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ST. JOHN ASSESSMENT ACT MUCH LIKE BARQUO'S GHOST

It Refuses to Be Buried—Tax Exemptions Will Not Apply to This Year as Bill May Not Be Reached Before Monday—This Morning Occupied in Committee Work

Fredericton, N. B., April 23.—(Special)—The assessment act of St. John refuses to be buried. This morning Chairman Sharp of the Board of Assessors, arrived here to consult with the St. John city representatives regarding the date when the act will come into force. Recorder Skinner is also here looking after bills which were not disposed of by the committee on Wednesday. Messrs Sharp and Skinner met Hon. Mr. Maxwell and Mr. Hatheway and talked over the situation. There are several difficulties in the way of bringing the act into operation immediately, the principal of which is the lack of time, and the fact that the assessment is partially made up and that serious delay in filing the list would follow its immediate adoption. The bill has not become law, in fact it has not come up in the house since disposed of by the committee and as the amendments were numerous the bill is not likely to be reached before Monday.

The Highway Act will take up the greater part of this afternoon, and there are about twenty-five bills now ready for reference to the committee of the whole house. Nothing has been heard of the Judiciary Act or the Arbitration Act for some weeks, but both of these measures are likely to come up at any time. Members have been busy all morning with committee work. Meetings of the Agricultural, Municipalities and Accounts committees were held. Up to the present time 102 bills have been introduced and but one has been withdrawn. A few more are still to come. Prorogation is now in sight, and will take place not later than Thursday of next week. This house has now been in session five weeks. The house will meet again tomorrow. At a meeting of the Municipalities committee at noon, it was decided to bring the St. John bridge expenditure under operation in October. This will prevent any changes being made in this year's assessment. A plebiscite section was added to the harbor commission bill. The Public Accounts committee held a short session this morning again, taking up the Kings County bridge expenditure. A charge of \$75 paid to John H. Morrison revealed the fact that he had been paid \$3 per day for inspecting the Galvager and Drury covered bridges. In delving into the accounts Mr. Pinder unearthed a charge of \$22 a thousand for services. This was charged by Ed-

"SENOR" CASTRO BACK IN FRANCE

Deposed Venezuelan President Arrived at St. Nazaire This Morning

St. Nazaire, April 23.—Steamship Versailles with Ciprino Castro, the deposed president of Venezuela on board arrived at daylight. An intimate friend of Castro and a number of Venezuelans and journalists boarded the vessel as soon as possible. Castro had not emerged from his cabin and his friend was the first to reach him. When the friend appeared after fifteen minutes he announced that Senor Castro complained of being ill and that he suffered severely from the rolling of the ship. The captain of the Versailles took a contrary view however, saying that Castro appeared to be in fairly good condition during the voyage and had appeared frequently on deck talking with companions and gestulating wildly. There has been some talk of Alderman Vanward dropping the chairmanship of the board of safety, to give more time to his own business, and it is said he would do so if any of the new men wanted the job they could have it, as far as he was concerned. He would not oppose any action that might be taken to name his successor, but if they were satisfied to continue him at the head, he would do his best in the past.

THE NEW COUNCIL

Members Will Hold Caucus Next Week to Select Chairmen

A caucus of the members of the new common council will probably be held the latter part of next week when the personnel of the various boards and committees will be decided on. It is possible that McGoldrick will continue in charge of the public works department, though the veteran from Stanley ward said this morning that he understood some of the new men had expressed a desire to try their hand at it. The alderman added that if any of the new men wanted the job they could have it, as far as he was concerned. He would not oppose any action that might be taken to name his successor, but if they were satisfied to continue him at the head, he would do his best in the past.

SUPREME COURT

Fredericton, N. B., April 23.—(Special)—The supreme court met this morning pursuant to adjournment with Chief Justice Barker and Judge White present. The following common motions were made: Cradall vs. McLean, Powell, K. C. moves on behalf of the plaintiff to leave order made last Thursday and that it be ordered that judgment of non suit be entered.

THE VICTORIAN AT HALIFAX

Halifax, N. S., April 23.—(Special)—The mail steamer Victorian arrived at five o'clock this morning with about a thousand passengers. She leaves this afternoon at four o'clock for St. John.

AN INCENDIARY FIRE

Winnipeg, Man., April 23.—(Special)—An incendiary fire broke out in the barn building of a homesteader named Chambers, at Oak Hammock, northwest of this city, and seventeen head of cattle were burned in the barn.

