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HORRIBLE DISCOVERIES.

Evidence Continues to Accumulate Connecting Holmes With a Long Series of Murders.

His Statements as to His Endeavors to Rob the Insurance Companies.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., July 25.—H. H. Holmes was visited in his cell yesterday by his counsel, William A. Shoemaker. For two hours or more Holmes spoke freely of the bones and other fragments of human anatomy found in his "castle" in Chicago. After the interview Mr. Shoemaker told the Associated Press reporter the substance of his client's statements. Mr. Shoemaker says: "Holmes declared that the tuft of human hair found in the chimney could not have belonged to Minnie Williams, for the reason that the chimney was a new one put in after the girl's disappearance. As to the bones, he said they were not those of Gertrude Connor, Minnie Williams or any of the other persons whom he was charged with having murdered.

"The police simply do not know what they are talking about," Holmes continued, "when they say I murdered so many persons and buried their bodies indiscriminately in every nook and corner I could find throughout the country. Quite a while ago I made a statement to the Philadelphia authorities that they were liable to find human bones in many different places all over the continent. I then frankly admitted that I had been engaged in an insurance swindle which did not pan out. One of these was for a $40,000 policy and had to be abandoned while in an embryonic state because of suspicions.

"The idea was to have the bodies of a woman and boy found in their homes and afterwards the corpse of a man with a bullet in his head, to make it appear a case of murder and suicide. I got bodies from a graveyard to represent the wife and son, but the alleged husband's body had not yet been secured when the insurance agents learned of the scheme and the bodies had to be disposed of, the best I could I had them embalmed and put in trunks which were sent to a cold storage warehouse. Before my preparations could be completed, however, the manager of the storage house notified me to take the trunks away or he would sell the contents. I did so and the bodies were buried in separate places. Where they are the police must find out."

Holmes ridiculed the theory that the subterranean tank found in the Chicago establishment had been used for the secretion of victims' corpses, and said that it had served as nothing more harmful than a vat for illuminating oil used on the premises. The [illegible] was accounted for by the fact that during the World's Fair there had been a restaurant on one of the upper floors of this building. In the transfers of property between him and Minnie Williams, Holmes added, in which he secured the Fort Worth property, a note in the shape of a mortgage was given by Minnie Williams and endorsed "Horace A. Williams," who was supposed to be her brother. She never had a brother, however, and the endorser was Holmes himself.

Detective Geyer arrived here yesterday afternoon. He says he is satisfied that Howard Pitzel was never taken away from here and that Holmes, following his plan in other cities, rented a house here in which he murdered the boy and buried him, probably under it. It is upon this theory that he will work here, and although he does not admit it he evidently has some important information which he is not yet willing to make public. The theory of the shipment of the boy's body from here in a trunk he says is not tenable, as he ran it down and found that the trunks shipped from here to Detroit contained only the clothing of the Pitzel girls.

District Attorney Graham has decisively announced that H. H. Holmes will be tried in this city for the murder of Benjamin F. Pitzel in the Callow street house. In view of the fact that the district attorney has said that Holmes would be tried wherever the strongest case could be made out against him, it is believed that the authorities have recently learned more important details of the crime which insures the conviction of the accused. Information as to whether or not this supposition is correct was refused.

While application for the extradition of Holmes, who is charged with the murder of the two Pitzel children by the coroner's jury at Toronto last night, must necessarily be made to Governor Hastings, Harrisburg, and the papers issued from his office, the question as to whether the criminal will be taken to Canada to stand his trial for murder rests with District-Attorney Graham. Holmes is a self confessed conspirator, and is only waiting sentence, so it remains practically for Mr. Graham to say whether he shall be taken across the border or remain in this city, where he has long been suspected of killing Pitzel. The district attorney is much pleased with the turn affairs have taken at Toronto. Now it is almost certain Holmes will be taken to Canada to answer there for the bloody deeds which it is confidently believed he committed in Toronto last November. Although there has been some talk of a requisition from the Chicago authorities for Holmes, no papers have yet been received from the officials there. If Holmes is sent away from this city to answer for his deeds, the claim of Fort Worth, Texas, where he is wanted in connection with the forgery of bonds, really comes first, as a detainer was lodged some time ago. But the opinion here is that he will be sent to Canada first, where a conviction seems more certain than in Chicago or Philadelphia, because of the direct nature of the evidence. Both Holmes and his lawyer have asserted that they will not resist extradition proceedings from Canada.

