

LITTLE RESULT FROM INQUIRY

Colonel Anderson Gives More of His Opinions of Mr. Fraser

OBJECTIONS TO REPORT

Mr. Willson Examined Regarding His Relations With Government

Ottawa, May 12.—Denials by half a dozen of the employees of the marine and fisheries department that any knowledge of any tampering with official files or removing letters from the department was the outstanding feature of the investigation of the late Mr. J. C. Fraser, who was either Judge Cassels or G. H. Watson, K.C., warning them of such tampering, but they both denied having received any such communication. Deputy Minister Gourdeau admitted that he had no official documents in his office, but he had been told by the chief engineer that the principal witness under examination. He had no information concerning any misdeed that had been committed in the department. They were all thieves and liars, according to the chief engineer. Returning to the Fraser case, Mr. Anderson said Mr. Fraser was formerly an assistant of his, had secured his appointment behind the back of his chief, and had been guilty of a breach of professional etiquette. He had disrupted his work, and Mr. Anderson also thought that Mr. Fraser was placed in his position to exploit the use of cocaine for his private gain and to lull the public.

When Judge Cassels resumed the inquiry this morning, the feature of his evidence was the statement that there was only one man in the department whom he suspected, and that was J. C. Fraser, commissioner of lights, but he admitted, however, that he had not found any evidence to support his suspicion. He denied knowledge of any tampering with official files, and he denied any commissions being paid to anyone in the department. He commented severely on the civil service commission report, declaring that much of it was founded on a misconception of facts. Judge Cassels remarked that the way the commission's report was printed tended to confuse, that what had been meant for original comment was run in as part of a "terrible narrative."

Asked whether the words "lack of confidence" in the report applied to employees of the department, Col. Anderson said that was only one of the things that one man, J. C. Fraser, had done. At the afternoon session T. L. Willson said the Ottawa Caribbe company had lost \$130,000 since it had begun business. He denied that Hon. James Smith had had any interest in the case of the International Marine company. The business the company had had with the government had averaged about a quarter of a million per year. The Canadian government had been charged the same price as every other company.

Judge Cassels said that the witness need not show how the buoy cost him to make.

At the conclusion of the day's sitting Judge Cassels announced that he was leaving for the maritime provinces and would be away for two weeks, so the inquiry was adjourned sine die.

RAILWAY MEN ARE HOPEFUL

Decrease in Earnings For Earlier Part of This Year Regarded as Temporary Incident

Montreal, May 12.—The traffic earnings of the C.P.R. for the week ending May 7, 1908, were \$1,482,000 compared with \$1,482,000 for the same week a year ago, a decrease of \$316,000.

While the earnings of both the C.P.R. and the G.T.R. are again recorded as showing a decline for the first week of May, there is general feeling of optimism in railway circles that the worst of the period of depression has passed. It is pointed out by several railway financial men that while the figures being shown week by week during this year are most regrettable, year's returns, these could hardly be accepted as a fair criterion, since the early part of last year was the most phenomenal period of railway progress ever known in Canada. It is not expected that at any time this year the earnings will approach those of 1907, but the figures showed that the railway of the Dominion are holding their own and not showing any retrograde steps so far as this season is concerned.

Third Vice President Ogden, of the C.P.R., in charge of financial matters, takes a decidedly optimistic view of conditions. He pointed out in an interview that although Canada's railways were far behind last year's figures, they are still doing a pretty good business, and there is every prospect of a fairly good summer, present conditions being only a temporary incident.

This, of course, would not look big as compared with the remarkable return of last year, but it was not a matter to cause worry, Mr. Ogden remarked, was strengthened by reports coming in every day of splendid operating conditions in the west. Mr. Ogden remarked that by early fall the C.P.R. would not be complaining of any surplus earnings.

Puts Ban on "Sake."
Honolulu, May 11.—A determination exists among the Japanese laborers in Hawaii over the recent putting into force of the Federal Pure Food Law with relation to the importation of "Sake" the Japanese national alcoholic beverage. The discovery that all of the product imported to the territory was preserved with methyl acid, responsible for the edict against it, by the government inspectors.

