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WENDALL P. JONES NEW SOLICITOR-GENERAL

Hon. F. J. Sweeney Shifts to Be Surveyor

Changes in Premier Tweedie's Government are Now Known -- Will Be Sworn In at Chatham Tuesday -- New Honourable is a Prominent Young Carleton County Lawyer.

Mr. F. J. Sweeney, solicitor general, has been appointed surveyor general, in succession to Hon. A. T. Dunn, and Mr. Jones's place in the government has been filled by the appointment of Wendall P. Jones, of Woodstock, one of Carleton county's representatives in the local legislature.

Mr. Sweeney and Jones will be sworn in before the lieutenant-governor at Chatham on Tuesday next.

Mr. Jones must come back to the province for re-election and the date on which the Carleton county people will vote for him probably be Feb. 24, with nominations on Feb. 17.

There is a general feeling in Woodstock, and in the surrounding districts, that Mr. Jones is not to be opposed, as the people were pleased with the prospect, which would become a reality, of having their representative in the government.

Mr. Jones had been appointed surveyor general, but that paper was misinterpreted, and the facts are as here given.

Mr. Jones arrived in the city on the late train Thursday night, and is at the hotel, and the premier, who has been sending several busy days here, had a conference with him yesterday.

Mr. Jones is thirty-nine years of age, was born on Nov. 25, 1866, in Woodstock, the son of Randolph K. Jones, late of Woodstock. Mr. Jones, who is a member of the local legislature in 1874, is an opponent of the King government, and has been in the house since 1888.

Mr. Jones is a good speaker, and in private life affable and courteous. His wife, who he married in 1888, is the daughter of Charles D. Jordan, formerly of St. John, and now C. P. R. agent at Woodstock.

Since beginning practice of his profession, Mr. Jones has had a good deal of experience, much of it in criminal work in Carleton and Victoria counties.

Hon. Mr. Sweeney will be congratulated by many friends on his appointment as surveyor general. He has been some little time in the government as solicitor general. There is yet to be appointed a member of the government without portfolio. The announcement of the appointments made will be read with much interest throughout the province.

NINE SCHOONERS STILL FROZEN IN AT VINEYARD HAVEN

Vineyard Haven, Mass., Feb. 2.—There is less ice in Vineyard Sound today between Gay Head and Cottage City, than for several days. The floating ice is gradually working to the eastward, and with continuance of westerly winds will in a few days be driven out through Nantucket Shoals. What ice there now is in Vineyard Sound is not sufficiently heavy to be a menace to sailing vessels with fresh breezes. The heaviest ice is along the east side of the inner harbor, where nine schooners are frozen in, and crews have been walking to and from the vessels to shore.

WICKERY SENT UP ON FORGERY CHARGE

Amherst, N. S., Feb. 2.—(Special)—Frank S. Wickery, arrested Sunday last charged with forging his father's endorsement, to a \$40 note on the Bank of Nova Scotia, Oxford, has been sent up for trial at the supreme court. He was admitted to bail.

Call Declined. Truro, N. S., Feb. 2.—(Special)—Rev. R. P. Murray, of the North River and Harmony Presbyterian congregation, has received and declined a call to the Wallace Presbyterian church.



WENDALL P. JONES The New Solicitor-General of New Brunswick

TWO FIREMEN HURT IN \$150,000 FIRE AT GLOUCESTER, MASS.

Gloicester, Mass., Feb. 2.—A fire broke out in the Tappan block at 9 o'clock last night and at 12:30 o'clock this morning was still burning fiercely. The loss at that hour was estimated at \$150,000, partly covered by insurance.

The extreme cold weather was a great handicap to the firemen and their ladders, engines and hoses were coated with ice and the clothing of many of the firemen was frozen from head to foot.

Two firemen, Samuel McQuinn and Frank Smith, were injured. Smith fell from a ladder which was coated with ice and sustained a broken leg. McQuinn, who was one of the first on the scene, slipped and fell through an open coal hole into a cellar 15 feet below.

Mr. Foster agreed with the premier that it would be impossible to wipe out the force for many years to come.

Interior Department Report. The annual report of the interior department was presented to parliament today. Most of the statistics, such as home-stead entries and immigration returns, have already been published.

The steady increase in the flow of immigration that has been directed towards this country, the interest aroused amongst United States capitalists as to its possibilities, the attention which the wealth of its agricultural and other natural resources commands today in Great Britain, and even in some of the most important British colonies clearly show that Canada has at last emerged from its state of semi-stagnation in which it had remained for so many years, and its future advance, as judged by the remarkable progress of the past few years, must henceforth be by leaps and bounds.