CHICAGO, July 25.—Holmes' charnel house included new horrors to-day. Several more bones and small pieces of dress goods were found in this morning. Before the police had been at work an hour more human bones were found mouldering in the damp earth in the basement of Holmes' charnel house. A shoulder blade, apparently an adult bone, and socket bones, which appeared to be those of a child, were unearthed. The police seem convinced that the uncovered skull and bones are the remains of Mrs. Connor and her daughter Pearl.

Dr. Stringfield made an examination of the bones found in Holmes' house. He decided they were those of human bodies. "The two flat bones," he said, "are pelvis bones. The child must have been about eight years old. The metadorsal bone is without doubt that of an adult person."

More proof was found to-day that Julia A. Conner is dead, and that she was made away with by H. H. Holmes. It was determined that she disappeared before June 9, 1892. As late as November, 1892, Holmes, as shown by the letters which have been found, was writing her parents as to her whereabouts, and stating that she had gone to St Louis. But on June 5, 1892, he wrote to her brother-in-law, Ira Yantis, of 320 Wardobe avenue, Waukesha, Wis., giving him a fictitious address as to her whereabouts in St. Louis. Yantis wrote back to Holmes on June 9, and this letter was found yesterday. At that time Yantis had no suspicion that Holmes had made away with his sister-in law and supposed him to be her friend. This letter was written three weeks before the one in which J. L. O'Connor accused Holmes of breaking faith with him. The latter letters refer to his daughter Pearl. From this it would appear that Mrs. Conner was killed first and the child afterwards.

HAMILTON, July 25.—Mr. McLean, one of the proprietors of the St. Nicholas, is almost positive that Holmes, Hatch, and a woman, possibly Miss Williams, stayed at his hotel last September. It was an elderly man, accompanied by a young woman whom he presented as his wife, arrived on September 27, and shortly after a man joined them who said he was from Chicago. After staying a few days at the hotel the elderly man left with his wife to go boarding in the east end and Holmes left for Chicago. The old man soon after left the city, but the detectives can find no trace of the young woman and it is thought she may have been murdered here.

INDIAN WAR.

CHICAGO, July 25.—A special from Pocatello, Idaho, says: The Indian war has broden out in earnest. Union Pacific engineer Robert Fitzpatrick, who pulled the north-bound freight into Pocatello on Tuesday night, confirmed the report that the Bannock Indians killed a settler, his wife and child in the Salt river valley, and that the white men pursuing the Indians killed six of them before they escaped to the mountains.

Mail Carrier Vail, who arrived at Montpelier from Star valley, also told the same story. The excitement among the settlers in Northwest Wyoming over the threatened uprising of the Bannock and Shoshone Indians is growing more intense daily. They are leaving their ranches in large numbers and gathering at favored points for mutual protection in case the Indians return to seek vengeance for the death of their brother braves.

The story of the killing of three whites and six Indians is spreading alarm at a rapid rate. Innumerable pleasure parties have given up contemplated trips into the mountain country, which abounds in sport of all kinds at this season. The settlers, too, are becoming seriously aroused, and if they are not soon protected by government troops, they will take the field in protection of their own homes and lives. It is also stated that the foraging Bannocks are seeking supplies of government rations forwarded by those remaining at the reservation, and that 700 Shoshone bucks from the Wind river reservation have started to aid the Bannocks. Further news from the Indian country is anxiously awaited.

LABOR AT PANAMA.

WASHINGTON, July 25.—Officials of the Panama railway at New York have forwarded to the state department a letter concerning the labor troubles on the Isthmus, stating that the railroad is obstructed and calling on the department for relief. In view of the peculiar nature of the restriction of the operation of the Panama railroad, the instructions to the naval commander who is sent to the Isthmus must be guardedly framed. It is said that the United States has the right to maintain a free communication on the railroad in the event that Colombia fails to carry out her obligations to keep it open, and if there is any forcible obstruction of traffic our naval forces will undoubtedly remove it. But further than doing this and incidentally protecting the property of the railroad from destruction or damage, the sailors cannot go. They have no power to compel the strikers to operate the road.