Crop Prospects

Winnipeg, May 12.—The crop report issued by the Canadian Pacific railway today shows wheat seedling to be completed in most parts of Western Canada. In some districts wheat is four inches high, splendid showing for this time of the year, and promising an exceptional harvest.

Clergyman's Sudden Death

Toronto, May 12.—While making a call on John Mollimer, Wallace avenue, in connection with the business of the church last evening, Rev. Wm. Cooper, of St. Martin's Anglican church, Perth avenue, died suddenly of heart failure. He was 73 years of age.

Village Destroyed

Foughkeeps, N.Y., May 12.—A fire caused by a strong southwest wind practically destroyed the little settlement at Barrytown Landing, on the New York Central railway, twenty-three miles north of this city today. No estimate of the loss can be made at this time. The origin of the fire is unexplained.

Cotton Strike Spreads

Montreal, May 12.—There were further developments in the cotton operating strike today, with the ployers of St. Anne's mill, Hochelaga, went on strike in sympathy with the millworkers. About the same number of employees of the Dominion Textile company. About the same number of employees of the Dominion Textile company. About the same number of employees of the Dominion Textile company.

Charged With Swindling

Montreal, May 12.—Samuel Sevitz and Paul Messier, labor agents, were arrested today on the charge of swindling. The complainants, nearly 30 in number, who are mostly Austrians, declare they gave them \$200,000, and that they had been promised a big job on Monday morning in a construction camp, but when they went around on the appointed morning the accused called on the police to disperse them because they had congregated around their offices.

P. E. ISLAND AGHAST OVER FOUL MURDER

Young Farmer Deliberately Shot By Neighbor in Girl's Presence

Summerside P.E.I., May 12.—One of the most sensational murders that ever occurred in this almost crimeless province occurred on Sunday at Summerside, P.E.I., a village five miles from here. The victim is Joseph McMillan, 25 years of age, a prominent farmer, and his slayer is a young Doeherty, aged 21.

On Sunday afternoon McMillan, accompanied by his sister, was walking along the railway track. When about half past five o'clock they were overtaken by a man, Doeherty, who was carrying a revolver. He had a revolver in his hand, and he said, "Hold on, he said."

"Yes," replied Doeherty, and pulled the trigger. A .22-caliber bullet crashed into McMillan's heart. As he lay on the ground, Doeherty put two more bullets into the head of his victim. The deed was done in the presence of a young woman, Miss McMillan, who was standing nearby.

In a statement Doeherty said he had no quarrel with McMillan; he was just a jealous man. He said that he had been in love with Miss McMillan, and that he had been rejected. He said that he had been in love with her for three years.

The affair has created intense excitement all over the province.

STEAMER OTTAWA ARRIVES

Captain Relates Experiences in Collision With Norwegian Collier in St. Lawrence

Montreal, May 12.—The steamer Ottawa, which yesterday reported as having been in collision with the collier Trol, below Fame point, Quebec, arrived here today. Captain Evans reported that the collision occurred in a dense fog early on Monday morning. Both vessels were going slowly at the time they struck, and the collision was not serious. The Trol was damaged, but the Ottawa was not.

The passengers on the Ottawa were at first greatly excited, but good discipline was maintained, and Captain Evans was soon able to assure them that they were in no danger. The Ottawa has a portion of the Trol's crew on board.

Died of Heart Failure.
Fergus, Ont., May 12.—John Temple, carriage builder and senior member of the firm of Temple & Co., and father of J. T. Temple of the Fergus News-Record, died suddenly today of heart failure.

Standard Oil in Court.
Rochester, N.Y., May 12.—The case of the government against the Standard Oil company, which is charged with taking rebates from railroads, was put on trial this morning at the opening of the spring term of the federal court before Judge Hazel.

