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LIFE OF COLONEL GEORGE H. HAM ENDS SUDDENLY

Widely Known C. P. R.
Official 79 Years
Old

FAMED HUMORIST

Soldier, Newspaper Man and
Many Years Prominent in
Railway Service

Canadian Press
MONTREAL, April 16.—Colonel George H. Ham, publicist and member of the Canadian Pacific Railway staff, died at 1:15 o'clock this morning in his 79th year. He had been ill since November, 1924, and for the last six months had been confined to his bed.

Despite his poor health Colonel Ham maintained interest in home and foreign events until the end, which came with tragic suddenness. A few minutes before he died he suggested that he be moved, changed his mind and then lay still.

HIS FAMILY

Colonel Ham is survived by one son, C. Norman Ham of Montreal; two daughters, Mrs. I. M. Beard of Montreal, and Mrs. W. S. Burley of Vancouver; and two sisters, Miss Alice B. Ham of Whittby, Ont., and Mrs. Charles Nourse of Bridgeburg, Ont. He married Miss Martha Blow, of Whittby, who died in 1905.

While no definite arrangements have been made for the funeral, it is expected to take place in Whittby.

Colonel George Ham was reported dead in some papers many years ago. Being a humorist, he took it as a rich joke, clipped out the item, printed it and hung it in his office in the publicity department of the Canadian Pacific Railway. He used to say that when things looked blue he would glance at the obituary notice and think: "Oh, well, things could easily be worse. This might have been true." George Ham carried this human and philosophy into everything he did in the course of a long life in which he played many parts, including those of soldier, newspaperman, author, raconteur and publicist man for a great transportation system. His geniality and unflinching good humor were immense assets to the C. P. R., because in his capacity of superior courier he was called upon to escort thousands of people through Canada on tours of inspection. For years no party of visitors of any note to the Dominion was complete without him. He could have located that in his time he had met everybody of importance in the world. He did not, but, referring to the thousands of miles he had traveled on these expeditions, he would say: "I know every C. P. R. hotel and every sleeping car (tie) from Halifax to Vancouver." George Ham knew dozens of good stories about the eminent travelers in Canada and published many of them in two volumes of reminiscences.

WAS 79 YEARS OLD

George Henry Ham (to give him his full name, though few of his thousands of friends knew he had a second Christian name) was born in Trenton, Ont., on August 28, 1847. When only 14 he joined the Canadian militia and was prepared to fight over the Trent affair. In 1867 he saw service during the Fenian raids and received the medal for these campaigns. In 1885 he acted as correspondent for the Toronto Mail during the Riel rebellion. He was present with General Middleton at Fish Creek and was on the steamer North-west at Bontouche when he ran the blockade of rebel fire. Recognition of his military experiences came in 1914, during the world war, when he was appointed an honorary colonel. The colonel had fighting blood in his veins, because his forebears were United Empire Loyalists and fought on the British side during the American Revolutionary war, afterwards emigrating to Canada in order to remain British subjects.

IN NEWSPAPER WORK

George Ham early turned to newspaper work. He was cub reporter on the Whittby (Ont.) Chronicle in 1865. His recollections of elections in those early days dealt with Sir John A. Macdonald and George Brown. In 1875, after working on newspapers in Uxbridge and Guelph, Ontario, he went west. He started on his venturesome trip with \$4 in his pocket. Landing in Winnipeg, then a village of 1,000 persons, his money was just giving out when he obtained employment on the Manitoba Free Press, where he rose to the position of city editor, breaking away later to publish the Winnipeg Tribune.

Ill health forced him out of the newspaper game and he was given the post of registrar of ships for Schirik, Man. The job, he said, did not interest him much. He wanted to be re-

She Coughed Night and Day Until She Used

Dr. Wood's
Norway
Pine
Syrup

Mrs. S. E. Little, 103 Jukerman St., London, Ont., writes: "I got a very severe cold which settled in my bronchial tubes. I coughed night and day, and although I tried several different remedies I could get no relief until a friend advised me to take Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup. This I did, and I must say that it gave me almost immediate relief as I got rid of my cough very quickly. I hope this testimonial will be the means of helping others."

"Dr. Wood's" is put up only by The T. Milburn Co., Limited, Toronto, Ont.

Golf And Steel Magnates In Battle



Steel out-stretched rubber on the score card when Harvey S. Firestone (left), Akron rubber magnate, met Charles Schwab, head of Bethlehem Steel, in a match at Miami Beach, Fla. Golf is the favorite sport of both.

