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ARMY MATTER GONE INTO THE COMMONS

Troops Not Meant to Coerce Anti-Home Rulers

NO PICKING OF ORDERS TO OBEY

Colonel Seely, War Secretary, Makes Statement in House—Shots and Arrests in Belfast—Commander at Curragh Camp Tells Officers Where They Stand

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War Secretary Resigns

London Buzzing With Rumors Following on Irish Situation

Some Say Churchill Will Retire; Lloyd George Heads New Party and That Asquith May Give Up Reins of Government

A bulletin from London at 2.30 o'clock this afternoon announced the resignation of Col. John Seely, secretary of state for war in the British government.

Colonel Seely in his valedictory address denied that King George had taken any initiative of any kind in the army crisis. He said: "The suggestion is absolutely without foundation in the broadest sense. His Majesty took no initiative of any kind."

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DIES SUDDENLY

Captain Robert J. Holder Found Dead in Bed

Out Yesterday and Had Long Walk—Was For Years a Prominent Deep Sea Sailor

The death of Captain Robert J. Holder, which occurred this morning at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. John Paterson, 2 Cranston avenue, removed a resident of North West who had been known about the city for many years.

Captain Holder was a veteran mariner, and had in his younger days commanded many well known vessels.

He retired about ten years ago from the active life of the sea.

Besides his wife, Captain Holder is survived by three sons and three daughters.

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Worst Storm of Year as March Draws to End and Spring is Here

Six Foot Snow Drifts in Fort William Streets and Thirty Mile Wind Blowing

(Canadian Press) Fort William, Ont., March 25—The worst snow storm of the year has been raging at the head of the lakes since midnight and gives little promise of abating before nightfall.

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OAK POINT AS ST. JOHN AUXILIARY FOR WINTER PORT

Report of Engineer Swan On St. Croix Possibilities

L'ETANG FOR SMALLER STEAMERS

The St. Andrew's Beacon publishes a copy of Engineer A. D. Swan's report on the River St. Croix as a possible ocean port and says it bears out all that the advocates of the port have claimed for it.

The St. Croix river is navigable for the largest class of vessels for about 95 miles in a northerly direction from Campbell Island and the Bay of Fundy.

At its narrowest part between Deer Point and Dog Island, near Eastport, the river is about 200 feet wide.

It has an average approximate depth at low water the whole way up to Oak Point, varying from about 40 feet to 80 feet.

For about thirty miles of its course, vessels would pass through Passamaquoddy Bay, which is approximately twelve miles long by six wide, and which, having deep water, would afford magnificent anchorage if desired.

The river and bay are at all seasons of the year free from ice, and there is a variation in the tide of about twenty-four feet between high and low water.

The approach for vessels entering the St. Croix river from the Bay of Fundy would be from Grand Manan channel between Grand Manan Island and Campbell Island, thence by Head Harbor Passage, and I understand the Grand Manan or North channel is looked upon more favorably by navigators than is the channel to the south of Grand Manan.

The heaviest storms in the Bay of Fundy are generally from the southeast, so that as soon as a vessel rounded Head Harbor Point she would be perfectly protected.

The current of the river is most rapid for a short distance between Deer Point and Dog Island, where it varies from two to five knots and there is a curve just off the lower of Headport.

The rate of the current would be approximately one mile and a quarter, but the navigable part of the river is about 95 miles in length and the current is comparatively small.

The report after dealing with existing wharves, says: (Continued on page 4, fourth column)

Two Stricken at the Graveside of Friend

One Dead and Other Seized With Stroke of Paralysis

WEATHER BULLETIN

Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stuart, director, and meteorological service.

Synopsis—The disturbance centred in Colorado yesterday has moved to Wisconsin, and southerly gales with rain now prevail over the western portions of the great lakes.

The weather continues fair and comparatively mild from Ontario eastward, and very cold in the western portions.

Mild, With Showers Maritime—Moderate winds, fine and today, Thursday, strong southerly, a fair at first, showers by night, shifting, D. C. New England safe—Cloudy tonight and Thursday probably rain and warmer; increasing south winds.

RELEASES THREE MORE HARBOR FISHERY LOTS

Dredging in Wellington Ship Off For a Year and Fishing Privileges Will be Sold

The dredging operations in Wellington ship, West St. John, will not be undertaken this year and as a result of this the city will be able to offer for sale three more harbor fishery lots.

The arrangement was reached this morning at a special meeting of the common council, sitting in committee of the whole, at which Mayor Frink, Commissioners Wignone, McElaine and Agar, the common clerk and the city engineer were present.

A. G. Goodspeed, resident engineer of the dominion department of Public Works, was present on the invitation of the council. He said that the present contract for dredging at Navy Island was almost completed, and that, although it was probable that another contract for more dredging at the island would be given, the next in order would be the cleaning up of the alga.

On the same date, April 25, Cardinal Foley will leave New York for Rome, while early in the month of May Cardinal Gibbons of Baltimore will start on his "ad limina" visit.

CONTRACTOR MUST NOT TAKE CHARGE OF COUNCIL

Saskatoon, Sask., March 25—Heretofore a constable will attend meetings of the city council to assist in maintaining order. At a recent meeting strong language was indulged in by an unsuccessful tenderer for public works, and the new plan is intended to prevent repetition.

