

SEEKING SHARE OF VAST WEALTH

St. John Claimants to Portion of \$300,000,000 Fortune in the States

THE MERCER MILLIONS

Descendants of General Hugh Mercer, Who Fought in Revolutionary War, and of Joseph Mercer, Are Pressing Claims—Some in This City; More Resident Near Norton.

St. John and New Brunswick claimants to a share in an estate stated to be worth the mild sum of \$300,000,000 are at work forwarding their claims. The estate is that of General Hugh Mercer, who fought in the revolutionary war on the side of the colonies.

There are several of the claimants living in the city but the majority are located in Mercer Settlement near Norton. Among those in the city are Mrs. A. F. Davies, of 55 Spring street, and Mrs. William Stephens, of 122 Waterloo street. Mrs. Davies was in Norton yesterday and gathered some information which will be forwarded to the lawyers working on the case.

General Mercer and Joseph Mercer were close relations in New York at the time the revolutionary war broke out. They espoused opposite sides in the quarrel and Joseph, who was also a military man, sided with the Loyalists and landed in this province, settling near Norton, where he died and where he is buried. General Mercer died about 100 years ago, possessed of large estates in New York and Pennsylvania. The land was leased for terms of ninety-nine years. It was when these leases began to expire that it was found there was no immediate possessor of the property.

The Vanderbilt family had some of these leases and the government wished to buy. It was found, however, that the Vanderbilts could not give a clear title. This was three or four years ago. The descendants of the family here were notified and pressed their claims unsuccessfully. Now the matter has been revived and they think they are better prepared this time to prove their titles. They have lawyers looking after their claims both in Boston and New York. In the Hub they are represented by Worcester & Ranney and in New York by Frank L. Stobbs.

CORNS CURED PUTNAM'S RAJNESS CORN EXTRACTOR

MIXED GOVERNMENT AND PERSONAL ACCOUNTS

Montreal Agent of Marine Department Saw No Harm in This

Mr. Boucher Threw Away His Check Stubs But Was Willing That Commissioner Should Have Copy of His Transactions With the Bank.

Montreal, Sept. 8.—G. T. Merwin was a witness today when Judge Cassels resumed his investigation into the relations of the marine department with various supply houses. Mr. Merwin was examined at considerable length by Mr. Watson with regard to the way in which the Safety Car Heating and Lighting Company, of New York, and the Submarine Signal Company, as well as F. L. Brooks & Co., transacted business with the marine department.

Mr. Merwin told the commission that although he had been agent for the first two firms and a partner in the third he kept absolutely no track of the business with the government, although it ran into the hundreds of thousands of dollars. He could give no details of the business, because he tore up his letters, threw away his check stubs, and kept no letter book. Details like that, he said, were of no use to him, as long as he knew how his bank account stood.

Mr. Merwin said he sent all letters and records to the head offices at New York. He received the money from the government, because the auditor general seemed to prefer to make out checks in his name, but the money was sent to New York, and all records kept there. With regard to the F. L. Brooks Company, which sold large quantities of light house machinery and supplies to the department, Mr. Merwin was even more vague. He said he had been a member of the firm but was only interested in it to the extent of \$2,500 which he had lent to Mr. Brooks, of New York, at 6 per cent, and knew nothing about the business, although registered as a partner, and had not seen the books. He, however, knew that, although Mr. Brooks sold large quantities of machinery and supplies to the department, he did not manufacture any of it himself.

Mr. Merwin said he had severed his connection with Brooks and destroyed all records of the business, including letters from Brooks, not thinking it worth while to keep them. At a previous enquiry he had been instructed by Mr. Brooks not to produce the firm's books, that gentleman declaring that he was not going to make his affairs public property for anybody.