COLON, July 25.—The Panama railway brakemen have joined the strikers. The tracklayers and spike drivers have also struck. The strikers have issued a manifesto in which they promise to maintain a determined but pacific attitude until their demands are met. Some of the West Indian contingent at the Panama railroad shops say that what led to the strike was the prevailing practice at the shops of discharging men who asked for an increase of pay which was exactly one-fifth of what others got for the same work.

PROSPEROUS JUNEAU.

SEATTLE, July 25.—J. W. F. Johnson, president of the Juneau Trading company, in an interview last evening said: "Juneau now has a population of about 3,000 people. Building is going on at a lively rate, fully seventy-five structures being in process of erection. They are all of wood, but some of them of excellent style, costing $8,000 to $10,000. Residents take just pride in their twenty business houses, their fine public school supported by the government, even to the supply of school books, their many private schools, fine churches, two theatres, electric light plant, telephone system, etc. As a class the people are intelligent, moral and business like. A high order of social life prevails. Business is fairly active and the trade demands as high a grade of goods of all kinds as any city in Washington. The amount of outside capital invested there during the last year or two is much less than people generally suppose. The most important investment the present year is the thirty-stamp mill put in by a California firm. In all about 100 stamps are running in Juneau proper, while across the straits over 300 are in operation. More tourists are arriving this season than ever before. On some steamers arrivals number 350 to 400."

The World's Fair Tests showed no baking powder so pure or so great in leavening power as the Royal.

CABLE NEWS.

Further Conservative Victories in Britain—The New South Wales Elections.

Commercial Relations Between France and China—Bank of England Statement.

LONDON, July 25.—The returns of the pollings which have been received up to date, leave the state of the parties as follows:

Conservatives	329
Liberal Unionists	65
Total for the Government	394
Liberals	158
McCarthyites	69
Parnellites	10
Labor	2
Total for the Opposition	232

The net gains of the government up to date number 82.

The Sporting Life says that the official nominations for the Derby of 1897 includes by Mr. Lorillard, four colts and one gelding by Sensation; by Mr. Croker, eight colts by Hanover; by Mr. Keene, one colt by Candlemas and one filly by Galliard. For the Oaks of 1897, Mr. Croker has nominated one filly by Minting and one filly by Merry Hampton.

The funeral to-day at Berlin of Dr. Rudolph Genist, formerly the instructor of the present Emperor, brought out an immense concourse of people. The Emperor William, the Dowager Empress Frederick, his mother, and the Grand Duke and Grand Duchess of Baden, aunt of the Emperor William, sent splendid wreaths, which were laid upon the bier, and sent telegrams of condolence to the family.

The Daily News, the Liberal organ, stated this morning that it understands that Hon. A. J. Balfour, who is to be the leader of the House of Commons, wishes Mr. James William Lowther to become speaker.

The Rio de Janeiro correspondent of the Times says in reference to the demonstrations with regard to the occupation of Trinidad, that the government is acting in restraint of actual violence, but is not advising moderation.

The results of the general elections in New South Wales are as follows: Ministerialists, 61; Labor, supporting the ministry, 19; Government total, 80; Opposition, 44; Independent, 1. Otherwise classified the results are; Free Trade, 62; Protection, 44; Labor, 19.

A Vienna correspondent of the Daily News says that there are rumors of a revolutionary uprising in Bulgaria, with hostile demonstrations at Sofia and elsewhere against Prince Ferdinand and M. Sterloff, the Bulgarian peemier.

A mixed local train, while entering the railroad station at Raudten, Prussian Silesia, to-day, dashed through the building. The engineer and several passengers were killed. The accident was due to a defective brake.

A dispatch from Constantinople states that besides the three battalions sent from Albania another battalion from Yanina has been diverted to Salonica. A band of sixty Macedonians recently crossed the Servian frontier, but were dispersed by the Servian troops with heavy loss.