MURRAY AND THE HATCHES ACQUITTED OF CHARGES

Sensational Scenes in Andover Court Room This Morning—Crown Unable to Corroborate Stories of Arosha and Seppel—Ask for Acquittal of the Prisoners and They Go Free

Andover, N. B., April 23.—(Special)—One of the most abrupt culminations to a murder trial ever recorded, occurred in the Andover court room this morning, when Sandy Murray, James and Andrew Hatch were summarily freed from confinement and of the accusation of conspiring with and aiding Tony Arosha and Leon Seppel in the murder of Edward Green, on December 20 last, without adding a defence. Constable Miles McLae was scheduled to testify at the resumption of the prosecution at 10 o'clock this morning, but when court convened the solicitor general arose and announced that there were discrepancies in the stories of the Crown and Seppel, and that the testimony of each on the stand in the trial and at the preliminary examination differed somewhat and in view of these circumstances he asked the court to direct the jury to return a verdict acquitting the three men. He stated that he deemed it the duty of the crown to abandon the prosecution as a corroboration of the evidence of a conspiracy to kill the two peddlars was unobtainable. He added that both men were self-confessed perjurers and unworthy of confidence. This phase was denied by the two peddlars, and the five counsel connected with the case prior to the re-opening of today's session.

After the solicitor general had concluded by expressing the crown's reluctance to be the instrument by which three men would be doomed on unsupported evidence, Mr. McKenna, in a brief address expressed his concurrence with the crown prosecutor's view, and was followed by Messrs. Carvell and Jones. Judge McLeod in his address to the jury, stated that he agreed with the Solicitor General's announcement, and considered that it was the sole course advisable to pursue, as the evidence of Arosha and Seppel was unsatisfactory unless sufficient proof of their allegations was produced. The jury thereupon retired at 10:15 and returned in five minutes with a verdict of not guilty against Murray and the Hatch brothers, and a guilty verdict against Seppel. His Honor then discharged the men from custody, and the special sitting of the Victoria county court adjourned sine die. It was ordered that the money amounting to over \$2,000, which was recovered underneath the camp where the party was employed, be retained by the Sheriff indefinitely, until delivered through an order from the judge to the executor of the estate of Edward Green in a belief that they would be liberated.

SAYS HE CAN BEAT CANADA ON OATS

Wyoming Farmer Wagers \$10,000 That He Can Raise More Oats Per Acre Than Any Canadian Farmer

Omaha, Neb., April 23.—The National Corn Exposition officers in Omaha have been notified by Colonel E. J. Bell of Laramie, Wyo., that he has made a wager with Western Canada Farmers that his Wyoming farm would produce more oats per acre than any land in Western Canada. The wager is for \$10,000 cash, and the National Corn Exposition officials will judge the crops. Col. Bell has for years made a specialty of oats. At the head of his Canadians, who are backing Alberta, is Prof. W. H. Fairchild, of Lethbridge, Alberta. The Bell this week planted the fields on which he pins his faith, while the Alberta fields will not be planted for a specialty of oats. At the head of his Canadians, who are backing Alberta, is Prof. W. H. Fairchild, of Lethbridge, Alberta.

MONTREAL STOCKS

Montreal, April 23.—(Special)—Stocks showed only fractional price changes today, and were quieter. The leading features were: Canadian Pacific, Illinois 97 1/2, Steel 33 3/4, Ford 128 to 127 3/4, Mexican 75 1/4, Toronto Ry 129 3/4, Penmans 50 1/4, Porto Rico 50 1/4, Detroit 50, 98 1/8.

WEDDING CLOSES PRETTY ROMANCE

Christine Nielsen Comes From Denmark to Wed Charles Swainson Here

A pretty love affair began in far away Denmark, culminated in a happy union yesterday when Charles Swainson and Christine Nielsen, both of Denmark, were united in marriage by Rev. W. H. Sampson, the ceremony taking place at the home of Mrs. Elna Byleva. Mr. Swainson has been in this country but a short time, but the love for the girl of his choice never wavered and he sent for Miss Nielsen, she arriving by the Tunisian last week.

POLICE RAID BOXING CLUB IN NEW YORK

New York, April 23.—A score of men were clubbed and twelve persons were arrested in a raid made early today by the police on the Carlie Athletic Club in Brooklyn. The police have been active recently suppressing boxing in these clubs which they assert are not conducted in accordance with the law. The managers of the club yesterday got an injunction from Justice Carr, restraining the police from raiding the club as long as athletic contests were held in accordance with the law.

GOOD NEWS FOR SILE JONES

"Well," said Mr. Hiram Hornbake to the Times New Reporter this morning, "I see Silie Jones is going to spend the real money in the settlement again. I can't see how Silie Jones knows what to do with it. He generally does. Beats all how these political hollers when they're in opposition, and then awakens when they're in power. I just expected things to turn out so that Silie 'ud get his finger in the pie again. Why he wouldn't spend ten cents on the dollar on the roads. Silie's pockets runs clear down to his heels. And we was told Hazen 'ud give us a good road law. Lave an' learn—hey, what?"