That Canada, however, should be a nation of 15,000,000 or 20,000,000 inhabitants within a comparatively few years and there are strong grounds for such belief from present indications, is a consummation to be sincerely wished for.

But the question of number, desirable as it may be, is not the chief result aimed at by the government. The social character of the people that are being added to our population and their adaptability to become loyal, progressive and contented citizens are considered to be a matter of far greater moment. In this endeavor, I am glad to say the department has been highly successful, as a careful analysis of the result of the work, both as regards the number of new arrivals and the desirable character which they belong will amply testify.

Bad Accident at Dorchester. Dorchester, N. B., Feb. 2.—(Special)—A bad accident occurred today at Vetal Blaine, who was felling a tree, by not noticing that a sapling had lodged in the branches. In jumping clear of the heavy tree he came directly under the falling sapling, receiving the full force of the blow, dislocating the shoulder and fracturing the collar bone. His fellow workmen say it was a narrow escape from instant death.

BRITISH EMBARGO ON CANADA'S CATTLE UP IN PARLIAMENT

Hon. Mr. Fisher Says Government is Using All Means to Have It Removed

MUST RETAIN POLICE

More Need of Mounted Force in the Northwest Than Ever, Says Premier—Their Pay to Be Increased—Interior Department Report a Glowing One.

Ottawa, Feb. 2.—(Special)—The business of the house of commons opened today with the question of the British embargo on Canadian cattle.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier replied to the last question that Mr. Fisher asked in Canada with the permission of the minister of the interior. To all the other questions the premier answered "No."

Hon. Sydney Fisher said that the government was using every possible means to have the embargo removed.

More Pay for Mounted Police. Sir Wilfrid Laurier's bill to increase the officers pay in the Northwest Mounted Police by \$400 a year and to increase the men's pay 25 cents a day was read a third time.

Police Burying Warsaw Victims. Bodies Taken from Homes and Relatives Not Permitted Near Them

Russian Losses Grow. 13,000 is Now the Figure—Oyama Says Japs Lost 7,000 in Hun River Battle—Russia to Build Another Navy.

Warsaw, Feb. 2.—All the bodies of those killed in riots have been removed from their homes to police stations. The relatives are not allowed to bury them.

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Hay-Bond Treaty Up in U. S. Senate. Newfoundland Government Has Offered Some Concessions to American Fishermen.

Washington, Feb. 2.—The Hay-Bond reciprocity treaty between the United States and Newfoundland was called up by Senator Lodge today in the meeting of the senate committee on foreign relations.

Newfoundland Coast Blocked With Ice. St. John's, Nfld., Feb. 2.—Owing to the ice blocking the entire coast line, except the southern seaboard, is now closed against shipping.

VERMONT MURDERESS WILL NOT HANG TODAY

Governor Bell Repeives Mrs. Rogers for Four Months

Last Rites Had Been Administered Woman; Gallows Were in Readiness, and Sheriff in State of Collapse When Word Came That Made Them All Happy-- Story of the Diabolical Murder.

Windsor, Vt., Feb. 2.—A few hours after receiving the last rites of the Catholic church, and hearing her father confessor read the prayers for the dying, Mrs. Mary M. Rogers, who was sentenced to die upon the gallows tomorrow afternoon, bided her time with amusements and the announcement of High Sheriff Henry H. Peck that Governor Charles J. Bell had granted her a reprieve of four months.

The news from Montpelier that the governor had consented to defer the execution of Mrs. Rogers came as a surprise not only to the condemned woman, but also to the sheriff, his deputies and the prison officials, as it had been generally accepted by all connected with the case that the governor would refuse to interfere with the sentence of the courts.

When the news of Governor Bell's action was carried to the prison by a representative of the Associated Press, the officials hesitated to believe the announcement, until Governor Bell called up E. W. Oakes, the prison superintendent, by long distance telephone, and formally notified him that Mrs. Rogers had been granted a reprieve.

The condemned woman, who had been in the west wing of the prison, a heavy black curtain hanging from the guard room window shutting the gruesome machinery of death from public view.

When Sheriff Peck came out of the cell room where he had lingered to watch the carpenters at their work of dismantling the gallows, his face was wreathed in smiles. The sheriff said that the "lark" he had just performed was the most gratifying thing he had ever done in his official career.

A peculiar duty will devolve upon Sheriff Peck tomorrow morning. Although the execution will not take place before June 2, if it takes place at all, the sheriff tomorrow, the date set by the court for the hanging, will be obliged to visit Mrs. Rogers in her cell and read to her the warrant for her death.