A Shanghai dispatch says the treaty agreed upon between France and China to regulate commercial relations between the Chinese provinces bordering on the French possessions gives France the right to maintain a consulate at Jing Hong; opens Lun Chow, in the province of Quong Si, north of Lang Song and Meng Tse, to French and Annamite commerce; makes Hokow an open port and permits France to maintain a consul there; opens Shemao to commerce; permits French citizens to settle along the rivers; the use of the rivers Loso and Mekong for transportation of merchandise; provides for a reduction of duties and allows the right to extend railroads and establish telegraph lines.

It is reported that the Turkish council decided to mobilize all the reserves along the whole seaboard of the empire in all the principal towns. This measure, entailing great financial sacrifices, is only explained by the acute situation of affairs in several different spots.

The first-class armored cruiser Powerful, sister ship to the Terrible, was launched at Barrow yesterday. The new cruiser will be much larger and have a greater displacement than any other cruiser heretofore built by any nation, the Russian cruiser Rossi, now in course of construction, which will have a displacement of over 12,000 tons, probably coming second.

A receiving order in bankruptcy was issued against Oscar Wilde's property to day by the Marquis of Queensberry, claiming £677 costs in an unsuccessful action for libel.

Robert Coombs, 13 years old, and Nathan Coombs, 11 years old, both sons of Chief Steward Coombs, of the National line steamer France, arrested with a man named Fox for murdering Mrs. Coombs, mother of the boys, by stabbing her to death, have been formally charged with murder at the Westham police court. The evidence showed that the elder boy alone committed the deed. Nathan Coombs was discharged and Robert and Fox committed for trial.

The weekly statement of the Bank of England shows the following changes as compared with previous accounts: Total reserve increase, £613,000; circulation decrease, £176,000; bullion increase, £437,633; other securities, £72,000. Other deposits increased £683,000 Public deposits decreased £675 000. Government securities decreased £200,000. Proportion of the Bank of England's reserve to liability, which last week was 58 41 per cent., is now 59 03 per cent. The amount of bullion withdrawn to-day was £34,000.

Rt. Rev. Anthony Wilson, D D., bishop of Winchester, is dead. He was in his 71st year.

A hostile crowd made a demonstration of protest against the occupation of the island of Trinidad by the British in front of the British consulate at Sao Paulo to-day. The police patrols have been increased on account of similar demonstrations in Rio Janeiro.

The correspondent of the Standard at Berlin says that a bill is being prepared to place all kinds of insurance business under Imperial supervision. It is probable, if it is adopted, that it will lead to the creation of a special insurance department of the Imperial home office.

Dr. Price's Cream Baking Powder World's Fair Highest Award.

NEWS OF THE PROVINCE.

Exploring Indian Mounds—The Delta Creamery Turns Out Its First Butter.

Successes at and About Trail Creek—Oriental Steamship Rumor Revived.

(Special to the COLONIST.)

VANCOUVER.

VANCOUVER, July 25.—The police committee have suspended officer Grady and again recommended the dismissal of the three suspended officers. Inspector McLeod, Chief McLaren, and Sergeant Haywood.

The president and manager of the gas company are to meet the light committee of the council to discuss the practicability of lighting the city with gas.

Seventy dollars lost by Mr. Cheesebro, of Victoria, on Granville street, Vancouver, have been found. The fact that the money had been lost was noticed by the local papers, and the money was traced by a man seeing a boy that he knew picking the money up The boy gave it to his father, who handed it over to the police.

The COLONIST some time ago published an item to the effect that the Arthur Holt Company were contemplating the establishment of a line of steamers between here and Europe. Holt & Co. denied the rumor, but two or three weeks ago Mr. Keen, shipping agent, received a letter from a friend in the old country saying that Holt & Co., it was rumored there, were about to put on a line of steamers between England, the Orient and British Columbia. The English papers also announce that Holt & Co. are building four new ocean steamers.

T. Morrow, formerly a druggist of Vancouver, is reported to have been very successful during the few months he has been in Rossland. Several fortunes have been made by British Columbia men in the Trail district.

VANCOUVER, July 26.—The crop reports still continue to be favorable. The crop of hay is heavy; roots, fair. Oats are turning out very well, but the acreage in this crop is comparatively small. Plums and apples will be more plentiful than usual.

