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### ATTEMPTED CHILD MURDER.

Alleged That Mrs. Bates of Woodstock Struck Her Children With an Axe.

WOODSTOCK, Jan. 18.—Mrs. Elmina Bates, a washerwoman of this city, has been sent up for trial on the charge of assault with intent to kill. It is alleged that on Sunday morning she struck her two children, Hattie, aged 22, and Will, aged 19, with an axe. Both appeared in Police Court with their heads in bandages. Hattie Bates has but a disconnected memory of the occurrence. She remembers being awakened by a blow on her head. She lost consciousness and awakened to find her mother washing her wounds. Hattie claims her way to her brother's room, where she had difficulty in awakening him. He had a wound in his head and lapsed into unconsciousness when endeavoring to dress. The girl claims to have a vague recollection of seeing her mother come into her room with her hands behind her back, and claims to have seen the axe she was trying to hide. Hattie's wounds were dressed in the morning and Will's in the afternoon. Mrs. Bates claims Hattie fell against the bed, injuring herself, while Will came home doped with opium and a cut on his head. Dr. Parke, who dressed the wounds, believes they were inflicted with the same instrument and might have been made with the back of an axe. Mrs. Bates is an old woman, who was disabled some time ago. She has been before the police and has proven herself a person possessed of a bad temper. Will Bates has a long police record. It is thought Mrs. Bates was not in her right mind when it is alleged she committed the assault. She will come up for trial at the spring Assizes, on March 13.

### CHICAGO MENUS.

**HAD CLOSE CALL**  
Chickens, in Cold Storage for 13 Years, Ran Foul of Restaurant Inspector.

CHICAGO, Jan. 18.—Thirteen years ago, thirteen chickens met a sudden and violent death. They were interned in a cold storage plant, and until yesterday had rested in peace. Then they were dragged forth, loaded into a wagon and driven out into the world for sale at the cheap restaurants. Solomon Van Praag, chief restaurant inspector, was standing at Clark and Madison streets, when the driver made a false move which landed him in trouble. He drove to the westward side of the restaurant. Van Praag's olfactory nerves quivered for an instant under the sudden shock, and then flashed a message to the brain that was reposing calmly under Sol's Derby. Van Praag jumped into the street, and, after staring wildly about him for an instant, located the cause of his disquiet. He jumped to the wagon and seized the driver by the collar. "Drive to the city laboratory at a gallop," he commanded. When the wagon drew up in front of that building a medical man was called. After he had examined the chickens he said that life was quite extinct. "Where were they discovered?" asked the doctor. "In a special drift," replied the driver. The driver of the wagon then produced a receipt which showed that the chickens were not perisporic, and therefore were of no use to any of the universities. Inspector Van Praag said he would get out a warrant for the driver and the command men who sold him the chickens, which are said to have been sold for 2 cents a pound.

## 12,000 THOUGHT TO HAVE PERISHED AT KINGSTON

Estimate Made by City Police on Number of Bodies Already Recovered—City Was Practically Wiped Out, Not a Building Escaping Undamaged—Harbor is Sinking

LONDON, Jan. 17.—Reports received here from St. Thomas direct estimate the casualties at Kingston at about 12,000 killed; say that some 9,000 persons are homeless, and place the damage done at \$10,000,000. Concerning the latter, while fire insurance companies here, as called yesterday, repudiate all liability, under the earthquake clause in their policies, marine insurance societies are likely to be pretty hard sufferers, risks of firehouses having been largely carried by those companies of recent years, and their policies do not appear to include an earthquake clause.

### City Wiped Out.

LONDON, Jan. 17.—Kingston has been wiped out, the damaged area comprising about one square mile. All the large warehouses in lower part of city were consumed, while not a single house anywhere remained undamaged and the majority were unfit for habitation. When the despatch was filed, the bodies of many whites, who had been staying in Myrtle Bank Hotel, were still beneath the wreck, as it was impossible to secure workmen to search debris.

A conservative estimate of the casualties, made by the police of Kingston, places the number killed at 12,000, judging from the number of bodies already discovered. The buildings which have been examined. This estimate, the correspondent adds, is likely to be largely increased when a thorough search is made of the buildings.

### Fine Buildings Destroyed.

The treasury on Harbor street, standing, but the postoffice and court house are in ruins. The Government offices are unsafe for occupancy. The Government house was badly damaged. The Colonial Bank was burned out. Nova Scotia Bank was a heap of ruins, and the residence of General Marshall went down like a pack of cards. Marshall was dug out alive, and but slightly injured. The Roman cathedral, the parish church, Scotch, Wesleyan and Baptist churches have disappeared, and the cathedral was destroyed. At Port Royal, at the entrance of Kings street harbor, one of the batteries sank and a gunner was killed. The ships in the harbor were converted into hospitals. All the other steamers, which brought Sir Alfred Jones and party to Jamaica, returned to have been rendered useless.

### Harbor Sinking

NEW YORK, Jan. 17.—The shores of the harbor of Kingston are sinking and there is terror lest the city slip into the sea, according to reports received here today from Port-au-Prince, Hayti. The harbor is said to be sinking and the water in many places has reached a hundred feet deep. Every wharf not destroyed by fire is said to have sunk into the sea or to have been rendered useless.