When the fact became known here that Governor Bell had granted the petition for a stay of execution, the news spread rapidly through the town, and tonight is the sole topic of conversation. Yesterday it was believed that Mrs. Rogers would be executed tomorrow, but after Sheriff Peck and his deputies returned from Montpelier it was generally accepted that the governor would not interfere with the execution.

The residents of the town generally seemed pleased that a reprieve had been granted, not so much because of any doubt as to the woman's guilt, but because they did not care to have an execution in the town.

Guard Harpin was informed in the letter that if he should write to the author his promise to deliver to Mrs. Mary M. Rogers, the convicted murderess, a package of poison, the author of the letter would send \$200 more in payment for his services.

No poison was contained in the letter, but the writer agreed to send a package of poison to Harpin if the latter was willing to undertake the commission. Guard Harpin in turn delivered it to E. W. Oakes, the superintendent of the prison. Supt. Oakes called the attention of Governor Charles J. Bell to the matter and the letter at once placed the letter in the hands of the postal authorities. It could not be learned tonight whether any arrests in connection with the matter had been made.

Story of the Murder. The crime for which Mrs. Mabel was sentenced to death was the murder of her husband, Marcus Rogers, at St. John's, Nfld., in 1902. Mrs. Rogers was only nineteen years old at the time she was married. Her mother, Mrs. Callahan, lives at North Hoque.

For some time previous to August 1, 1902, she was in the company of her mother. (Continued on page 3, fifth column.)

ONLY ONE CANDIDATE FOR FREDERICTON'S MAYOR

J. Hugh Calder Declines to Run, Leaving Ald. Farrell Alone—Supreme Court Matters.

Fredericton, Feb. 2.—(Special)—The case of McOuteboun vs. Durrach occupied the attention of the supreme court this morning.

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Case of Adams vs. Alcroft will be taken up tomorrow.

Hon. John P. Burchill, of Nelson, who is mentioned as government candidate for the vacant seat of Northumberland, is in the city.

J. Hugh Calder states today that for purely private and personal reasons he will not be able to accede to the wishes expressed by many of his friends and allow his name to be put in nomination for the city council this year.

This leaves Ald. Farrell as the only candidate in the field.

Mrs. Gilman Mersereau, daughter of Mrs. George Scott, of Fredericton, who died last night after a week's illness from appendicitis. She was twenty-six years of age, and leaves a widowed mother, but no children.

Stephen S. B. Massie, formerly of this city, brother of A. E. Massie, was married last week at Berkeley Temple, Boston, to Miss Ethel Witcher, formerly of New Hampshire.

Dr. A. E. Ealey, of Hartland, has sold his practice to Dr. McIntosh, a recent graduate of McGill, who is expected to arrive at Hartland this week.

At the prison the officials refused to discuss the matter, Governor Bell having sent instructions to Superintendent Oakes that neither he nor any of the wardens or guards should talk about Mrs. Rogers or the pending execution. Even an inquiry regarding the room in which the gallows was erected, was referred to Governor Bell or the prison commissioners for an answer.

Last Rites of the Church. When Father Delaney, pastor of the Roman Catholic church here, visited the prison today he found Mrs. Rogers calmly waiting death. In the presence of the death watch and one or two other persons, the priest administered the last rites of the church to the woman, and spoke words of comfort to her. Mrs. Rogers took the priest that she was resigned to her fate, had forgiven her enemies and felt no resentment toward any person connected either with the prosecution of her case or the execution of the law.

After leaving the prison, Father Delaney said that Mrs. Rogers appeared cheerful, although she had abandoned all hope for a stay of execution.

It was 2:41 p. m. when Sheriff Peck, Superintendent Oakes and States Attorney Bachelier appeared at the door of the death cell, where they were joined a moment later by Prison Chaplain Fuller.

The sound of hammering reverberated through the cell room. The prison carpenters had begun to take down the gallows as soon as the governor's message was received, but the woman in her cell heard the sound and believed that it was caused by the work of erecting the structure upon which she would die the next day.

As the party, with the sheriff in the lead, approached the grated door, Mrs. Rogers was seated at a table writing a letter to her mother. Believing that the sheriff had come to read the death warrant, she arose and moved toward the door of the cell.

Sheriff Peck had never seen Mrs. Rogers before that moment. Walking up to the door, he said: "Mrs. Rogers, I am the sheriff. I have brought you good news."

"I am glad to meet you, Mr. Sheriff," said Mrs. Rogers, as she extended her hand through the grating. "I have often heard of you, but I have never met you before. What is the good news?"

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