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APPOINTMENTS COMING.

The Federal Cabinet has been in session since Friday last and while no announcements of important business completed have as yet been made, no doubt a considerable amount of routine matter has been put through. Before concluding the present series of meetings the Cabinet will in all probability make a number of appointments which cannot very well be delayed for a much longer time. These will include the two civil service commissioners, to whom will be given the responsibility of carrying out the provisions of the act passed at the last session and which comes into force on the first of September. The railway commission has been enlarged and three new members must be appointed to it. For these offices several names have been mentioned including Hon. H. R. Egmont, Mr. Wm. Whyte, of the Canadian Pacific Railway, Mr. W. Gallier, M.P., of Ottawa and Mayor D'Arcy Scott, of Ottawa. Several others have also been spoken of, but these are the gentlemen most prominently mentioned. Dr. Davidson will not continue in the office of King's Printer. He has for some time been anxious to retire and his wish will be granted. A successor must be appointed, and in addition to this someone should be selected as law clerk to the House of Commons to succeed the late Mr. A. McCord. Two purchasing agents are also to be named.

Other appointments which will probably be dealt with before the general elections include Lieut. Governor for the Province of Quebec and a Senator from Nova Scotia. The government will also name a new commission for the rebuilding of the Quebec bridge. Last on the list there will have to be a large number of officials, not necessarily all new men, to arrange the organization of the old Age Associates scheme recently endorsed. As this will be carried on through the Postoffice Department, it is unlikely that many officials other than those necessary in the central bureau will be appointed.

THE WESTERN FIRES.

It is a fortunate thing for Fernie and those other Kootenay towns, that the fire which has wrought such destruction occurred at this stage of their development. They were all, in a sense, boom towns, hastily constructed and without regard either to convenience or beauty. In this they differed not at all from many other cities in Canada, and it has come to be a proverb that no town is any good until it has been burned. St. John was here long in middle life when the fire here took place and the blow was very severely felt, yet this city has rallied and is now a great deal better in every respect than it would have been had the disaster of 1877 never happened. Fernie and its neighbors have suffered in their earliest years, and while it is true that numbers of modern buildings have been destroyed, still by far the greater number were of boom construction and will be replaced by more attractive and substantial edifices in towns laid out on modern lines. Of course the fire is a great blow and no doubt many of the people are dejected. They have lost all they owned. But the men and women who went to British Columbia and created these towns will not be discouraged by this incident. They are the kind of people who will do to work and do even better in the next few years, and before the end of a decade they will regard with some satisfaction the fire which is now looked upon as a catastrophe.

GETTING NO INFORMATION.

A special committee was appointed some time ago by the Common Council to secure information on the working of various forms of civic government. Alderman Frink, a member of the committee, believes in the commission scheme. Alderman Kelley favors a board of control, while Alderman McGoldrick, who has managed to be elected year after year for a quarter of a century, thinks there is nothing like the present plan. Something approaching a deadlock has arisen. This committee considers it inadvisable to go ahead unless the council is prepared to accept and act upon any report it may make. The council, on the other hand, is naturally unable to say what it will do until it sees the report. This whole affair has very quickly become a farce. The committee evidently does not realize its duty. It was appointed to secure information which may be placed before the council and the people, and it is none of the committee's business whether or not it may make a report. It is the duty of the council to accept or reject the report, and it is the duty of the people to know what the council has done.

structure as to the success, or otherwise, of systems in operation elsewhere. The council has no power to advise the committee whether or not any report that may be presented will be acted upon, because the council itself has no authority to make a change. That is the right of the people alone. Aldermen Kelley and Frink have both displayed some enthusiasm over the systems endorsed by them, and it might reasonably be expected that they would endeavor to further equip themselves with information to be in a position to instruct others instead of now, at the beginning of their work, trying to hold up the council for a promise which would in any event be worthless.

CLOTHES AND THE MAN.

(The problem of securing that the vast native population of South Africa shall be clothed in civilized fashion is one of the most important questions that confront the British colonies in that part of the world.—The Outfitter.)

