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GOVERNMENT BUYS BELL CONVICT KILLS WARDEN

Provincial Government Buys Bell Telephone System in Saskatchewan—Transfer Will be Made on May 1st—To Pay Cash.

The provincial government has completed arrangements for the purchase of the Bell Telephone system in this province. The system will be taken over by the province at the end of the present month.

So far no details as to the price paid or terms of purchase are obtainable, but it is hinted that the price will be paid in cash though this seems hardly possible.

There are thirteen exchanges in the province, namely, Regina, Rosthern, Prince Albert, Balgonie, Qu'Appelle, Sintaluta, Indian Head, Wolsley, Grenfell, Moosomin, Arcola, Battleford and North Battleford. There are also over two hundred miles of long distance lines.

BIG PROFITS FOR PATTEN

The Wheat King Makes About Five Million in Heat—J. J. Hill Thinks the Price Will Not Decrease Very Much.

Chicago, April 17.—The Patten pool has cleaned up between four and five million dollars on May wheat, says the Tribune in a news article today. "Of this amount," Jim Patten has pocketed fully two-thirds.

"Market experts estimate that the broker and his coteries have sold to the public 20,000,000 bushels of May wheat at an average profit of 20 cents, giving them a profit of \$4,000,000, and, besides this he has made substantial profits on July wheat, to say nothing of the September and December operations, which he has scalped in the market for a profit of from two to five cents, making his total winnings not much under \$5,000,000."

New York, April 17.—A special to The Tribune from Washington says: James J. Hill, in discussing the wheat situation with a prominent representative, declares that the price of wheat will never be substantially lower, and that in the near future the United States will be forced to import large quantities of grain to supply its own needs.

He pointed out that the population increases at the rate of 65 per cent, while the yield of wheat and other staple products increases only 25 per cent. From these figures he drew the deduction that sooner or later the demand for wheat would far exceed the supply, and that the price of its products would constantly rise. He gave as an example the large importations of barley last year from the Argentine Republic, although a few years ago the United States raised all the barley it consumed. This same condition would, he said, apply to wheat in the not far distant future.

He said that Patten and his associates had merely taken advantage of a normal situation, which was made apparent to them by their business foresight. He declared that Patten knew there was a decrease in the production of wheat, and a corresponding increase in the demand for it, and in his bull movement he was merely taking advantage of the situation.

Chicago, April 17.—With the wheat market soaring, following his campaign, James A. Patten has found it advisable to install a body guard.

Since the agitation against his manipulation of the wheat market and the people of Chicago have taken cognizance of the fact that the price of bread practically has advanced from 5 to 7 cents a loaf, by reduction in weight, all on account of the abnormally high price of wheat, Jim Patten has had a large colored man constantly in attendance.

Whether or not he has been the recipient of threatening letters from anarchistically inclined citizens, he does not state, but that he has set a careful guard over himself was revealed yesterday, when his personal attendant, the above mentioned colored person, followed at his elbow everywhere he went, and stood within easy reaching distance whenever Mr. Patten came to a standstill.

Prisoner Doing Life Sentence in Edmonton Penitentiary Uses Hatchet on Deputy Warden and Causes His Death.

Edmonton, April 16.—Richard H. Stedman, deputy warden of the Alberta penitentiary was murdered in cold blood this morning at 10:30 in the convict carpenter shop at the penitentiary by Gary R. Barrett, a carpenter convict 55 years of age, who was under life sentence for murder. The convict walked around the end of the bench where he was working with a sharp carpenter hatchet in hand and struck the deputy warden, as he was conversing with Carpenter Instructor Pope, a fearful blow at the base of the skull. Barrett's weapon cut deep into the base of the skull almost severing the head from the body. Stedman fell forward on a bench gasping a call for help, and died a few moments after being rushed to the hospital ward.

Barrett made no attempt to escape but handed the weapon to the instructor and gave himself up to the guards, who came rushing to the scene of the murder. The convict was placed in a cell with a heavy guard over him to prevent his committing suicide.

The deed was not actuated by any outburst of anger on the part of the criminal against the deputy warden neither with any evident view to attempt to escape.

Barrett was sentenced for life for fatally shooting his step-son at Battleford at the beginning of 1908. His term of imprisonment had been substituted for a sentence of hanging. The convict was morose and dejected in disposition and for more than a year which he has spent in Edmonton penitentiary, has been plainly dissatisfied with everything about him. His crime this morning was evidently actuated by a desperately hopeless condition of mind, with no year of consequences and with a long cherished wish to die.

The only incident which could possibly have developed the least spirit of vindictiveness in the mind of the criminal against the deputy warden was that the dead man once declined to comply with the repeated wish of Barrett for a doctor's attendance, saying that he considered the convict in good health.

The murder was committed in the south-east corner of the carpenter shop. There are three carpenter benches in the room, and Barrett together with four other carpenter convicts, was working at the benches under the supervision of Carpenter Instructor Pope.

