

JOHN BRECKENRIDGE, GREAT CONTRACTOR, DIES AT HOME

Pioneer Railroad Builder and Master of Irrigation Projects Expires After Illness of Two Months; Second Operation Proves Fatal.

COMPLETE RECOVERY SEEMED PROBABLE

Was One of Continent's Greatest Railway Builders; Interested in Score of Enterprises Was but Fifty-two Years of Age; Birthday Tomorrow.

Arrangements for the funeral of John Breckenridge, who died at his residence in this city yesterday morning, will be completed this afternoon, and an announcement made to the public. It was determined tonight that the funeral would be held from the late residence of Mr. Breckenridge, at 538 13th Avenue west, but no positive day has been set, and no minister selected to officiate. Mr. Breckenridge's brother, William Breckenridge, of Chicago, is in Calgary, and in company with T. H. Roach, of the Breckenridge contracting interests, will have charge of the funeral arrangements.

The death of Mr. Breckenridge occurred yesterday morning of an illness which lasted for more than two months, and during which he submitted to two operations in an effort to remove the indirect cause of death, gall stones.

Race Between Life and Death. Mr. Breckenridge had been a sufferer from gall stones for many years, and two months ago decided to have the cause of the malady removed. The trouble had reached an acute stage, and a hurried message was sent to Dr. Mewburn, of Lethbridge, the family physician, to come to Calgary immediately and operate. Dr. Mewburn was in Chicago at the time, and he took the first train for Calgary. It was a race between life and death, but the surgeon arrived on time and performed the operation, which at first promised to be successful.

About two weeks ago Mr. Breckenridge was so far on the way to a complete recovery that he was able to sit up in bed. Then a reaction set in and a second operation was performed. This, for a day or so, promised to be a success, but the patient was taken down with a heavy cold, and symptoms of pneumonia suddenly developed. In his weakness he was not able to withstand the ravages of the disease, and he died yesterday morning.

Birthday Was Tomorrow. Mr. Breckenridge was born in Ayrshire, Scotland, and would have been 52 years of age tomorrow, had he lived. During his busy career he had a thorough early training for the great contracting works which he afterward carried to a successful termination. He first engaged in the lumber business, then learned the business of a foundryman, and finally served a hard apprenticeship in railroad building. He branched out for himself as a railroad contractor when but 23 years of age, and from his first venture until his last contract on the C.P.R. was uniformly successful.

He was but six years of age when his father left Ayrshire and settled in Peterboro, Ontario, where the boy was educated in the public schools, after which he engaged in the lumber business for a few years. At the age of 18 the young man decided to learn the boiler-maker's trade, and for the next three years he was employed in the foundry of the William Hamilton company at Peterboro, building up the rugged strength and physique which afterwards stood him in such excellent stead in his pioneer railroad and irrigation work.

Started Real Career at 21. When he was 21 he started to learn the business of building railroads, the entire continent being in the throes of a great railroad building campaign at that time. He started for Winnipeg, and engaged himself to learn the technical details of the business in the Lake Superior region, being employed on a new line on the north shore of the great lake. Two years later he branched out as a contractor in his own interests, and for years consistently and successfully followed the iron rails to the Pacific coast.

Remarkable Feat at Frank Slide. One of the most remarkable pieces of railroad construction accomplished by Mr. Breckenridge in those days was the building of the C. P. R. line across the Frank Slide, a difficult piece of construction work one mile and three-fourths in length, which was finished within 18 days.

In 1902 Mr. Breckenridge and Mr. Lund organized the well known Crow's Nest Pass Lumber company, of which Mr. Breckenridge was president from 1902 till 1908. In 1902 they organized the Breckenridge & Lund Coal company and Mr. Breckenridge was president of it until 1907. The railroad contracting firm of Breckenridge & Lund, active from 1897 till 1907, was a powerful factor in the railroad and industrial development of British Columbia and Alberta in all the years of its existence.

In Charge of Irrigation Canals. In 1904 Mr. Breckenridge came to Alberta an dtook charge of the Canadian Pacific railway company's extensive system of irrigation canals a work that occupied nearly five years' time, being completed in 1908. In the last named year Mr. Breckenridge, through the purchase of Mr. Lund's interest, became sole owner and head of the great contracting concern. In the same year he succeeded in building the 70 miles of fencing for the Dominion government, enclosing the

JUDGE BECK SCORES POLICE METHODS OF SEARCHING

Says It May Be in Accordance With Regulations to Search Prisoners But Is Not Legal and Should Be Put a Stop to as Soon as Possible.

