allow the money to stay a little longer and he will receive a larger annuity.

There is a provision for independent payments by which a contributor may make a payment of \$10 or more at any time. By payment of the age of 55 months, the Postoffice Bank depositors may transfer their money to purchase annuities.

Presently societies and religious organizations can purchase annuities for their members, and employers of labor can make such arrangements as are necessary to their workers. In order that the latter may benefit under the provisions of the act. The two great advantages of the scheme are the security provided by government and the cheapness of administration.

## Arrange to Visit Exhibition at Halifax.

The Exhibition Commission are arranging for a Show this year at Halifax that will be the equal of any of its predecessors, and in some respects will surpass them. The date of the opening is September 2nd, so that the weather will be warm and pleasant for open-air amusements, and the racing and travelling to be seen from the Grand Stand should draw great crowds. A splendid field of feet horses will race on seven days of the Exhibition for purse aggregating \$6,000.

The Exhibition dates include "LABOR DAY," this should draw to the grounds a great concourse of holiday-seekers, not alone from the city but from the various industrial centres of the Province. The Departmental Buildings will have a good display. The applications for space in the Manufacturers Building already are sufficient to demand nearly all the available space.

The usual low rates of travel will prevail and everybody should begin to arrange for a pleasant holiday in Halifax during Exhibition week.

## I. C. R. Employee Charged With Murder

Halifax, July 14.—With a knife wound in the abdomen, received while skylarking in a room in North street station, Frank Burke, 27 years old, a second cook in the Intercolonial dining car service, is lying in the hospital with practically no hope held out for his recovery, and an examination showed that the charge of inflicting the wound. Perrin and Burke were wrestling and the latter was thrown against a shelf where some dining car equipment was stored, and a knife penetrated his side. Burke was taken home in a car after his friends had endeavored to stop the bleeding, and an examination showed that the injured man had a hemorrhage. There was only one course open, to perform an operation, and stop the bleeding, and Burke was taken to the hospital. The wound was closed but he had lost so much blood that no hope for his recovery is held out. Young Perrin said that Burke and he, with two other employees, were sent to clean up the store room. Just as they were knocking off work Burke and one of the other men began to wrestle and Burke was thrown against a shelf on which there were some sharp pointed bread knives. One of the knives stuck into him and they took him home.

The injured man said it was all an accident. He had been wrestling with Perrin and fell against the knife. Halifax, July 16.—Frank Burke died in the hospital yesterday as a result of his death. William Perrin, the young man who was with him when he received the wound which caused death, has been arrested. He is charged with murder. Perrin insists that he is not aware how Burke was wounded as he was.

## Special Stamps for Tercentenary

Ottawa, Ont., July 6.—Some time ago the issue of a set of postage stamps was proposed in connection with the Quebec Tercentenary and those are expected to be on sale next week. The first announcement having been that they would be distributed on July 6th.

The stamps are beautifully designed and executed, the portraits and historic scenes being alike true and perfect. The value, colors and descriptions of the various stamps of the issue are given out to be:— Half-cent, gray, picture of the Prince and Princess of Wales. One-cent, green, portraits of Champlain and Cartier. Two-cent, red, King Edward and Queen Alexandra. Five-cent, blue, representation of the Habitation de Quebec.

Seven-cent, yellow, pictures of MacIntosh and Wolfe. Ten-cent, mauve, picture of Quebec in 1700. Fifteen-cent, picture of the Parliament of the West of the Old Quebec. Twenty-cent, green, picture of a Courrier du Bois with Indians. The stamps are all larger than the ordinary postage sticker to allow room for the double heads, and for the fine historic pictures given on the stamps of larger denominations. They are being printed by the Imperial Bank Note Company, Ottawa. Treasurer Courtney, of the Dominion Fund for the Quebec Battlefields, announced \$4,000 collected by the Ladies' Auxiliary at Quebec, and \$500 from the Canadian Club of Edmonton.

## The C. D. Pickels Launched

The Launching of the Twenty-first Schooner Built by L. D. Shafner Witnessed by a Thousand Spectators.

On Wednesday last at one o'clock there was launched from the ship yard of L. D. Shafner a handsome tern schooner, 450 tons register. About a thousand people gathered along the river banks to witness the launching. The christening ceremony was gracefully performed by Miss Hazel King who gave the vessel the name of C. D. Pickels as she slid from the ways into the river. As she lay there gay with bunting and glistening with her white coat of paint she made a pretty sight lying between the grassy slopes on either side.

The schooner has been built of our native woods selected under the personal supervision of Mr. Shafner. The cabins which are fitted up with bath and every modern convenience are finished in quartered oak.

## Fatal Accident at Round Hill

Our Round Hill reporter sends us the following details of the fatal accident at that place on Friday last:— A sad accident happened here on Friday last in which Mr. Albert Kirkpatrick lost his life. A special engine, running over the D. A. R. line, struck the trolley car on which Mr. Kirkpatrick, and his men were returning from their work. The engine blew several times, but with a head wind the men did not hear it until the engine was quite close upon them. The men were endeavoring to get the car off the track when the engine struck it, hurling the trolley car down the embankment. Mr. Kirkpatrick was the only one injured. He was brought to Round Hill station on the engine and from there he was conveyed to his own home, Drs. Byers, Armstrong, and Robinson were summoned, but to no avail. He passed away Monday morning.

Mr. Kirkpatrick will be very much missed in the community. He was a member of St. Paul's church, and a valued assistant in the choir. He was also always ready to lend his assistance in any public entertainment. He leaves a wife, an aged mother, and several brothers and sisters to mourn his loss.

Mrs. Kirkpatrick has the sympathy of the whole community in her sad and sudden bereavement. The funeral will take place to-morrow (Wednesday) at 10 o'clock from the east-bound train. The funeral will be conducted with Masonic ceremonies.

## KILLED BY CONTACT WITH A LIVE WIRE.

NEW GLASGOW, July 15.—John Wile, aged 35 years, of N. S., a lineman in the employ of the Nova Scotia Telephone Company, was instantly killed here to-day by coming in contact with a live wire. Wile was in the employ of the Nova Scotia Telephone Company for many years, and he was considered an expert lineman. While at work on a pole to-day, he came in contact with a live wire from the Acadia Coal Company's plant and he was shocked to death.

His body, limp and bleeding, hung across the wires for fifteen minutes before it could be removed, while scores of horrified spectators gazed at the awful sight unable to render aid to the victim. Finally some men ascended the pole, placed a rope around Wile's body and lowered it to the ground. Life was then extinct.

## KEER MINARD'S LINIMENT I THE HOUSE.

Many people are substituting SOVEREIGN LINE JUICE for tea and coffee during the hot weather. It is a clear gain in both comfort and health. NATIONAL DRUG & CHEMICAL CO., LIMITED, HALIFAX, N. S.