The case is being tried on indictments found at Jamestown, and arises over the shipment of oil made from Olean, Rutland and Bellevue Falls, Vt. The company is indicted on 55 counts.

FIRE'S RAVAGES

Railway Construction Camp Has Narrow Escape—Prairie Farmers Burned Out

Edmonton, May 11.—Charles Thompson, contractor on the Grand Trunk Pacific, seventy miles west of Hazelton, in a report of devastating bush fires which swept through the district last week, advised that a large area of timber were destroyed, and the construction camp was only saved by

the strenuous work of men engaged on the grade, who worked all Thursday night, when the wind suddenly veered and the camp was saved.

Bad prairie fires are sweeping over northern Saskatchewan, and dozens of farmers are buried out in the wooded belt around Bosthern, Battleford and Fording.

Old Politician Dead

Troy, N.Y., May 11.—John A. Quackenbush, Republican member of the 51st and 52nd congresses, died at his home near Stillwater, N.Y. today. He was for years prominent in Republican politics here. He was 80 years old.

Inmate Man's Suicide

Edmonton, May 11.—Charles Pethrick, an Austrian, aged 23, was drowned in the Saskatchewan river on Saturday afternoon. In a fit of insanity he crawled on a log boom on the river, traversed it from end to end, then jumped into the river, sinking to the bottom.

AMERICAN REPUBLICS

Laying of Corner Stone of Building to Be Erected at Washington for New International Union

Washington, May 11.—The corner stone of the proposed headquarters of the American Republics, or as Secretary Root aptly called it, "a temple dedicated to international fellowship," was laid today. Three thousand persons, including many distinguished men, occupied seats on stands composed of a great quadrangle. During the ceremony the flag of each of the score and one of the republics was carried aloft by a blue jacket from the Washington navy yard.

John Barrett, the director of the Bureau of the United States Secretary of State as the presiding officer. Cardinal Gibbons made the invocation. There were addresses by the President, Secretary Root, Andrew Carnegie, and Brazilian Ambassador Nabuco, and the chief of the mission of the Latin-American republics. Bishop Cranston pronounced the benediction.

When Mr. Barrett read cables of congratulations from the presidents of the American republics, it was noted that there had been no response to the invitation to contribute to the symposium. From President Castro, of Venezuela, there was no public explanation of President Castro's failure to send a despatch. Following the laying of the corner stone, the participants then retired.

Fire in Tonopah

Tonopah, Nev., May 12.—Fire last night completely destroyed the Palace hotel, causing a loss estimated at \$125,000. There was no insurance on the hotel. The fire was caused by a gas leak in the kitchen. The hotel was a large building, and it was a great loss to the community.

STATEMENTS FILED BY MAJOR HODGINS

Committee Furnished With Names of Witnesses and List of Papers

Ottawa, May 12.—Inquiry into Major Hodgins' charges in connection with the construction of the transcontinental railway was adjourned until tomorrow.

Counsel for Major Hodgins filed statements of the charges and the names of witnesses. The committee was furnished with a list of papers.

Major Hodgins reiterated that the root of the trouble was over-classification. The transcontinental railway was a matter of the company who are buying the steamer.

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GOVERNMENT PURCHASES
Senator Macdonald's Resolution Averse to Dealing With Middlemen

Ottawa, May 12.—In the senate today a motion of Senator Macdonald, of British Columbia, that "in the opinion of the senate, purchasing through middlemen by the government should be discontinued," was adopted.

The motion was adopted by a vote of 10 to 8. The government has been purchasing through middlemen for some time, and the motion was a direct challenge to this practice.

HAWAIIAN CHINESE
Entertain Hope of Having Bars on American Mainland Lowered For Their Entrance

Honolulu, May 11.—The Chinese of Hawaii have been invited to participate in a campaign to be prosecuted on the American mainland in an effort to modify public opinion with reference to the admission of Chinese immigrants to Hawaii. It is hoped that by the time of the next session of congress the modification of the present restrictions may be secured. To this end a considerable fund has been raised by the Chinese community in Hawaii, and the newspapers throughout the country.