Mr. Merwin, however, said he knew no reason why these books and records should not be produced, and offered to produce them at his own expense to Mr. Brooks, at New York, inviting him to come to Montreal as a witness and bring his books with him, remarking that he would like to have the books produced. On Sept. 2—Little was brought out today's sessions of the Marine investigation, beyond the fact that the bookkeeping methods of Mr. Merwin were followed by at least one other in the department, U. P. Boucher, the Mon-

How to Cure a Headache

To attempt to cure a headache by taking a "headache powder" is like trying to stop a leak in the roof by using a pan under the dripping water. Chronic headaches are caused by impure blood. The blood is poisoned by these waste, undigested food and other impurities remaining too long in the system. These poisons are not promptly eliminated because of slow liver, bowels, skin or kidneys.

If the bowels do not move regularly—if there is pain in the bowels showing kidney trouble—if the skin is sallow or discolored with pimples—then clearly what is causing the headache.

"Fruit-atives" cure headaches because they cure the cause of headaches. "Fruit-atives" act directly on the three great eliminating organs—bowels, kidneys and skin. "Fruit-atives" keep the system free of poisons. "Fruit-atives" come in two sizes—25c and 50c. If your dealer does not have them write to Fruit-atives Limited, Ottawa.

Montreal agent of the department of Marine and Fisheries, who testified that it was also his custom to mix up departmental matters with his own personal accounts at the bank, which latter included taking occasional flyers on the stock market.

Mr. Watson protested that this was a loose way of doing things, and the witness replied that it did not seem so to him, although if he had expected the present investigation he would have adopted more regular methods.

Mr. Boucher had also contracted the habit of not keeping books and throwing away his bank check stubs. He, however, said everything was all right, and had no hesitation in authorizing the bank to supply Judge Cassels with a copy of his bank account.

Mr. Merwin was also on the stand for a short time, and stated that he had as yet received no response to the telegraphic invitation to Mr. Brooks, of New York, to come here and testify as to the Brooks firm's dealings with the department. He will probably be called again later on and subjected to a very searching cross-examination.

At the afternoon sessions Captain Christie, of the Dominion liner Maxman, was called and gave general evidence as to the value of the Wilson buoys and the Diaphone fog signals, as also did J. Stanley Cook, assistant secretary of the board of trade.

The rest of the evidence consisted mainly in repetitions from business men of the fact that they had cut prices in order to secure contracts from the department, and that there was no demand for the work by any other party. There will be no session tomorrow, Judge Cassels having other engagements at Ottawa, but the investigation will be resumed on Friday.

Almost Died From Cholera

Little babies are affected just like their parents. "Laxative" pills, such as E. D. Riker, of Portland, Me., give children green apples and are used with violent effect. I have known a child die in agony. I gave each child a box of Polson's Nervine, this had an immediate effect. One minute the child was crying and the next they were cured. Nervine is made to cure and does cure summer complaint, cholera and stomach trouble. Test a 25c bottle yourself.

BOXING BOUTS END CARNIVAL

Border Town People Delighted With Three Lively Scraps.

LITTLEJOHN EASY

Mike "Twin" Outclassed St. John Welterweight—Ramsay Defeats "Alfy" Corbin, and Eth McLeod Makes New Yorker Quit—Results of Other Sports.

St. Stephen, N. B., Sept. 8.—This was the second day of the carnival and the weather was all that could be desired.

This morning the motor boat races took place. In the three-horse power class Phillips was first; Jellison, second, and Johnston, third.

In the five-horse power class—S. Newman, first, silver cup; E. Mitchell, second. Seven-horse power race—S. Newman, first; Mitchell, second.

Free-for-all—Newman, first; Mitchell, second. Canoe race entries—Barker and Lawson, first; Washburn and Murchie, second.

The event of the day was the great horse contest at the park. There were in attendance more than 3,000 persons, the largest ever seen in the park.

The announcer of the contests was Colonel J. D. Chipman; starter, Chief Kent, of the fire department of Woodland, Maine; timers, C. J. Brown, Ellsworth; J. S. Pickering; Amherst, N. S.; S. C. Webber, Houlton; judges, Chief E. H. Bell, Amherst; Harry Rutter, Fredericton; Buckley, Augusta.