What severs the Boer and the Briton? What still keeps them sadly apart? And why, as by compact unbroken, To be pressed to a brotherly heart? Do both look askance at the unwritten And squint at the figure That's cut by the miller Who hasn't a rag to his back?

O Africa's coral strand, Where Nature wears a smile, Where orchards glow in the bravest show, And all things grow sans spade or hoe, O wherefore, sun-kissed land, Is man made so vile? Because each loathes his neighbor's clothes And craves sartorial style.

The Briton who's garbed in the fashion Of Bond Street of course is distressed Whenever he speaks To a person whose brooks Have never been properly pressed. How can he dissemble the passion He feels when there passes along A person arrayed in A suit that is made in A style that is hopelessly wrong?

He cannot help a sigh Upon the void to see A knee that bags, a seam that mags, A sleeve that drags, a cuff in rags; However hard he tries A frown will come when he beholds a pair of buttons where Dame Fashion orders three.

As a rule it is foolish to utter Great truths of prophetic kind, But this would appear To be perfectly clear To the most elementary mind— That not all the Tailor and Cutter Is eagerly sold on the Rand, To make the Equator A bit up-to-date, Will harmony dwell in the land.

When quite the latest cry Upon the void you meet, When yellow, white and black delight To wear what's right in Fashion's night, Then racial feuds will die, And each in each will greet A brother dressed in all the best From Bond-to-Nations Street.

Some time since a genial-looking Irish gentleman wanted an empty bottle in which to mix a solution that he wished to prepare, and went into a drug store to make the purchase. Selecting one that suited his purpose, he asked the shopman how much it would be.

"Well," was the reply, "if you just want the empty bottle it will be one penny, but if you want anything in it you can have the bottle free of charge."

"Sure, that's fair," said the witty Celt, "put 'n a cork."

A Mormon's wife coming downstairs one morning met the physician who was attending her husband. "Is he very ill?" she asked anxiously.

"He is," replied the physician, "I fear that the end is not far off."

"Do you think," she asked, hesitatingly, "do you think it proper that I should be at his bedside during his last moments?"

"Yes," said the physician, "but I advise you to hurry, madam. The best places are already being taken."

"We New Yorkers are a busy lot," "Yes," said the visitor, "but each of you undertakes too much. You just go on and watch a horse being hoisted to its feet; then you put it some time on your building operations, and you are supervising this street fair. You New Yorkers ought to divide your duties up."

LIGHTHOUSE KEEPER

WAS FOUND DEAD

NORTH SYDNEY, Aug. 5.—The death whether by suicide or accident is not known, is reported of a Newfoundland lighthouse keeper named Ralston. He belonged to the West Coast and was in charge of the light at Green Island, in the Strait of Belle Isle. The light being unlit for a night or two an investigation was made on which his body was found in the lighthouse with a bullet through the head. The shooting might have been accidental. Residents, however, say that he has been drinking heavily for some days, and this together with a disappointment in a love affair at Port au Basque may have led him to commit suicide.

HALIFAX SOLDIER ATTEMPTED SUICIDE

HALIFAX, N. S., Aug. 6.—Private John Bittner, of S. Company Royal Canadian Regiment, shot himself through the head with a rifle ball at Wellington barracks last night and will probably die. Dependency over being imprisoned recently for violation of the military regulations was the cause of his attempt at self-destruction.

THREE SAVED FROM THE GALLOWS

Death Sentences Commuted by the Cabinet.

Three in Two Days Established a Record—All the Cases Have Excited Much Interest.