NOT A WATER BOAT

When Mr. Peter Binks was told that the river steamer Sincennes had not been able to do her best because there was too much water in her boiler, and that this was probably the trouble also with the

FATAL SHOOTING IN WINDSOR RINK

Harry Norrey, of Detroit, is Dying as the Result of a Quarrel with Peter Shea

Montreal, Ont., April 23.—(Special)—A fatal shooting affray occurred in the roller rink here shortly before 11 o'clock last night, the victim being Harry Norrey, a young Detroit man. Two bullets from a revolver were fired into Norrey's body at close range, and he is dying. Peter Shea, manager of the Wayne roller rink, in Detroit, is locked up at police headquarters, charged with shooting. The men indulged in a bitter quarrel, in the course of which Shea was knocked down by Norrey, and a struggle followed. Suddler Shea pulled his weapon and fired two shots at Norrey in quick succession. Norrey is bleeding fast internally, and his death is a matter of but a short time, physicians say. Shea made a desperate attempt to escape, but was captured at the Marchand Hotel. He said he carried the revolver for self-protection as Norrey more than once had threatened his life.

THE COUNTY LICENSES

Hugh J. McCormick's Application Was Refused by County License Commissioners

The liquor license commission for St. John county met this morning in the office of George K. Vincent, county inspector, and considered the applications for licenses for the ensuing year. Hugh J. McCormick, at the Three-Mile House, W. E. McIntyre and Hugh McNeill were refused retail licenses in the Parish of Simonds, and A. E. McLeod, of Fairville, who has conducted a wholesale liquor store for the past two years, was refused a renewal of his license. The following were granted retail licenses in Lunenburg—William Fleming, George H. Tibbatts, John Brennan, John Sullivan, John Dwyer and Fred Duncaison. James Beady's application for a manufacturer's license was granted. In Simonds, Mrs. Barker, Lech Leonard, A. E. Treadwell, Chas. Moyal and W. E. Newcomb were granted retail licenses. There were four applications for beer licenses, and three were granted. Hickey, of Fairville, was refused. No reason was assigned by the commissioners for their action in refusing to grant certain licenses.

ONTARIO SILVER ORE FOR THE OLD COUNTRY

Moncton, April 23.—(Special)—Seventy-one bars of silver ore from Cobalt, Ontario, passed through the city this morning, was contained in one hundred and thirty pounds and was valued at twenty-two dollars.

Thirty Italians arrived in the city yesterday from Chipman and tried to make a dicker with the G. T. P. people to pay their car fare to Toronto. They started work on Monday last at Chipman and say the work assigned them was not up to their expectations. Water was deep and too much for them, according to the story told by them. They also said they had been deceived as since going to Chipman they had been told that their expenses would be over their wages. However, their employers are not inclined to comply with the request but offered them work on another section of construction. This was refused as the foreigners seemed determined to go back to Toronto.

PERSONALS

Thomas J. Hay was a passenger to the city on today's Atlantic. Mr. J. D. Chapman came in from St. Stephen at noon.

John E. Wilson, M. P. P., came in from Fredericton at noon.

Dr. J. P. Melnerney, M. P. P., came in from Fredericton on today's Montreal train.

Thomas B. Blair returned to the city on today's Montreal train.

Percy W. Thomson came in on today's Montreal train.

ST. YVES AND SHRUBB

New York, April 23.—St. Yves is a strong favorite over Shrubbs for their fifteen mile race at American League Park tomorrow night. The track will be six laps to the mile and the men will be sent away at 9:15 o'clock sharp.

THE TIMES NEW REPORTER

Mr. James Jones is much impressed by the announcement that members of the Hazen government are worth more to the province than they were last year. He says he never would have guessed it, and is much obliged to Mr. Hazen for the information.

"I hope," said Jamesey, "that the poor fellows will continue to improve. At present it takes seven of them to be as good as three Nova Scotians."

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A BIG STRIKE PROBABLE IN THE GLACE BAY MINES

Dominion Coal Company Asks Municipal Council at Glace Bay for 625 Special Policemen to Preserve Order if Trouble Comes—What a Labor Official Says

Glacé Bay, N. S., April 23.—(Special)—The application of the Dominion Coal Company to the county council for six hundred and twenty-five special police, has created much excitement here, and the opinion is generally expressed that such a large number of special officers are not required at this stage. The move is expected to further inflame the United Mine Workers and retard a peaceful settlement. Especially in this town, when it is stated that any time the warden with three councilors can appoint special officers, even when the council is not sitting. An International Brotherhood member, Mr. Bousfield, this morning said that the sincere aim of the organization he represented was to preserve peace and every honorable effort will be made with that end in view. "All we want is a fair deal, and if the coal company grant us this there will be no strike. We shall give the company sufficient time to think over our proposals, which will be made in a few days, and responsibility for any trouble, if it comes, will be solely due to the refusal to grant the majority of the employees what they consider their rights. We would be willing to abide by and live up to contract now in existence between the coal company and the employees. You may further say that we are anxious for an honorable peace. We want simply a square deal, and in return will be willing to give the company similar treatment."