These races required contestants to run 200 yards to a hydrant, lay 100 yards of hose, break coupling and put on the nozzle. The first team of ten men was from Ellsworth, time 1 minute, 2 seconds; St. Stephen, 46 seconds; Orono, Maine, team, 57 1/2 seconds; Amherst (N.S.), team, 33 3/4 seconds; Calais team, 50 seconds; Small's team, from Ellsworth, Maine, 52 seconds; Houlton team, 52 1/2 seconds. The Bangor team missed connections at the hydrant and failed to make any record.

The St. Stephen Hose Company gained first prize of \$300; Calais Hose Company, second prize, \$125, and Amherst took third, \$75.

The hose-coupling contest, which required two each to run fifty yards and make coupling, displayed some quick work. There were seventeen contestants. Ellsworth did it in 11 4/5 seconds; St. Stephen, 11 2/5 seconds; Senator Hale, Ellsworth men, 11 2/5 seconds; Amherst, 12 3/5 seconds; Brewer, 13 seconds; Houlton, 12 1/5 seconds; St. Stephen No. 2, 11 2/5 seconds.

St. Stephen Nos. 1 and 2 and Senator Hale men, of Ellsworth, tied for first place, and in the run-off the Senator Hale men did it in 10 4/5 seconds, taking first prize of \$25; St. Stephen teams Nos. 1 and 2, second and third places, winning prizes of \$15 and \$10.

While these events were going on a baseball match on the park diamond, between the Brownies of Eastport, and Augusta fishermen's team, with Bruce McIntosh, of Milltown, N. B., umpire. The result was an easy victory for the Eastport team.

There are motor boat races tomorrow morning, to be held at 12 o'clock in the evening, and a boxing match in the rink in the evening.

STILL KEEPING UP SCOTT ACT CRUSADE IN MONCTON

Liquor Seller Fined and Seized Beer Poured in the Sewer—Fined \$25 for Fast Driving.

SEVEN SAILORS ESCAPE FROM DALHOUSIE JAIL

Campbellton, N. B., Sept. 9.—The seven sailors who were sentenced Saturday to one month in Dalhousie jail, escaped from that institution today. They were sent to pile lumber in the yard of the prison and it is alleged they seized the opportunity to make a break for liberty. They have been seen in Campbellton and no attempt is being made to apprehend them. Considerable mystery attaches to the affair. The crowded condition of the Dalhousie jail has made the escape an unlooked for blessing.

Moncton, N. B., Sept. 9.—Officers Cusack, Gunn, McKim, Boudreau and Atkins, about 6 o'clock this evening made a raid on the Hotel Minto. Search was made for intoxicating liquor, but it was fruitless.

In the police court this afternoon, Damien S. Boiregis was convicted of Scott Act violation and fined \$50, or three months in jail.

Two kegs of ale taken from Boiregis' place were poured into the gutter by the police tonight, by order of the police magistrate. The police station is now free of beer and other liquors seized by the police, for the first time in five months.

A citizen was fined \$25 in the police court today for fast driving on Main street.

Considerable damage was done by a collision between No. 2 express and the hal-last train at Humphrey's Mills this morning.

Fifteen-year-old May McGee had a narrow escape. The express crashed into the van of the hal-last train piling that car into the dump against a telegraph pole. The car was badly smashed but all the occupants except the McGee girl had jumped before the collision took place. It was not until about ten minutes later the trainmen heard cries coming from the mass of wreckage and found the girl in the remains of the car. She was somewhat bruised but not seriously hurt. Passengers on the express were somewhat shaken up and both locomotives were very badly damaged.

The Horticultural Society are now building a new greenhouse in the public gardens in Rockwood Park. The old one was becoming worn out and was in need of constant repairing, and it was decided to erect an entirely new structure, which will be somewhat more commodious than the old one.

