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SOMETHING ABOUT THE MAN WHO'S NOW TACKLING HARDEST JOB IN CANADA

"Jim" Leonard, a Born Railway man, Has Risen in 35 Years From Telegraph Operator to Assistant Manager of Great C.P.R. System.

A splendid type of self-made man, broad of mind, large of heart, and strong of purpose, is the character given by a recent eulogist to James W. Leonard of the C.P.R.

Mr. Leonard is just now looming large in the eye, especially of industrial labor. To him has been given the task of "retrenching." That means reduced staffs or reduced wages—perhaps both.

It is a common saying among railway men that he has a genius for rail-roading. It is the description of genius that Anthony Trollope and others have recognized as the power of sticking at it, combined with natural faculties for organization and execution that has brought him to the front rank. A tireless worker is his reputation.

Away back in 1872, thirty-six years ago, he started as a telegraph operator at Peterboro in charge of the tape in the Midland Railway. In those days messages came in on the tape, as they now do in the brokers' offices.

While there may have been discouraging pauses, the upward climb was very steady in retrospect. From the Midland tape in 1878 he went to be station agent of the Victoria Railway. From December, 1878, till 1880, he was assistant manager of the same road. The next step was as assistant to the general superintendent of the Credit Valley Road, from January, 1880, till November, 1883. Then general passenger agent from Nov. 13, 1883, till May 1884, and at last, master of transportation of the Ontario & Quebec Railway from the latter date till March 17, 1888.

In the meantime, while superintending the Credit Valley road, he married Miss Maguire of Franklin, B.C. He celebrated his silver wedding a year or two years ago, and has one son, aged 23 or so, who has been in the survey branch of the Suburban line.

Promoted to Rapid.

As superintendent of the C.P.R. at Montreal from March 19, 1890, till March, 1893, he enhanced his experience and became superintendent of the Montreal & Quebec division. He was promoted to the position of superintendent of the Montreal & Quebec division in 1893. He was promoted to the position of superintendent of the Montreal & Quebec division in 1893. He was promoted to the position of superintendent of the Montreal & Quebec division in 1893.

Probable That General Elections
in Quebec Will Take Place
Early in June.

MONTREAL, April 27.—(Special.)—There appears to be very little foundation in the story that the Quebec elections are to take place before the fall and that both the federal and the local will go to the country on the same day.

Hon. Lomer Gouin and a good many of his supporters returned from Quebec yesterday and the general impression still prevails that election day has already been decided upon and that by the 10th of June polling day will be a thing of the past.

The statement to the effect that Hon. Adelard Turgeon will retire immediately from the ministry is also incorrect, although it is quite probable that Mr. Turgeon will be appointed to the Canadian Senate if he is again returned to power with his colleagues. It is not certain that he does not do so just now.

The government as it is constituted will go to the country, but a reconstruction will follow closely after. It is quite likely that Dr. Beland, M.P. for Beauce, will leave the federal arena and enter the Gouin ministry as minister of the interior.

It is also said that an Ottawa man will be appointed to succeed Hon. Chas. Langelier, who will shortly become police magistrate in place of Judge Chauveau, who goes to Paris to look after the affairs of the Banque Nationale.

"A DISGUSTED LIBERAL"

Death of Fred LaForest, New Brunswick Politician.

EDMUNSTON, N.B., April 27.—(Special.)—After years of illness with consumption, Fred LaForest, ex-M.L.A., barrister, of this place, and one of the most conspicuous men in the province, died this morning, leaving a wife and four children.

LaForest, who was 41 years old, was Liberal candidate against Hon. John Costigan in 1896, and was defeated. In 1899 he was elected to the legislature for Madawaska, but was defeated when he offered again in 1902. In the parliamentary campaign of 1905 LaForest described himself as "disgusted Liberal."