Echoes of Cross Canada Tour In Interests of Maritimes Are Being Heard From Afar

ECHOES of the cross Canada tour of the representatives of The Telegraph-Journal and Times-Star in an effort to arouse interest in the problems of the Maritime Provinces are being heard from afar, the latest being an invitation to A. M. Belding to attend the convention of American Foreign Traders to be held at Charleston, South Carolina, the latter part of this month.

The Board of Trade have also been asked to send a delegation to the convention and at the meeting of the council yesterday they decided to ask W. S. Fisher, who is at the present time in the south, to represent the board.

THE TELEGRAM

The telegram to Mr. Belding is as follows: "In the name of the 1,500 American foreign traders who will be gathered at the 13th National Foreign Trade Convention at Charleston, S. C., April 28, 29, 30, next, I cordially invite your co-operation in presenting Canada's predominant claims on American foreign business men's attention. We observed recently your mission throughout Canada on behalf

of commercial difficulties of the Maritime Provinces and believe your section of the country should be foremost among Canada's representatives at Charleston. "The first afternoon of the convention will be entirely devoted to Canada Day, when all delegates to the convention will hear Canada's message. Canadian participation is being arranged by S. J. Gundy, president Dominion Board of Trade; C. P. W. Schwab, president Victoria, B. C. Chamber of Commerce; Frederic Hudson, Canadian Trade Commissioner in United States; George Wilson, president Toronto Board of Trade; and other prominent Canadians, who cordially join with me in urging the importance of a strong representation from the Maritime Provinces.

A VITAL MATTER. "Canadian-American \$1,500,000,000 annual trade makes this Canadian share in our American foreign trade convention a vital matter both sides of the border. Delegates are already registered from 30 states and six foreign countries. Letter is following with program and other details of convention." (Signed) James A. Farrell, chairman national foreign trade council.

IN HUMOROUS VEIN. Probably Col. Ham's pet joke was his reference to the fact that he was a member of the Canadian Women's Press Club which was started while he was exhorting a number of women reporters home from the St. Louis Exposition in 1904. The council was made a humorous prelude. "It has kept me in umbrellas and valises," he used to say. Once a practical joke he made a telegram to a woman reporter at the Dominion immigration officials at the border saying: "Noted Mormon trying to enter Canada with valise. Please detain." A muck arrest was staged for him to his great enjoyment.

George Ham was known to all Canadian newspaper men, to whom he was always a guide, philosopher and friend. His admirers on the press always remembered this incident of his early years: George Ham and two other men were working as reporters. The staff had to be reduced and the editor decided to discharge George, who was a married man. George, when he heard about it, at once went to the editor and pointed out that the other man could be kept at work. He was, indeed, beloved of a very wide circle of friends, whose numbers increased with the passing of the years, including men and women in all walks of life, the humble and the great alike.

Colonel Ham had visited Saint John on many occasions in connection with his duties with the C. P. R. and he numbered a great many friends in this city.

DETROIT SYNDICATE TO PROMOTE SPORT. Rickard Interested in New Company Is Report—Capitalized at \$110,000. DETROIT, Mich., April 16.—A syndicate in which Tex Rickard of New York is said to be interested, to promote hockey, boxing and other sports in Detroit, has been incorporated here. Articles of incorporation filed with the Secretary of State Lansing last night capitalized the company at \$110,000.

The incorporators were named as Glen D. Curtis, Lewis A. Ewald and M. Ross Freedland. They refused to comment on the proposition, but Curtis admitted that Rickard and perhaps other eastern men were interested in the venture.

R. J. Livingstone, a Toronto, Ont., promoter, recently had plans drawn for a hockey rink here. Livingstone said he planned forming the International Hockey League.

"DANCING DOLLS" AT VETERANS' FAIR

New Feature Proved Popular
Last Night—Large
Crowd on Hand

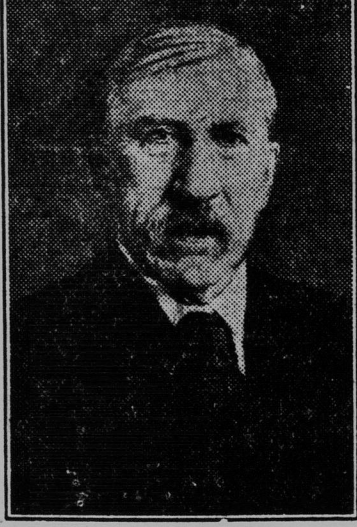
"Dancing Dolls" were a new feature introduced in the G. W. V. A. fair at the association rooms last night and it "caught on" at once. The dolls were one of the most popular novelties that have been presented to the patrons of city fairs recently.