It will be at the end of the nursery to the north of the present one, it will have a concrete wall under it and will measure 60 x 27 feet. Gardener Stephens hopes to have the boiler in by the 20th inst. The public gardens are now looking very beautiful. The summer was not favorable for some kinds of blooms, notably sweet peas, but these are now doing well in the borders.

G. P. R. STRIKERS GETTING UNEASY

Fear That Their Places Will Be Permanently Filled Causes Mob Tactics.

A CLASH AVERTED

Strong Force of Police Held Several Hundred Former Employes of Montreal Shops at Bay While New Men Were Escorted to Their Homes

Montreal, Sept. 8.—A special London cable says: What was first thought to be another unemployed demonstration today in Trafalgar square, transpired to be merely a swarm of applicants for positions as mechanics and fitters on the Canadian Pacific railway, whose offices are situated contiguous thereto.

In consequence of the rush of men from the United States and points in Canada, only 150 were required here, but there have been thousands of applicants, which, considering they are skilled workmen, is looked on as remarkable.

Montreal, Sept. 8.—Efforts at rioting were again made by the Canadian Pacific striking mechanics this afternoon, and serious trouble was only prevented, by the prompt action of the police. Long before the arrival of the afternoon work train, bringing back men from the Angus shops to the Place Viger Station, it was noticed that there was an unusual gathering of men on the park opposite, and by 5 o'clock several hundred strikers were gathered.

It was feared that a concerted move was on foot, and half a hundred police were secretly introduced to the station by another entrance. As soon as the train arrived, the strikers started to hiss and cry "Scab!" but the police divided the workmen into small bodies, and sent each detachment out of the station with a view of blue coats with riot clubs slung over their shoulders, and after the sissam of the strikers, and after a shouting which dispersed without any attempt at violence.

The number of men the C. P. R. is getting from Great Britain, and the failure of Mr. Somerville's efforts to induce the minister of labor to interfere in the matter any more, have made the strikers very uneasy, and it is likely that some effort will be made ere long to end the trouble before their places are all taken by men from the old country.

Beware of Health Salts! Avoid strong cathartics when you need a physic take a test tube medicine like Dr. Hamilton's Peppermint Cure—that's how Dr. Hamilton's works. 25c per box.

GIRL INJURED IN I. C. R. SMASH-UP

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REPORT DREDGING AT BERTHS IS NEEDED

Recent soundings taken at berths 2, 3 and 4 at Sand Point by the department of public works and the harbor master are said to show that the depth is in some places less than 32 feet at low water.

On behalf of G. S. Mayes, who had the contract for the work, it is claimed that dirt and ashes have reduced the depth since the dredging was done.

The mayor said yesterday that he was arranging for a conference between those interested. Should Mr. Mayes be right in his contention some arrangement would have to be made for its removal before the winter port season opens. If it is found that Mr. Mayes has not completed his contract, it is thought that he will be asked to finish the work before the hal-last train contract begins at Plaster Rock on the Tobique River, in New Brunswick, and runs east twenty-eight miles. The country here is rough or rolling, and heavily timbered, but there will be some good agricultural lands along this part of the line.

WORKING ON G. T. P. AT PLASTER ROCK

Johnson Bros., contractors, of Bradford, have completed the grade of the Grand Trunk Pacific from Winnipeg to Portage La Prairie, and begun work on heavy contract "subbed" from the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company.