BANK OF COMMERCE CHANGE

H. B. Walker of New York Appointed
Manager of Montreal Office.

H. B. Walker has been appointed manager of the Montreal office of the Canadian Bank of Commerce. Mr. Walker has been second agent of the bank's New York office for the past three years. For the previous five years he was connected with the Canada Life, having gone over to that institution from the Bank of Commerce. Charles D. McIntosh, assistant manager at Montreal, has been appointed to the New York vacancy.

ARRANGING FOR WEEKLIES.

Hope They May Be Removed Across
the Border.

OTTAWA, April 27.—(Special.)—The postmaster-general is arranging a conference with the Washington authorities whereby Canadian weekly newspapers may be sent across the line and remailed at a cost not to exceed two cents.

WILL BRING HIM BACK.

Detective Kennedy of the city department will leave for London, England, today to bring back Sidney Morris, wanted for theft from Toronto wholesale.

ARBITRATION TO SETTLE C.P.R. DISPUTE

Men Name James Somerville as Their Arbitrator and Ask for Board as Act Provides.

WINNIPEG, Man., April 27.—(Special.)—The trouble between the C.P.R. and the company's workmen will be settled by a board of arbitration.

This was decided by the men Saturday, and an application was filed at Ottawa for a board to be appointed covering disputes of the different organizations under the Lemieux Act.

The mechanics have appointed James Somerville, second vice-president of the machinists, as their arbitrator, but the C.P.R. have not yet announced who is to be their representative. Somerville was in the city last week, but went away Saturday.

Since the application for an arbitration board has been filed it means that the new schedule, which has been filed by the company, will not have any effect, and the old schedule will be adhered to until the decision of the arbitration board is reached. In the meantime the C.P.R. has closed its shops until May 4, owing to lack of work, and about 8000 men are idle.

It will be a matter of not much less than two weeks before the board will sit, so the men will continue under the old rules until that time.

C.N.R. men were in conference with the officials of the company this morning, but no statement was made as to whether any agreement had been reached. It is stated that C.N.R. men will also apply for an arbitration board.

FORGES ART "TREASURES."

New York Dealer Said to Have Assisted in Swindle.

NEW YORK, April 27.—As the result of an enquiry which is being conducted by several of the leading art collectors of this city, together with their counsel, a story has been revealed that cannot fail to arouse the indignation of America and Europe.

These art collectors have reached the conclusion that "for" years the most competent critics and the most discriminating buyers of paintings have been grossly imposed upon by a well known art dealer, who has systematically co-operated with a painter endowed with extraordinary ability not only to finish the uncompleted works of recognized masters, but also to imitate their individual style so successfully as to suggest imitative powers amounting to genius.

So cultured a critic and so excellent a judge of art as Dr. Alexander C. Humphreys, president of the Stevens Institute, is one of many who are believed to have been imposed upon by this spurious work of art thru the collusion of this gifted mimetic artist, and the dealer in paintings who has handled many of the products of his brush.

Three great masters of American landscape painting—Homer, Martin, and Wyand—were among the artists whose work has been most persistently and most successfully imitated, according to the investigators, and these distinguished names are said to have been attached to spurious paintings, many of which have been sold at high prices to unsuspecting purchasers.

It has been estimated that counterfeit examples of paintings have been traced to the amount of not less than \$130,000. Even the great Whistler is said to have been successfully imitated, his immortal name forged on spurious canvases.

CANADA'S NEW CITIZENS.

Two Thousand Arrive in Two Days at Quebec.

OTTAWA, April 27.—The department of immigration has been advised that the season of immigration has opened at Quebec with considerable animation. Between Saturday and Sunday mid-week, two steamers, the Corsican of the Allan Line, the Dominion of the Dominion Line, and the Montfort of the C.P.R. service, landed nearly 2000 immigrants at Quebec, all of prime quality, and all well supplied with funds.

Of these 1200 passed thru Montreal this morning in special trains bound for Winnipeg and points west. The remainder will be distributed between various points in Ontario and the maritime provinces.