NEWS FROM FREDERICTON

Fredericton, N. B., April 23.—(Special)—The funeral of the late Thomas H. Fowler took place this afternoon under the auspices of the K. of P., and had a large attendance. Service at the house was conducted by Rev. J. H. McDonald and a mixed quartet sang appropriate hymns. The procession to the cemetery was a lengthy one and was led by the Fredericton Brass band. Members of the K. of P. acted as pallbearers. The South African veterans at a meeting last evening decided to hold their annual church parade to the Cathedral on Sunday, May 23rd. In the afternoon they will march to the cemetery and decorate the graves of departed comrades. The water in the river here rose eight feet to her level. The river is now running freely from ice and there are but few logs running.

KETCHEL AND LANGFORD

Los Angeles, Cal., April 23.—Manager McCarty of the Pacific Athletic Club has wired Stanley Ketchel an offer of \$100,000 to meet Sam Langford before his club in a ten round contest. If the offer is accepted by the fighters the fight will occur during the week of July 11th in connection with the festival of Elka' Week here.

WHITNEY'S HORSE SECOND

Sandown Park, April 23.—The Walton horse-and-riding club of 200 sovereigns distance four furlongs was run here today and won by Mary B. H. P. Whitney's Brown Philly by Irish Lad out of Zola second and a colt out of Full Ripe third. Thirteen horses started.

Red and white roses are everywhere in evidence today and flags are flying from the public buildings and business houses in honor of England's saint—St. George.

The royal mail steamship Empress of Britain, sailed shortly after 2 o'clock today for Liverpool via Halifax.

THOUSANDS OF ARMENIANS MASSACRED BY FAHATICS

Armenian Population of Antioch and Vicinity Has Been Practically Wiped Out—Today's News From Turkey

Beirut, April 23.—The Armenian population of Antioch and vicinity has been practically wiped out in the massacres of the last few days by fanatical Moslems. Thousands of destitute Armenian widows and orphans still are in the district unable to get away. There is no security anywhere in the vicinity of Antioch. The situation in Alexandria continues to be serious. Beilun is still holding out against the tribesmen that surround it. Beirut is quiet as yet, but there is great tension between the Christians and the Moslem population. Troops are arriving here and the authorities are taking energetic measures for the preservation of order. Many people are leaving Beirut for the Lebanon. The British cruiser Diana came into port today.

Constantinople, April 23.—The Sultan appeared upon the streets of Constantinople today, and was greeted by the people by cries of adoration. With a mask-like countenance and his head sunk between his stooped shoulders, he acknowledged the salutations of the throng by curt nods.

London, April 23.—A Saloniki despatch to the Times says that the Turkish government has unconditionally accepted General Scheffer's terms which give to the Salonikans military control of the capital, reduce its garrison to four battalions, establish a police gendarmerie system on the Macedonian model, provide punishment for the promoters of the revolt and provide also for the organization of the government in accordance with the requirements of the constitution.

Constantinople, April 23.—It is reported here today that at the secret meeting of the National Assembly held yesterday 105 deputies voted in favor of the deposition of the Sultan.

Sebastopol, April 23.—The active squadron of the Russian Black Sea fleet under the command of Admiral Brestern, put to sea today. The destination is not known.

St. Petersburg, April 23.—It was announced here today that the Shah of Persia having failed to notify the royalist commander in Tabriz that an armistice had been granted, Russia has ordered the victory of the Caucasus to dispatch troops to that point by forced marches.

Tarsum, Asiatic Turkey, April 23.—The rioting that originated in Adana began here on April 16. Several Armenians were killed and the whole Armenian quarter was burned down and the churches were destroyed.

More than 9,000 refugees still are gathered in the yard of the American college. Their condition is pitiable. The missionaries in Tarsum are safe but they are still apprehensive for the refugees. Massacres are reported today in the neighboring Armenian villages. Instant robbery is being committed in the vicinity of Adana.

Alexandretta, April 23.—Fugitives who have arrived here relate that all the Armenian villages and settlements in the Alexandretta district are being destroyed. Nearly every Armenian dwelling has been burned by the fanatical Moslems and the Armenians still alive are living in the open. They are safe and still in great fear, especially of Friday and Sunday.

The British warship which sailed to relieve Denryul, an Armenian village on the coast, returned to Alexandretta today without having accomplished anything. The commander of the vessel applied to the governor of the district for permission to land a relief party but he was refused.

Aleppo, Asiatic Turkey, April 23.—Many refugees have arrived here from the Alexandretta district. Their condition is miserable. Intense alarm exists among the Armenians of a recurrence of the attacks upon them.