BIG PENALTIES INVOLVED IN RAILROAD ACTION

Liberty, Tex., March 25—Suit against penalties of \$100,000 was filed by county attorneys here yesterday against the Santa Fe Railroad Company. Operation of an engine not equipped with brake appliances is alleged.

METROPOLE FUND HAS NOW CLIMBED TO \$6,400

The second day's activities in the interests of the Salvation Army Metropole were held today at the noon-day luncheon in Bond's and showed the total amount subscribed this far is \$6,400.

Seven prisoners were brought before the Magistrate this morning on charges of drunkenness. Five were fined \$5, and one of whom was a woman, were released. The number of times arrested in St. John.

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LOCAL NEWS

FOR THE OPEN DOOR Thus far Candidates Fisher, deForest, Potts and Russell have declared their intention in favor of the open door at City Hall.

TRAINS LATE The Maritime express arrived in the city this morning about thirty minutes late. The Montreal train was about ten minutes behind and the Boston train was an hour and a half late.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS The management of the Standard Institute acknowledges with thanks \$46.40 from R. M. St. James of Detroit per copy of the Standard Institute report, and \$20.48 from R. M. St. James, Canadian Northern Steamship Company.

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TWO COAL SHEDS IN MONCTON ARE BURNED

Fire Loss of \$5,000—Story of Escape From Jail Said to be Unfolded

Moncton, N. B., March 25—A coal shed at the foot of Downing street, owned by J. E. Masters & Company and another coal shed nearby belonging to the Moncton Fuel, Ice & Cartage Company were destroyed by fire this morning.

The other building contained fertilizer and some ice. Wagons and other equipment were removed. The fertilizer shed contained about twenty tons of coal and several vehicles. Messrs. Masters had about \$1,000 insurance on the building.

THE STEAMERS Allan Line's Virginia, due here on Friday, passed Cape Race this morning at 7 o'clock.

NEW ZEALAND LINE Balfour, which has been in Halifax for the last two weeks for repairs, left the Nova Scotia port last evening at 6.10. She will land here for Australia and New Zealand ports.

THE RUBENIA, of the C. P. R., will leave on her last trip from St. John tomorrow morning with about forty cabin and fifty stowage passengers and a good cargo of general freight.

THINKS HE SHOULD BEAT WIFE ONCE A MONTH Hamilton, Ont., March 25—Joseph Hamilton appeared in court today, charged with assaulting his wife, Doctor's wife, on the 14th inst. Doctor's wife is the woman's injuries. Through an interpreter, the man said: "I do not beat my wife every day. I

EVIDENCE IN BUT NO C. I. J. ON YET GIVEN

Hearing in connection with the application of the Eastern Electric and Development Company of Sackville for permission to increase their rates, was continued this morning before the New Brunswick Public Utilities Commission, in the rooms of the provincial government.

Those present included Chairman G. O. D. Otty, Commissioners A. B. Condon, K. C. of Woodstock, and F. P. Robinson, of Fredericton; Kenneth S. Fisher, secretary of the company; A. B. Copp, K.C., on behalf of the town of Sackville and Doctor Palmer on behalf of the Mount Allison institutions.

The only witness was William H. A. Hamilton, of Woodstock, who was sent to Sackville by the commission as an independent expert to report upon the valuation of the plant and equipment. His evidence was not taken today, and it is expected that the public hearing upon the company's application for permission to increase their rates, which privilege has been accorded, will be completed this afternoon.

Speaking of the published comments on the new fire alarm horn, Commissioner McLellan said that, as far as he knew, the installation is not complete and that at any rate no official tests have been made and the equipment has not been taken over by the city. It will not be accepted until official tests are made and prove satisfactory. The horn is being installed only as an experiment, and will not be adopted as an alarm until it conclusively proves its usefulness.

A TREAT FOR THE BOYS Thanks to the Women's Canadian Club, the Every Day Boys' Club enjoyed a treat last evening. After Sergeant Sullivan had put a class of the bigger boys through marching drill, and a class of the smaller boys through physical and marching drill, they were all lined up and treated to cake, oranges and bananas. The boys gave three rousing cheers for the Women's Canadian Club for they had also enjoyed the hospitality of the ladies in smaller measure the evening before. The boys are indebted to Mrs. Turnbull of Hampton for a donation of magazines and pictures.

WASHINGTON, D.C., March 25—The actual opening of the fight for the repeal of the Panama toll exemption will be begun at noon tomorrow, and debate will be limited to fifteen hours. All agreed that the contest will be the most spirited of any staged in congress in recent years.

OTTAWA, March 25—The results of the examinations held in February before the board of examiners for dominion land surveyors are announced. One hundred and ninety-nine candidates presented themselves. Thirty-seven passed the first preliminary tests and three the limited preliminary examination. Fifteen passed the final examination. The marks were:—Full preliminary, C. W. Copwell, Yarmouth, N. S.; final, H. J. Ewan, Yarmouth, N. S.; Logan, Misses Musquodoboit, N. S.

OTTAWA, March 25—The members of the senate were the guests of Hon. Mr. Loughheed, government leader of the Upper House, at a dinner in the parliamentary restaurant last night.