OPPOSITION VESSEL FOR VANCOUVER

Joshua Green, of International Steamship Co., Comes to Make Arrangements

TALKS OF THE RATE WAR

Indianapolis, Whatcom or the Rosalie Between Victoria and Vancouver

(From Tuesday's Daily)
Joshua Green, manager of the International Steamship company, operating the steamer Chippewa, arrived from Seattle yesterday as one of the 55 passengers of that vessel. In an interview with a Colonist reporter, he stated that the object of his visit was to make arrangements with the local shipping inspectors to inspect one of the steamers of his company which was to be sold to a friendly corporation to be formed at Vancouver.

This will purchase the vessel, and after paying duty, transfer her to the British flag and operate days between Victoria and Vancouver in opposition to the C.P.R. on that route.

In answer to a question as to which vessel was to be used, Mr. Green said: "The vessel to be purchased by the Vancouver company, and mind you, we will have no connection with the Vancouver corporation, although it will be a friendly concern and work with us, either the Indianapolis, Whatcom or Rosalie. I do not know yet which of the steamers will be sold, but I believe she will be operated between Victoria and Vancouver, and I believe she will be operated between Victoria and Vancouver, and I believe she will be operated between Victoria and Vancouver."

"One of my objects in coming here today was to make arrangements with the steamboat inspectors regarding the inspection of the vessel. It is a complete matter, and I believe she will be operated between Victoria and Vancouver, and I believe she will be operated between Victoria and Vancouver, and I believe she will be operated between Victoria and Vancouver."

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SASKATCHEWAN DEAL IN SCHOOL BOOKS
Mr. Haultain Shows That Government Has Made a Faulty Bargain

Regina, May 11.—Mr. Haultain made his statement on the question of free text books in the legislative assembly, and characterized the deal as improvident, profligate and improper. The actions of the minister of education, Mr. Brown, were such as would give rise to suspicion, although he was forced to admit that he had no objection to the deal.

"Probably," replied Mr. Green, "the rates are high now on that route and a steamer operating at a loss would be a matter for the company who are buying the steamer."

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JAPANESE FOR HAWAII
Vice-Consul at Honolulu Says Home Government Will Not Alotgether Stop Emigration

Honolulu, May 11.—K. Abe, the Japanese vice consul, who arrived here yesterday, has been interviewed by the cable reports that the Japanese government has, or expects to entirely eliminate the emigration of Japanese to Hawaii. The government, he says, has however, become very strict in issuing passports and unless an applicant can prove conclusively that he has relatives living in Hawaii, he will be turned down.

Consul General Mikki states that as a measure to prevent fraud, practically all Japanese who desire to come here from Japan must show a certificate signed by the Japanese consul in Honolulu, of the residence of the relative claimed.

"The Japanese foreign department have lately directed Japan to make the prices being paid the Morang company under the contract were 40 per cent higher than those offered by the Canadian Publishing company, and on the order for sixty-five thousand books of the five grades which the government has given to Morang as a starter, he said they would have to pay \$12,850, while for \$3,235, the same order could have been duplicated under the Canadian Publishing company's offer. The reason for the government accepting such a deal, he said, was not other than a personal bias of the Commissioner of Education, and he said the object throughout had been to give the money to a trust for the Morang company for 10 years, as well as to help out the minister's college chum and friend, Mr. Seal.

The house met in night session, when Government members continued the debate on the bill to provide free text books for the schools of the province.

PLAQUE IN LA GUAYRA
Desperate Conditions in Venezuelan Town Minister Urges United States to Intervene

Williamsstadt, May 11.—W. W. Russell, the American minister to Venezuela, called today on the Caracas for United States, where he will spend his vacation of two months. That there is a serious situation in Venezuela, between the United States and Venezuela was shown by the fact that none of the Venezuelan officers were on hand at Puerto Cabello yesterday to bid Mr. Russell good-bye.