OTTAWA, Aug. 6.—Three commutations of death sentences in two days was the record established by the Cabinet yesterday afternoon. On Tuesday the death sentences passed upon a Prince Edward man named Barrette who shot his stepson last spring was commuted on the ground that the killing was not intentional. Yesterday, on the recommendation of the Minister of Justice, the death sentences of the Hamilton Italian named Greco and of Omer Rochette, of Quebec, each of whom were to have been hanged this morning, were commuted to life imprisonment. Greco stabbed a fellow countryman during a quarrel and the latter rather to tuberculosis from which the victim suffered. The trial judge, Sir William Mulock, recommended that the sentence be commuted with the proviso that the Italian of Hamilton should form a society to do away with the carrying of stilettos and other dangerous weapons by their compatriots in this country. This was done and Greco will not go to the gallows. In the case of Rochette whose trial excited so much interest in the Province of Quebec last May, the evidence was purely circumstantial and inconclusive. The prisoner has been given the benefit of the doubt.

JAMES DURKEE WAS SERIOUSLY HURT

Fell From a Scaffolding While Painting Milton School House.

YARMOUTH, Aug. 4.—James Durkee, formerly of Deerfield, but now residing at Yarmouth North, met with a serious and perhaps fatal accident this morning. He was employed in painting the Milton School House, and was working on a scaffolding suspended about 15 feet from the ground. In some way he fell off the end of it and when picked up he was unconscious. Dr. Webster was hastily called, and attended him for the accident a few minutes after its occurrence. The injured man was conveyed to the residence of W. A. Larson, where it was found that his injuries were most severe, including a bad one to the head, a fracture of one of the hips, and the spraining of both wrists. It is feared that he has also suffered internal injuries. It was determined upon shortly after the accident the victim remained in a precarious condition, and his recovery is doubtful.

BODY FOUND SIX MONTHS AFTER DISAPPEARANCE

SYDNEY, N. S., Aug. 6.—The mystery that surrounded the disappearance of David Morrison of Dominion No. 4 since the first of February, was cleared up yesterday at the inquest on a body found off the International point yesterday morning. Letters and certificates found in the pockets of his clothing was the means of identification used by the jury, who returned a verdict that the deceased came to his death in a manner that could not be ascertained owing to the advanced state of decomposition. The body was forwarded to Dominion No. 4 where the deceased formerly resided.

MAY BE MURDER OVER PRICE OF A SANDWICH

BRANTFORD, Ont., Aug. 6.—Fred Hebertstadt, wine clerk at Spittal's Hotel, this city, lies fatally hurt as a result of an assault by Edward Hudson, of London, last night. Hudson, who is a cripple, is said to have dealt the victim a vicious blow over the head with a cane when he attempted to charge him for a sandwich which he thought should be free with beer. Hudson was arrested and is being held pending the outcome of the inquest.

"What are you forever kicking for a raise in salary for?" asked the first clerk. "You're getting a good salary ain't you?"

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SUFFRAGISTS ATTACK OYSTER BAY

But Retreat Without Making Any Gains.

OTTAWA, N. Y., Aug. 6.—The suffragette movement of the National Women's Suffrage Society was introduced in Oyster Bay today. Four members of the union appeared during the afternoon and were greeted with a downpour of rain. Later when the weather had cleared they took an automobile and flung to the breeze from it a banner bearing these words: "Votes for Women."

They toured the town scattering literature and informing the villagers that a meeting would be held in the evening.

Heading the party was Mrs. B. Borran Well, of London, England. Her companions were Dr. Maude Glasgow, a New York physician; Miss Margaret Coleman, a woman of Danbury, Conn., and Miss Mary Coleman, a New York lawyer.

The government executive officers early in the day learning of the proposed visit of the suffragettes and the secret service men were informed to keep a lookout for them. Every man of the secret service was at the office or on duty at Sagamore Hill and Joseph P. Murphy, second in command, was sent to the railroad station to have an early view of the visitors.

Mrs. Wells, who says she participated in the demonstrations in London against the House of Commons, explained that President Roosevelt had been informed that they would hold a meeting on the corner in front of a grocery store over which the executive offices are located.

The union has written to the president requesting that he receive several of the members, but the president sent word that he was too busy to see them. It was thought that the suffragettes might go to Sagamore Hill and make an attempt there to see the president, but in the three hours before their departure the town and the hill did not venture near the president's home.