Alexander Cole, 17 years, charged with a felonious assault on Agnes Nelson, 10 years old, an Indian child, was acquitted for want of sufficient evidence. Agnes Nelson is related to the Indians now serving a life sentence for the murder of Officer Pittendrigh, and Cole was an important witness for the crown at the Pittendrigh murder trial.

The Van Winkle mine has cleaned up $1,300.

A regular ferry service is to be established between Vancouver and North Vancouver.

Captain Cown, of the Salvation Army, Victoria, arrived to-day to take charge of the army here.

Another confidence man, who gave his name as Owens, has been attempting to "work" the people of Vancouver by representing himself as agent for different firms, and giving the name of a respectable man in the city as the party in whose employ he was. The police have his description, and if he does not leave the city he will be arrested.

The deserter from H. M. S. Royal Arthur, captured here yesterday, has been identified as Stoker Brend. Brend left for Esquimalt under guard to-day.

WESTMINSTER.

NEW WESTMINSTER, July 25.—Forrest, the deck hand on the steamer City of Nanaimo, did not press the case against Ah Soon, the Chinaman who stabbed him with murderous intent in a quarrel, so that when Ah Soon appeared for trial he was only fined $10 for a common assault.

A horse driven by Mrs. Thornber, of Westminster, along the main road of Chilliwack ran away, having taken fright at some playing children. Mrs. Thornber was thrown out and seriously injured. She is now at the woman's hospital suffering from injury to the spine.

The first butter churned at the new Delta creamery was turned out yesterday.

Mr. W. Humphries Edmonds and Miss Mary Elizabeth Williams were married yesterday at Holy Trinity Cathedral.

The Art and Scientific association are arranging for a natural history expedition to Mount Cheam. The society has been asked by the Canadian Institute to join them in inviting the British association for the advancement of science, to hold their annual meeting in 1897 at Toronto.

A large Indian mound near the junction of the highlands and lowlands of the Delta is being explored by Rev. H. H. Gowan and Jas. Johnson. Many interesting relics have been found.

Officer McLean yesterday arrested a man whom he took to be a deserter from the Royal Arthur. He recognised him as one who had been before arrested with regulation clothes on and who had escaped. The man's shoes had the broad arrow on them, but his description did not tally with any of the descriptions in the hands of the police. He has been remanded.

WESTMINSTER, July 26.—Meetings have been held at Chilliwack, Mount Lehman and Upper Sumas in connection with the proposed creamery at Westminster. At Chilliwack the feeling was in favor of a central creamery at Westminster rather than the establishment of a local one. Committees were appointed at each of the meetings to carefully consider the whole matter.

A meeting of the diocese has been held to arrange for a suitable reception to Bishop Dart.

Looksley Lucas, in jail for obtaining money under false pretences, was re-arrested to-day on two counts—for seducing his wife's sister, Miss Busby, who is under 16, and for administering a noxious drug for the purpose of procuring a premature birth. Mrs. Busby, the girl's mother, is prosecuting. Bail was refused.

Seven of the ringleaders in the Britannia cannery riots have been lodged in the Westminster jail. The trial will take place on Thursday. On a second charge of common assault Lem Leck, head of the ringleaders, got two months' hard labor.

Nanaimo is likely to have a murder trial shortly. Two weeks ago an Indian named Frank, of Comox, a half-breed named Jimmy Mitchell, of Comox, and Mitchell's wife were together in a canoe near Nanaimo. Frank abused Mitchell's wife and Mitchell took her part, when Frank beat Jimmy on the head with a stone until he lost consciousness. He afterwards partly recovered, but remained in such a dangerous condition that he took to his bed. Dr. Robinson was called in and advised as a last chance for his life that he be removed to the Westminster hospital, but the poor fellow expired to-day as he was being taken to the boat. Frank will be arrested on a charge of murder. Coroner McGuigan will hold an inquest at Westminster to-day.

NANAIMO.

NANAIMO, July 26.—Coroner Davis, held an inquest yesterday at Wellington on the death of Victor Hill, who was killed in No. 5 shaft of the Wellington colliery. The evidence showed that as the deceased was coming up the incline in front of a loaded car he fell, and the car passed over his neck. He was picked up, placed on top of the car and taken to the pit head, but by that time had expired. The jury found that he had met his death accidentally, but recommended that the officials of the mine warn pushers not in any case to run before loaded boxes. The funeral took place to-day under the auspices of the local lodge I.O.O.F., M.U. The Finn band was in attendance.