EMPLOYER MAY TAKE ACTION AGAINST POLICE

William Elder of Okotoks, Who Was Arrested on Charge of Obstructing an Officer in Performance of Duty is Acquitted.

The police came in for some strong criticism from Mr. Justice Beck, who presided at the criminal assizes yesterday. "This searching of prisoners is carried to an extreme," said His Honor. "I have said this before and I want to say it again. Though there may be some regulation against the police searching arrested persons, I consider it is often carried to extremes and it may be a police regulation, but it is not law. This searching is carried by the police to a point where it is tyrannical."

The case was that of William A. Elder, of Okotoks, who was charged with obstructing the police in the performance of their duties. Elder was acquitted by the judge, who sat without a jury, only the evidence for the prosecution being heard, the judge being of the opinion that no case had been made out against the accused. James Short appeared for the prosecution, and W. H. McLaws for the defence.

On April 22 a man named Hodge, who worked in a mine under Elder at the Black Diamond coal field, was arrested for being drunk on Okotoks station. Constable Thompson, who makes the arrest, was not able to control the man and called the assistance of Constable Naylor. Two other men were called on as special constables, and the mine was locked up. The man struggled hard, and it was with some difficulty that he was got to the police station.

Soon after he had been got there Elder arrived on the scene and pushed his way past the two special constables at the door. The two constables were bending over the arrested man, who was on the floor, and Elder wanted to take Hodge away back with him to his work. The constables resisted his interference, and there was a general mixup, after which Elder was placed under arrest and charged with obstructing the police in the performance of their duties.

When the evidence of the two constables and their assistants was taken the judge said there was no need to call any defence. It was quite reasonable for an employer to try and get his employees. The case was therefore dismissed.

OBITUARY
Befus.—Died at the family residence, 524 Seventh street, Bridgeland, on May 28, Alexander Befus, aged 48 years. Mrs. Mary Brown, aged 48 years. The funeral will take place Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Services will be conducted by Graham & Thomson's chapel, 509 Centre street. Interment will be made in Union Cemetery.

OBITUARY
Brewer.—The death occurred at the home of her son-in-law, Mr. J. W. Mockett, 322 Seventh Avenue N. E., of Mrs. Mary Brown, aged 48 years. The funeral will take place Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Services will be conducted in Graham & Thomson's chapel, 509 Centre street. Interment will be made in Union Cemetery.

OBITUARY
Mr. Breckenridge had always been a far-sighted and progressive industrialist and had taken a leading part in the active improvement and development of the country and its resources. Among the considerable enterprises in which he took a large interest, and most of which he organized, were the Crow's Nest Pass Lumber company, Breckenridge & Lund Coal company, Lundbreck Lumber & Grain company, Canrose Lumber & Grain company, and the Claresholm Lumber and Grain company. He was president of the Calgary Pressed Brick company, vice-president and director of the Western Canada Lumber company and director of the Calgary Sewer Pipe company. He was a leading member of the Calgary Golf and Country club, and a member of the Presbyterian church. In 1901 Mr. Breckenridge married Miss Irene Porter, daughter of Doctor Oliver Porter of Tacoma, Washington, and has one daughter, Miss Altha Breckenridge, and a widow surviving.

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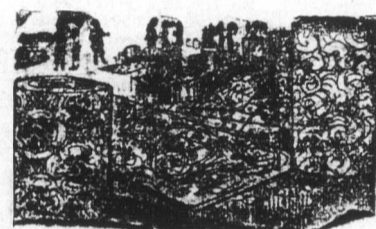
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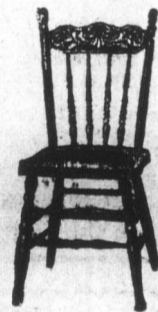
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Editorial

Some western people that Mr. Borden would filament of public people of Western Canada importance than the \$10,000,000 to the Canadian which promise was not the submission of manufacturing building effect of showing the Calgary Board of Trade affair that most people want.

The weather man has is giving Alberta just wants, and altogether