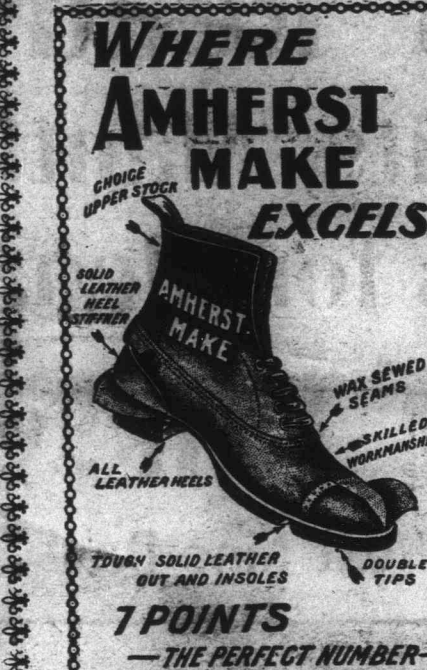
Stedman, the deputy warden, left Warden MacCauley's office and walked almost directly out to the carpenter shop. Entering the door, he passed around the bench at which the convict was working, and up to where the instructor was engaged. He leaned over the bench and began to converse with the instructor. Barrett walked around the end of the bench and stole up behind the deputy warden with the hatchet in his hand. When the other convicts or the instructor became aware of Stedman's danger, and called him, Barrett had raised the weapon in the air and buried it in the deputy warden's neck.

Blood spurted over the bench and tools, and the deputy warden fell forward into the instructor's arms.

Two of the convicts rushed forward and helped to raise the wounded man and staunch the flow of blood, while Inspector Pope ran to warn Warden MacCauley and the guards. There was no need for guards, however, for Barrett quietly laid down his weapon and gave himself up, making no attempt to obtain possession of the revolver or the keys of the jail, which were in the deputy warden's back pocket. Stedman, in the meantime, was being supported in the arms of the two convicts and was gasping out a call to the warden. When the warden arrived blood was trickling from the wound in the man and he never spoke again. He was rushed to the hospital ward but expired in a few moments.

Barrett was taken to a cell in the main building and a guard placed over him. The customary precaution of locking up all other convicts was taken, although on account of the snow and damp weather none of the convicts were outside.

Mrs. Stedman, wife of the deputy warden, who is matron in the female ward of the penitentiary and who ditors, E. L. Crumb, Strathcona and lives in the main building, received news of her husband's death through Grand Secretary, A. D. Callbeck, M. Warden MacCauley who broke the D. Hardisty, Deputy Grand Chaplain, Rev. W. Corbett.



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NATIONAL SCHOOLS

The Provincial Orange Grand Lodge of Alberta Passes Resolutions on School Question—Also Protes Against Change in Coronation Oath.

Edmonton, Alta., April 15.—At the annual gathering of the Provincial Grand Orange Lodge of Alberta an address of welcome was read by Mayor Lee and responded to by E. H. Crandall of Calgary. Addresses followed by Grand Master Carmichael, of Calgary, and Grand Secretary, A. Chapman of Cochrane. It was decided that the next annual convention will open in Calgary, March 18, 1910.

Among the resolutions passed were the following:

"That it is the opinion of this grand lodge that there should be but one system of national schools in the province of Alberta, and that all public moneys set apart for educational purposes should be applied only for the benefit of the national schools."
"That this grand lodge of Alberta strongly protests against any manipulation or alteration of the coronation oath, and recommends that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the chairman of the Protestant Federation of Great Britain, with the intimation that this lodge is unalterably opposed to the passing of any bill conceding privileges to the church of Rome now before the imperial parliament."

The officers for the ensuing year are as follows: Grand Master, W.G. Niblock, Medicine Hat; Deputy Grand Master, A. Chapman, Cochrane; Jr. Grand Master, J. W. Clarke, Calgary; Grand Treasurer, A. Davidson; Grand Secretary, J. M. Neelan, Hardisty; Grand Lecturer, A. R. Carleton, Calgary, Director of ceremonies, R. V. Campbell, Calgary; and the intimation that this lodge is unalterably opposed to the passing of any bill conceding privileges to the church of Rome now before the imperial parliament."

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C. J. MORRIS MURDERED

Coroner's Jury Believe Milestone Man Was Wilfully Murdered at Night—Attorney-General's Dept. takes Case.

Milestone, Sask., April 15.—The coroner's jury which inquired into the death of Charles Morris, who was found dead amid the ruins of his farm house on April 5, returned a verdict of wilful murder against some person or persons unknown.

Dr. Charlton and Dr. Thomson came here from Regina by automobile, examined the body and took photographs.

The jury had a final session at 3 o'clock today and their finding is as follows: "That Charles Joseph Morris was wilfully murdered between the early evening of April 5, 1909, and the early morning of April 6, 1909, at his residence on the north-west quarter of section 22-10-20, west of the second meridian in the province of Saskatchewan, by a blow or blows on the head from a dull instrument delivered by some person or persons unknown to the jury."

A lawyer is here from Missouri and is accompanied by another brother of the victim, to look after the interests of Ernest Morris. The attorney general's department has now the case in hand. Attorney Wood of Regina, may be used by the defence.

Montreal, April 16.—As showing the proportion of this spring's immigration rush, the figures for the past thirty days are interesting. Exclusive of children under age, 15,500 immigrants passed through Windsor station last month. Of these 12,000 went direct to the west.

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