There was a large crowd at the fair and all of the many attractions did a thriving business. The chocolate wheel counted last night one of its most successful so far. The door prize of a silk umbrella was won by ticket 7493.

Tonight the door prize will be a load of coal. All of the various games will be in full swing and the dolls will be featured throughout the remainder of the week.

number of years. One of these sisters, Miss Ada McDonald, arrived from Baltimore yesterday to be present at

C. P. R. Veteran Dies



COL. GEO. H. HAM
Prominent C. P. R. official, well known in Saint John, who died this morning.

the burial of her brother in Fernald that afternoon. Deceased was at one time engaged as a clerk in a wholesale drug business in King street.

U.S. DENIES SENEGA FIRED ON EASTWOOD

Declares Charges of Canadian Schooner Crew Without Foundation

WASHINGTON, April 15.—Charges that the Canadian schooner Eastwood was fired upon by the coastguard cutter Seneca on February 15 have been found by the treasury to be without foundation.

The investigation was made upon an inquiry by the British Embassy after the Eastwood's captain and crew members had filed affidavits with Canadian authorities, asserting that the Seneca had fired on their ship.

Announcing its findings, the State Department said it had information showing that for more than a year, the Eastwood had hovered off the coast, with the obvious intention of landing liquor in the United States. It added that if the Eastwood was fired on, the attack probably had been made by a rival liquor craft.

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MANY CASUALTIES IN CHINESE BATTLE

TIENSIN, China, April 15.—Numerous casualties, particularly among the Russians, resulted today when the allied forces driving toward Peking engaged the defending Kuomintang troops. Many of the wounded have been brought to hospitals here.

Further Manchurian reinforcements have gone forward by rail from Lutai.

FISHING THROUGH ICE

Before Magistrate H. G. S. Adams at Brookville on Wednesday, John A. Howard, of St. Martins, was fined \$10 and \$15.75 costs for fishing trout through the ice at Henry Lake last month. J. Starr Tait represented the Department of Lands and Mines. The prosecution was instigated by the New Brunswick Fish and Game Association.

COLLISION

Yesterday afternoon at 3:20 o'clock, auto truck X-759, owned and driven by P. E. Wetmore, collided with truck X-389, owned by the Imperial Oil Co. and driven by Oscar Garnett, on the corner of Dock street and Market square. The Wetmore truck was considerably damaged while the other escaped.

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Main 2417.

3 FLEE MAINE JAIL AND ONE IS RETAKEN

Two Remain at Large Near Skowhegan, Almost Frozen

SKOWHEGAN, Me., April 15.—Three young men escaped from the county jail last night by sawing the bars of a window. Thomas Pease and Fred Quirion, of Jackson, under sentence to state prison and who were to have been taken there today, are still at large. Joseph Vashon, of Skowhegan, gave himself up to the sheriff today. He said that he had spent the night in a slaughter house lightly clad and was nearly frozen.

Rex Battle, leader of the Mount Royal Hotel orchestra, of Montreal, arrived in the city yesterday and is sailing on the S. S. Melita for England today. While in Saint John his battle is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. H. Asrar Peters at the Admiral Beatty Hotel.

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JUBILEE

Friday, April 16th.

Men's Felt Hats

Our new Spring stock of Men's Felt Hats awaits your inspection.

We show a complete assortment in the newest shapes and in all the fashionable fawn and grey shades.

Borsalino, Biltmore and the B. A. style. Made in Saint John. Hats are featured.

Prices \$3.50 to \$8.50

(Men's Clothing—Second Floor.)

SPECIAL IN

Men's Suits

For Friday and Saturday's selling we have our special Jubilee offering on Men's Suits. They are made of good durable Tweeds and Worsted in light, medium and dark fancy mixtures and plain colors. Sizes are from 35 to 40 in. Suits worth up to \$40. Exceptional values at these four special prices—

\$15, \$19.75, \$25, \$29.75

Deaths

Mrs. George Loughrey

Many friends will greatly regret to learn of the death of Mrs. George Loughrey, which occurred at her residence, 9 Crown street, on April 15, after an illness of five months. She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Kelly, of St. Martins, and besides her husband and her parents, is survived by four sons, one brother and one sister. The sons are Harry, Ede, Claude and Comrade, all at home. Comrade Kelly and Miss Marie Kelly, of this city, are the brother and sister.