Charles W. Horth, whose hotel was destroyed in the recent disastrous fire at Northfield, is erecting a handsome two-story hotel building on the old site, and expects to have it completed within two weeks.

NELSON.

(From the Tribune.)

The timber and lumber for the C. & K. S. N. Co.'s new boat for Kootenay lake is at Robson. Construction will be begun next week on the same spot at which the keel of the Nelson was laid, a mile below Nelson.

W. F. Tye has retired from the position of chief engineer for the contractors of the Kaslo & Slocan Railway Company, and is succeeded by N. D. Miller, of St. Paul, formerly chief engineer of the Great Northern railway.

Speaking of the returns from different smelters, a well known mine owner of Slocan district said that last spring he shipped two small lots of ore from the same stope in one of his mines. The two lots should have run about the same, as they were made up of alternate sacks. But when the returns were received one lot had apparently 300 ounces more silver in it per ton than the other.

(From the Miner.)

Work is proceeding on the Athabasca and Royal Canadian.

The Slocan Star recommenced sending down ore on July 1, employing six teams.

A valuable ledge is reported from the Loudoun, a claim adjoining the Ruth. On this latter the ledge has been traced for 1,500 feet.

A. H. Kelly reports that work is proceeding steadily on the Starlight, bonded by A. E. Humphreys. A tunnel is being driven is to cut the ledge, which it is expected to reach in 140 feet.

James Fletcher, the well-known entomologist of the Dominion Department of Agriculture, passed through the city on Monday on a trip down the lake, accompanied by Messrs. Palmer and Earle, and will return on Thursday, when they will leave for the Farmers' Convention to be held at Agassiz. All the gentlemen are extremely pleased with their visit, during which they have had an opportunity of inspecting some of the flourishing young orchards, with the result that their preconceived ideas as to the magnificent future ahead of the fruit-growing business in this part of the province have been strengthened and confirmed. "The natural home of the apple," is the term applied by Mr. Earle to this district.

VERNON.

(From the News.)

Grasshoppers are reported to have made their appearance in large numbers in the Nicola valley.

John Hull, of Kamloops, passed through the other day on his return from Idaho, where he purchased a band of about 800 sheep.

Bush fires have done considerable damage at Salmon Arm. A field of grain belonging to Mr. H. C. Fraser was destroyed, and a lot of cordwood piled near the railway track was also burned.

The mineral locations at Camp Hewitt promise well. It appears to be not so much a question as to the richness of the quartz as to the extent of the ledges. The croppings are all that could be desired, and in many of the samples the virgin gold can readily be discerned without the aid of a magnifying glass.

The Coldstream hop yards show a magnificent growth this season, and are well worth a visit by any person who has not yet seen them. It is thought that owing to mildew in the Kentish yards the price of hops will rule high this year in England, and if such proves to be the case a handsome sum will be netted by Lord Aberdeen from his Coldstream estate.

W. Finlayson is experimenting with grape culture at Sicamous and hopes to meet with fairly good success. He has about 300 vines out, on which the fruit clusters are well formed and are rapidly developing under the warm sun. On the west side of Okanagan lake grapes are also being very successfully cultivated this year.

S. Rae, of Okanagan Mission, left on Tuesday for Calgary to find a market for fruit and vegetables which he and his neighbors will have to dispose of this fall. He thinks that there will be a considerably larger quantity of such produce available for export this season than has ever before been the case. The tomato crop in particular promises to be a large one.

Small fruit, consisting of several varieties of currants, gooseberries, raspberries, etc, continues to come in from the Coldstream ranch in large quantities, and is of excellent quality. It is packed in boxes especially adapted for foreign shipment, and finds a ready sale in the Northwest, the dealers finding the supply totally inadequate to meet the rapidly increasing demand. Calgary buyers say that from no other point of supply can they obtain as good satisfaction as from the Okanagan.