The official consul at La Guayra is still in the city, without the means of communication because of the plague, and it is feared without the necessary means of life. It is thought that the United States may send a gunboat there for the purpose of transferring the consul, for at present there are no American interests to care for.

For Sale of Douma
St. Petersburg, May 11.—M. Khomakoff's sacrifice of his personal pride in order to safeguard the Douma has won unstinted praise in all quarters. Yesterday on the demand of Premier Stolypin he withdrew the presidential statures on the statement made a few days previously in the Douma by the minister of finance, M. Kokovosoff, who during the course of a debate exclaimed: "Thank God, we have not a parliament in Russia."

M. Khomakoff referred to the minister's remark as an unfortunate expression, and he must withdraw his statement, failing which Premier Stolypin threatened to resign. The fact that Premier Stolypin has been the Douma's friend, M. Khomakoff decided to accede to the premier's request.

Want Prosperity Back

Washington, May 11.—A committee of the National Property Association of St. Louis called on President Roosevelt today to urge his aid in furthering their plans for encouraging the production of property throughout the country. The committee found the president cordial in his reception, and he expressed a willingness to aid them in every possible way.

Methodist Episcopal Church

Baltimore, Md., May 11.—The general conference of the Methodist Episcopal church had a busy day today. It invited the Methodist Protestant church to consolidate with the Methodist Episcopal church, and urged Christians to insist on a true basis for the presidency, denounced race track gambling, called upon the people of New York to support Governor Hughes in his crusade against that evil, and set May 20th as the date for taking up the question of the election of new bishops.

Quarrel Caused Shooting.
Manila, May 12.—The wholesale shooting of soldiers yesterday at Camp and while doing so a few days ago, result of a dispute between Private Beacham and Sergeant Hoy. Private Beacham was shot and killed.

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Honor for Dr. Robert Bell
Ottawa, May 12.—Dr. Robert Bell, of the geological survey has been appointed by the Scottish Meteorological society as their representative at the international congress which meets at Quebec the week following the tercentenary celebration.

Wm. McRobie Dead.
Winnipeg, May 12.—Wm. McRobie, former chief of the Winnipeg fire brigade, and at one time Captain of St. Gabriel street station, Montreal, died here at 4 o'clock this morning. He recently underwent an operation from the effects of which he never recovered. He was 70 years of age.

St. Mary's River Dispute
Ottawa, May 12.—It is understood that the Washington authorities are agreeable to submit to arbitration the case of the proposed diversion of St. Mary's river in the state of Montana into the Milk river, so that justice may be done to settlers on both sides of the boundary.

English Immigrant Killed.
Gorrie, Ont., May 12.—A young Englishman named Hyne died this morning after a long illness. He was a native of England, and had been in Canada for some time. He was killed by a horse while working on a farm.

Private Moir's Defence

London, Ont., May 12.—Private Moir, the murderer of Color Sergeant Lloyd, appeared in the police court today and was remanded until Friday afternoon. It is stated that Moir will seek to prove that he was subject to epileptic fits. Joseph Law, defence counsel, has offered to start a fund to aid him in his defence.

Cobalt Mining Suit

Toronto, May 12.—Messrs. Nell, Johnston, Atkins and Ray, a mining partnership of New Liskeard, are suing George A. Woodward and George W. Plecker, of Toronto, to obtain \$14,000 said to be a balance due under certain agreements between the parties regarding mining deals.

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BACKWARD MOVE BY GOVERNMENT

Sir Wilfrid Proposes Radical Modification of Election Measure

ACCEPTS OPPOSITION VIEW

Allocation of Voters to Be Left to County Court Judges

Ottawa, May 12.—In the House of Commons today Sir Wilfrid Laurier made his expected statement in regard to the amendment to the election act. In order to meet strong opposition to the bill, Sir Wilfrid announced that where provincial constituencies are affected by the proposed changes, the allocation of names