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Stores Open Each Evening During Sale till 9 P. M. THE CLOTHING SALE OF THE YEAR OPENED AT J. N. HARVEY'S STORES YESTERDAY A GRAND FALL OPENING AND EIGHT-DAYS' SALE of Brand New Fall and Winter Clothing, Furnishings, Hats, Trunks, etc., began yesterday, 11th, and will continue all Exhibition week. We hold this sale now for two reasons, 1st, because we realize that there are thousands of Fall and Winter Suits and Overcoats to be sold within the next few weeks, and every garment we sell now will be the best possible advertising we can do and will bring many new customers to the Harvey stores, 2nd, because many out-of-town people will be coming to the Exhibition. They can buy their Fall and Winter Outfits at this big sale and save enough on it to pay their entire expenses. We want every visitor to town to call and get acquainted with St. John's leading Clothing, Tailoring and Furnishings stores. You will find plenty of competent and obliging salesmen to show you through and attend to your wants. Make these stores your headquarters during Exhibition Week. Spend a few minutes of this price list. It will save you many dollars.

Sweeping Reductions On Men's Suits A Special Lot of Tweed Suits \$7.00 Suits, sale price\$4.95 7.50 Suits, sale price 4.95 10.00 Suits, sale price 5.85 8.50 Suits, sale price 5.85	Men's Tweed and Worsted 8.75 Suits, sale price 6.98 10.00 Suits, sale price 7.30 11.00 Suits, sale price 8.75 12.00 Suits, sale price 9.75 15.00 Suits, sale price 11.45 18.00 Suits, sale price 13.00 22.00 Suits, sale price 15.00	Men's Blue and Black Suits 8.75 Suits, sale price 6.00 10.00 Suits, sale price 6.75 12.00 Suits, sale price 8.50 11.00 Suits, sale price 8.50 15.00 Suits, sale price 11.45	Young Men's Suits Prices Almost Cut in Two \$6.00 Suits, sale price 3.95 4.00 Suits, sale price 2.49 5.00 Suits, sale price 4.95 7.00 Suits, sale price 4.95 10.00 Suits, sale price 5.85 8.75 Suits, sale price 5.85 13.00 Suits, sale price 7.50 12.00 Suits, sale price 7.50	Boys' 2-Piece Suits \$2.00 Suits, sale price\$1.49 2.50 Suits, sale price 1.49 4.00 Suits, sale price 2.49 3.00 Suits, sale price 2.49	Boys' 3-Piece Suits 5.00 Suits, sale price 3.95 4.75 Suits, sale price 3.95 7.00 Suits, sale price 4.95 6.00 Suits, sale price 4.95	Men's Rain Overcoats and Raincoats \$7.50 Raincoats for\$5.85 7.00 Raincoats for 5.85 10.00 Overcoats for 7.50 8.75 Overcoats for 7.50 12.00 Raincoats for 9.85 15.00 Raincoats for 11.45 13.75 Raincoats for 11.45	Men's Winter Overcoats 7.00 Overcoats for 4.95 8.00 Overcoats for 5.85 15.00 Overcoats for 8.75 12.00 Overcoats for 8.75 18.00 Overcoats for 15.00	Boys' Overcoats \$5.00 Overcoats for\$3.05 4.75 Overcoats for 3.95 7.00 Overcoats for 5.85 7.00 Overcoats for 5.85	Boys' Overcoats 4.50 Overcoats for 3.75 8.00 Overcoats for 4.95 7.00 Overcoats for 4.95	Men's Underwear Wool S. and D., worth 85c, sale price 44 Fleeces Lined S. and D., regular 39 Boys' 60 to 85c Suspenders, sale price, 44 Boys' \$1.25 to \$2.00 Suspenders, sale price 98	Soft Front Shirts Regular 60c to 85c, value, sale price, 50 Regular 75c and 85c, value, sale price 63 Regular \$1.00 and \$1.25 Shirts, sale price 79	Men's Hats at Bargain Prices Regular \$1.00 Soft Hats, sale price 75 Regular \$1.50 Soft Hats, sale price 1.23 Regular \$3.00 Stiff Hats, sale price 1.94 Regular \$2.50 and \$3.00 Stiff Hats, sale price 1.98 Regular 75c Caps for 49 Regular \$1.00 Caps for 73 25c Ties 2 for 25 35c Ties for 19 50c Ties for 25 85c Bases for 23
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