OBJECTS TO HIGH MASS

Which is to be Feature of the Quebec Celebration.

MONTREAL, April 27.—(Special.)—Rev. Dr. Gordon, speaking before the Protestant Ministerial Association, today took objection to an item in the program of the Quebec celebration in connection with the celebration of high mass on the Plains of Abraham. He thought such a proposal was out of place in connection with a national celebration.

WORK OF FIRE FIEND.

Has Put Municipal Tramway Out of Business.

AFTER THE SESSIONAL GAME

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SURVIVORS TELL STORY OF SALETTE DISASTER

33 Lives Were Lost in Landslide Which Overwhelmed Little Hamlet in Quebec.

OTTAWA, April 27.—(Special.)—The village of Notre Dame de la Salette presented a scene of desolation and sadness today, where the comfortable homes stood in ruins, broken furniture, twisted iron, broken furniture, clothing, etc. In the school-house the scene is pathetically sad. In ten coffins side by side are the bodies of the twelve victims whose remains have been found; two coffins each containing a mother and her babe.

Three other bodies have been recovered, but they are not yet in the school-house. The dead and all the people who were in the village at the time of the disaster, are said to have been recovered. The dead are: Mrs. Camille Lapointe, aged 71, and her five grandsons—Daniel, aged 19; Edward, 16; Arthur, 13; August, nine, and Henry, seven; Mrs. Paul Desjardins, aged 38; Florina Desjardins, aged 19; and Alisa, five; Mrs. August Lapointe, aged 36, three boys and one girl, aged six to 12 years; Adelard Murray, unmarried, aged 37; Mrs. Joseph Murray, aged 25, and her four children—Anida, aged nine; Wilfrid, eight; Flora seven and Annie six; Mrs. Napoleon Charbon, aged 21, and her three children—Amel, aged five; Joseph, aged two and Joseph William, one; Cleophas Desjardins, aged 34; his wife, aged 35, and their six children—Damiens, aged 11; Wilfrid, nine; Albert, eight; Lucienne, four; Albertine, two, and Alice, six months; George Morrisette, son of Louis Morrisette, aged three.

BOY OR BEER BARREL?

Minister Asks Which Campaign Features Important Point in Hon. Mr. Fisher's Bill—Members Take Sides.

OTTAWA, April 27.—(Special.)—On the third reading of Hon. Mr. Fisher's bill to amend the meat and canned food act, Mr. Marshall (Elgin) objected to an amendment inserted at the request of Mr. MacPherson permitting the first purchaser of canned goods to put his private brand upon the can. Mr. Marshall said the canner had a reputation to maintain and was always anxious to improve his goods.

PRIVATE BRAND ON WHAT OTHERS HAVE CANNED

Mr. Blain, in moving the bill back to the committee to further consider this feature, pointed out that under the amendment the canner who was responsible for the quality of the goods would have no protection. A wholesaler might purchase goods from six different canners and put the same label on all. Thus there would be no guarantee to the purchaser. This firm bought Canadian salmon and other products in canned form, shipped them to England, put their own label on them and sold them all over the world as their own goods.

MAJOR HODGINS' ENQUIRY.

Mr. Borden Wants the Scope Enlarged—Sir Wilfrid Delays.

OTTAWA, April 27.—(Special.)—In the house of commons today Claude Macdonald was informed by the postmaster-general that a one-cent postage stamp for cities was under consideration.

The minister of militia, answering the charges of Major Hodgins contained in the memorandum of the chairman of the National Transcontinental Railway and papers accompanying the same.

ANARCHIST RUN DOWN.

Steve Choles Was Traced all the Way From Hungary.

TRINIDAD, Colo., April 27.—Steve Choles, said to be an anarchist, wanted in Hungary on the charge of being a leader in the recent attempted assassination in that country, was arrested today at Cokeville by a secret service officer from Hungary and will be taken to Denver, from whence he will be removed to New York and deported to Suene, Hungary, for trial.