At the appointed time, 7:30 o'clock, the suffragettes gathered before the grocery store, but to their evident disappointment no one came. A small company of men were present, but after a short wait Mrs. Wells announced that the meeting would be held. The party took a train for New York, after saying that they would return and hold a meeting some day next week. During the day the Sagamore Hill grounds were closed to all outsiders.

Law Sellers—who is well known here, having learned his trade at stone cutting and worked in the trade for some years—met with a serious accident at Black's Harbor on Tuesday last. He was engaged in kicking cans for kippers when he fell into a large oval one and pressed the flat tin into his head. The tin was caught and the young man's hand was caught and four fingers taken off. Dr. Alexander was called and dressed the injury. Much sympathy is expressed for Mr. Sellers, who is a general favorite.—Greetings.

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MARRIAGES

BLAKE-BARNES—On August 5th, at Bonnie Brea, 239 Rockland Road, by Rev. Robert Wilson, Ph. D., Frank H. Blake of Hillsboro, Albert Co., to Mabel A. Barnes of Boston, Mass.

THE TURKISH COMIC OPERA

CONSTANTINOPLE, Aug. 6.—Said Pasha, the grand vizier, and the newly formed ministry have resigned. The Sultan has accepted the resignations, and has invited Jemmeddin Effendi, the Sheikh-ul-Islam, and Kiamli Pasha to form a new cabinet. The newspapers assert that Mehmed Ali Bey, Minister to the United States, has been relieved of his functions.

The notorious Fenna Pasha, former President of the Council, has been seen at Yenishahr, in the Villet of Brusa, Asia Minor.

Quietly, but none the less steadily, St. Andrews is going forward as a summer resort. The increase of cottage population is, perhaps, the best sign of growth, as it is the best kind. People do not begin to take an interest in a place until they have invested a few dollars in it. Where the treasures are there the heart will be also.—Beacon.

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ZEPPELIN'S AIRSHIP TOTALLY DESTROYED

Explosion Followed by Fire the Cause.

Airship Had Descended for Repairs to a Motor When the Catastrophe Occurred.

POCHERDINGEN, Aug. 6.—Count Zeppelin's airship was destroyed yesterday by fire due to the explosion of a quantity of benzine.

The airship left Mayence on the homeward journey when it was found that one of the motors was not working well. When over Pocherdingen the count decided to descend to dry land, a feat which had not before been attempted, to make repairs. The descent was safely made and the engineers set about repairing the motor.

An immense crowd of nearly 40,000 people gathered from surrounding districts to see the balloon.

In the afternoon a breeze sprang up and tore the airship from its moorings, carrying with it a number of soldiers who were holding it.

As it struck the ground again the explosion occurred and flames shot up from the front of the balloon which was quickly consumed, leaving only a charred mass of twisted metal.

The count was almost heart broken at the occurrence.

Some of the soldiers were injured and the four engineers on the airship were burned, but not fatally.

While handling fish on the factory wharf at Beaver Harbor on Friday last, Mr. Wm. Berry slipped and fell over, going down twenty-five feet to the hard shore and striking on his back. Apparently no bones were broken but the young man suffered dreadful internal pains. Dr. Alexander is in attendance and has every hope for the young man. Mr. Berry, Daniel and John A. Thompson recently purchased the business of the Beaver Harbor Trading Co. from Messrs. Connors Bros. He is a young man of sterling character, married and it is sincerely hoped his injuries will not prove fatal.—Greetings.

Preston Holmes, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Holmes, who was recently operated on in the Chipman hospital for a fractured skull (caused by falling through a wharf at St. Andrews) has been taken to his home at The Lodge and is now pronounced out of danger. It is rare that a person so terribly injured as this lad was escapes death.—Beacon.

Chief Game Warden Dean, of Musquash, was in the city yesterday and appointed Mr. W. A. Lindsay a special game warden for the Counties of York and Sunbury.

Mr. Lindsay has had a great deal of experience in the woods and ought to make a good warden. He will leave this afternoon on the Portabella stream to investigate the reports of illegal moose killing, which lately emanated from that locality.—Herald.

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