Thomas H. Burns

After a lingering illness Thomas H. Burns died in this city on Thursday. He was well known in the north end of the city, where he resided, and was held in very high esteem by a wide circle of friends. He was a son of the late Dennis Burns and is survived by his mother and four sisters. The sisters are Mrs. H. J. Stevenson, Portland, Me.; Mrs. James G. King, of Cleveland, Ohio; Mrs. Vincent Daley, of this city; and Miss J. Burns, at home. The funeral will take place on Saturday morning from his late residence, 60 Elm street, to St. Peter's church.

William J. McDonald

William J. McDonald, only son of Jacob D. and Almira McDonald, of this city, passed away here on Tuesday, aged 61 years. He leaves two sisters, who have made their home in the United States for a considerable time.

Old People Need
A Spring Tonic

They Should Take Father John's Medicine

That tired, rundown feeling so common in the spring—is a particularly dangerous indication to old people. It shows that bodily energy is low and that the system is not able to extract the proper nourishment from the food. A medicine to strengthen the body and to nourish and enrich the blood is what old folks need right now.

Father John's Medicine is the best food tonic and is perfectly safe. It is a preparation of finest cod liver oil blended with other valuable food and tonic ingredients by specially designed apparatus. This wonderful process of compounding this famous old-fashioned prescription makes Father John's Medicine easily digested by even the weakest systems of old people and it is therefore especially valuable as a body building tonic.

Father John's Medicine also acts as a mild laxative. It is absolutely free of alcohol and dangerous drugs.

Bath Towels

Very slightly defective. All white and white with fancy borders.

We have just received one large bale of these defective Towels from a manufacturer and find on opening them up they have very slight defects, but we will offer this lot at great bargains. Over one thousand Towels.

Jubilee prices—15c., 25c., 40c., 50c., 65c., \$1

Many are very large sizes.

(Linen Room—Ground Floor.)

300 House and
Porch Dresses
95c.

Gingham Dresses—All fine quality fabrics, in a vast range of patterns.

Smart styles, buttoned, trimmed or strapping and piping of contrast colorings.

Colors include Mauve, Sky, Gold, Navy and Green combinations. Sizes 36, 38, 40, 42, 44, 46.

Truly an exceptional value 95c.

(Costume Dept.—Second Floor.)

Crystal and Colored Glass

Special Jubilee Offerings

Featured In The Art Department

Etched Glass Vases with scalloped top. Two sizes, 50c. and 75c. ea.

Colored Glass Vases—Medium size 50c. ea.

Colored Glass Vases—Large size 75c. ea.

Amber Goblets 75c. ea.

Amber Parfaits to match 50c. ea.

Amber Frappes 50c. ea.

Frappes with colored glass base 50c. ea.

Green Glass Frappes 50c. ea.

English Frappe Glasses with curved top 75c. ea.

Candy Jars—Colored glass 50c. ea.

Glass Flower Baskets with gold bands. These are in two sizes and are specially priced \$2.50 ea.

Iced Tea Glasses with etched grape design 25c. ea.

Cheese and Cracker Dish of glass with gold band around edge \$1.95 ea.

Fruit Bowls in different shapes 50c. and 95c. ea.

Vases of colored glass 25c. ea.

(Art Dept.—Germain street entrance.)

Children's Bloomers—Satinette in colors. 10 to 16 years. 59c. pr.

Fancy Crepe Bloomers—2 to 12 years 45c. pr.

Black Satene Bloomers—2 to 14 years 50c. pr.

(Children's Dept.—Second Floor.)

Colored Bath Crystals—Special—50c. a bottle

Two odors—Rose and Eau de Cologne. Regular 75c. size. Jubilee price 50c.

(Toiletries Dept.—Ground Floor.)

Jubilee Specials

In Men's Shop

Men's Broadcloth Shirts—White and popular colors. Jubilee price \$2.18 ea.

Men's Printed Broadcloth Shirts—Newest designs and colors. Collars to match. Jubilee price \$2.18 ea.

Boys' Braces—Fine leather ends. 39c.

Boys' Knitted Ties—Durable and stylish. Jubilee price 35c. each

Men's Umbrellas—Guaranteed Gloria. Jubilee price \$2.60 ea.

Men's Braces—Two Specials—69c., 90c.

The 69c. quality are Tex Ends. The 90c. quality are colored stitched ends.

Men's Umbrellas—Reliable frame. Tape edge cloth. Jubilee price \$1.95 ea.

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