WANT STRAIGHT MAJORITY.

Saskatchewan Government Receives Temperance People.

REGINA, April 27.—(Special.)—Rev. J. G. Shearer of Toronto is in the city today, attending a conference of the Temperance and Moral Reform Association of the province. Representations will be made to the government this evening, asking for a straight majority on the local option law, and it is understood, the government will adopt this.

AGAINST APPEAL DEBATE WAS BITTER

Controller Hocken Criticizes Spence's Connection With Wm. Mackenzie.

A decision not to appeal further against the quashing of the license reduction bylaw was reached by the city council yesterday, the vote of 15 to 7 indicating how strongly the sentiment ran.

Incidentally Controller Spence was subjected to a severe verbal castigation by Controller Hocken, who charged him with having used the temperance cause as a political machine and with having entered the service of William Mackenzie.

In his reply Controller Spence denied having perverted his official position in the temperance organization, and, while admitting having served Mr. Mackenzie, declared that the business connection had ceased.

The vote on Ald. Keeler's motion to appeal was 15 to 7. For—Controller Spence, Ald. Keeler, Foster, Bengough, Hales, Vaughan and J. J. Graham—7.

Against—The mayor, Controllers Hocken, Harrison and Ward, Ald. MacGhie, Chisholm, Adams, McMurric, Sanderson, Brodie, Churchill, Whytock, McBride and R. H. Graham—15.

Argument for Appeal.

Ald. Keeler, in moving to refer back the controller's adverse recommendation, declared that to desert from appealing would be to thwart the object aimed at in passing the bylaw. He hotly retorted Ald. McBride's reference to an attempt at Saturday night's secret conference to switch the board of control.

Controller Spence urged the uncertainty of licenses being reduced should appeal be abandoned, whereas a favorable decision of the court of appeal would settle the whole matter, and end the agitation and unrest. A judgment given in October would leave more than seven months of the license year. Defeat would be attributable, not to a technically nor the liquor men, but to the reductionists themselves. The opinion of Justice Riddell that the bylaw was sound was that of nearly every legal man consulted.

The future was all uncertainty. A majority of temperance aldermen might not be elected, the issue might be sidetracked on a technicality or legislators might take away council's power.

Controller Hocken said that he had made no secret of his antagonism to the methods used in forcing the issue. Now with three judges to one against the bylaw the matter should be dropped.

"The temperance element that has pressed us in this way has not carried the judgment of the public," he declared. There was applause from the gallery, but the controller made haste to declare that he was no friend to anyone interested in liquor selling.

Speaking of the contention that the judges were prejudiced, he said that if the city could not obtain their approval it was evident that the council had not acted according to public sentiment.

Referring to Controller Spence as the "man behind the bylaw" the speaker declared that Mr. Spence wasn't a safe guide, municipally. The controller had forced futile litigation against the Consumers' Gas Co., costing the city \$3000, and thru him the city had refused to accept a judgment with the street railway and had been responsible for instituting an ill-fated suit costing the city \$11,500 more.

"It is useless to try to put the bylaw into effect unless we carry the truth with us," he declared. "That is why a majority of the people of this city are dissatisfied with the tricky way in which the bylaw was brought in. It would be like to ask when the temperance cause gets its strength. It is not sufficiently strong to elect a controller, with nobody to help. It gets its strength from this moderate man from the man who wants things conducted in an open, above-board fashion. That is the element we have antagonized."

WILL HOLD CONFERENCE.

Shippers Asked to Appoint Their Delegates.

OTTAWA, April 27.—The board of railway commissioners announces that in order to meet the difficulty of reconciling the divergent opinions between the railway companies and the shippers, it has decided to ask the shippers to appoint delegates to a conference that in Montreal, the committee was simply the charges specified by Chairman Parent, whereas the statements of Major Hodgins were set out in the British Columbia papers at great length.

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