William Martin and S. A. Shatford came back on Friday last from Rossland, where they had spent a few days investigating the booming town of South Kootenay. They have the highest possible opinion of its stability and future prosperity. Martin Bros. will open up in Rossland in about a week, and William Martin will run the business there. The town has now upwards of 3,000 of a population. From the 6th to the 12th inst. $56,000 worth of ore was shipped, and the output is continually on the increase.

CAPITAL NOTES.

Ministers Leaving the Capital—The French Treaty—Marine and Fishery Department Contracts.

Nicholas Flood Davin Married—Penitentiary Inspector Stewart Leaves for the West.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, July 25.—Hugh Sutherland, N. Boyd, M.P., and C. C. Carlisle, lately Canadian agent in Newfoundland, had a talk with the Deputy Minister of Marine yesterday on the subject of the navigability of the Hudson Straits. They are anxious that some suitable craft be dispatched to those waters in order to ascertain the exact length of the season of navigation that can be depended upon. Their impression is that the real difficulty likely to be encountered at early and late seasons is with the ice in the straits. As for the bay itself, they say there is evidence that it may be safely navigated a month later in the year than navigation is possible to Montreal. Should this opinion prove to be correct it would be possible with a railway to Hudson Bay, the promoters claim, to remove the great bulk of the Northwest wheat crop before the close of navigation in the same year.

Sir Mackenzie Bowell leaves to-morrow morning for the Northwest, to be present at the opening of the exhibition at Regina on Monday. He will be accompanied by Hon. T. M. Daly, Mrs. Daly and Hayter Reed, deputy superintendent of Indian affairs. It is understood that when the party have reached the Pacific Coast one of the government steamers will be placed at the disposal of Sir Mackenzie and Messrs. Daly and Reed to enable them to visit several of the Indian reservations along the northern shores of the Province of British Columbia.

An order-in-council has been passed, which will be transmitted to Her Majesty's government with a copy of the French treaty bill passed at the recent session of parliament. The Imperial authorities will be requested to secure the ratification of exchanges with France.

A contract has been awarded by the Minister of Marine and Fisheries in connection with supplies for the lighthouse and fog signal service. It will include six large tubular boilers and six fog horn machines, with the necessary boilers. The contractors are Messrs. Carriere, Laine & Co., of Quebec.

Douglas Stewart left yesterday on his official tour of penitentiary inspection. From Kingston Mr. Stewart will proceed to Toronto and thence on to the Pacific Coast.

Nicholas Flood Davin, M.P., is married. The wedding took place privately at one o'clock to-day. The bride was Miss Lizzie Reid, Rev. Dr. Moore performed the ceremony. There was no groomsman or bridesmaid. Only a few of the most intimate friends of the contracting parties were present. Mr. and Mrs. Davin left on the C.P.R. afternoon train for their home in Regina, N.W.T.

MONTREAL MATTERS.

MONTREAL, July 25.—(Special)—There was a little flurry in local financial circles to-day when it became known that M. Benoit, manager of La Banque Nationale, had resigned his position. All sorts of rumors were afloat, but it was stated at the bank that the reason M. Benoit resigned was on account of differences of opinion between him and the directors.

The archbishop has issued a circular requesting the priests of his diocese to pray for rain.

The extraordinary lowness of the river St. Lawrence is playing havoc with shipping, and agents are cabling home to England to warn shippers against loading their vessels too deeply. The water only registers 26 feet 5 inches. As a rule the lowest is about 30 feet.

James E. Nicholson.

Almost Passes Belief

Mr. Jas. E. Nicholson, Florenceville, N. B., Struggles for Seven Long Years with

CANCER ON THE LIP,

AND IS CURED BY

AYER'S Sarsaparilla

Mr. Nicholson says: "I consulted doctors who prescribed for me, but to no purpose; the cancer began to

Eat into the Flesh,

spread to my chin, and I suffered in agony for seven long years. Finally, I began taking Ayer's Sarsaparilla. In a week or two I noticed a

Decided Improvement.

Encouraged by this result, I persevered, until in a month or so the sore under my chin began to heal. In three months my lip began to heal, and, after using the Sarsaparilla for six months, the last trace of the cancer disappeared."

Ayer's The Only Sarsaparilla

Admitted at the World's Fair.

AYER'S PILLS Regulate the Bowels.