### Shock Felt in Europe

LONDON, Jan. 17.—Reports from Austria and Switzerland show that seismic disturbances occurred there on Monday afternoon at about the same corresponding time as in Jamaica, indicating the widespread unrest of the earth's crust.

### Kingston Alone Damaged

HOLLAND BAY, Jamaica, Jan. 17.—Advices received from various parts of the island show that Kingston was the only place damaged by the recent earthquake. All the other towns and villages are in good condition. No further earthquake shocks have been felt in Jamaica.

## SASKATOON IS VISITED BY DISASTROUS FIRE

Total Loss Estimated at \$54,000 and Insurance at \$28,000—Fire Originated in Hardware Store of Oliver & Kempthorne—Miss Kempthorne Was Rescued by Firemen on Ladder

SASKATOON, Sask., Jan. 17.—One of the most disastrous fires that have occurred in the history of Saskatchewan broke out this morning at 8 o'clock in the hardware store of Oliver & Kempthorne on Second avenue. The blaze began in the furniture repair room up stairs and near the back of the store. The fire started in the morning fire, and had gone away. Mr. Kempthorne, who with his sister, occupied rooms in the front of the building, were aroused by the smoke and made a hurried exit. His sister was soon taken from the burning building out of the front window by the firemen on a ladder.

### Total Loss \$54,000.

The total loss is estimated at \$54,000. The insurance is placed at \$28,000. Oliver & Kempthorne have an insurance of \$12,000 on the stock in a number of companies. The loss of the stock, both those in and out of the safe, were secured and placed in W. H. McBeth's store for safe keeping. The building was also insured by the firm, and had an insurance of \$2,000. The stock is valued at \$20,000 and the building at \$6,000, which would leave a net loss of about \$12,000.

Byce & Little, grocers, sustained a loss of \$7,000, and carried insurance

on the building, which they also owned and had only recently purchased from Archie Smith. They carried insurance of \$12,000, and the building was worth \$3,000.

Felix McManus had an insurance on his stock of \$2,500. On the building, which he also owned, he had \$800, and it was worth probably \$2,000. D. J. Smith, head of firm of Smith & Brown, had an insurance that practically covers their loss on both the building and furnishings. His loss was about \$3,000.

W. W. LaChance, who had apartments over Byce & Little's, is in the work for some hours with that object in view, and the other bucket men and the hose handlers concentrated their efforts to that end. The firemen worked away, encouraged by the cheers of the bystanders.

## ANOTHER C. P. R. DEPOT FOR WINNIPEG

New Structure to Be Twice Size of Present One—Minot Also Remembered.

WINNIPEG, Man., Jan. 18.—It is learned on what is regarded as an undeniable authority that the Canadian Pacific road will build a larger station here, double the size of the present one. It is understood that the new structure will be located on the north side of the tracks, opposite the present station. The station now in use was erected a little more than a year ago at a cost approximating that of the present one. The executive offices located in the building are already cramped, and with the development of the system in the West, and the great growth of traffic the new station is considered a necessity.

## STATHOONA'S HORSE

Permanent Corps Will Be Established at Brandon, Medicine Hat and Edmonton.

OTTAWA, Jan. 18.—Militia estimates for the present session of Parliament will make provision for the establishment of detachments of Canada's permanent corps at Brandon, Medicine Hat and Edmonton, whose services are to be used for instructional purposes, and to assist in training volunteer troops now being organized in considerable numbers on the Canadian plains. Three points to be held by the detachment are three hundred officers and men, with Major Cameron, formerly of Montreal, in all probability at their head. They will be known as Strathcona's Horse. Major Cameron himself held one of the most important posts in Strathcona's Horse, the mounted service in South Africa six years ago.

## SERIOUS SHORTAGE OF COAL PREDICTED

Shipments of Hard Coal from Fort William West Will Terminate February 15.

WINNIPEG, Jan. 18.—That there will be a very bad shortage of coal in the West before the winter finally terminates was the opinion expressed yesterday by gentlemen who arrived in the city from Fort William and who are fully conversant with the situation at the lake ports.

In the course of an interview one of the gentlemen having a most accurate knowledge of the situation said: "Very careful inquiry made at Fort William reveals the fact that in less than a month every pound of commercial coal for the Western market will have been shipped. By Feb. 15 all shipments of hard coal from that port to Winnipeg will absolutely terminate for the season, as by that time there will be no more coal on the docks there for the West.

"It would appear that the Winnipeg dealers had considerably underestimated the requirements for the country in giving the orders for domestic coal, and had left their orders too limited in amount to meet the large demands of the people of Winnipeg and the West.

The hard coal intended for Winnipeg market is kept in store at Fort William docks by permission of C. P. R., where the coal of the company is also stored.

### C. P. R. Supply Vanishing.

"The supply of soft coal brought in by the C. P. R. for their own use is also being depleted, owing to large demands being made upon it, but it is believed that the company's stock of locomotives, etc., until navigation opens in the spring. At the close of navigation last fall about 200,000 tons of soft coal on the docks. From this amount there had been withdrawn 60 carloads every working day since that time, and the stock of 60 cars was loaded every day until the opening of navigation.

"In addition to the coal supplied for the use of the company, several trainloads of coal have been shipped to private consumers in the West. Although the officials of the company are satisfied that there will be plenty of coal for their own purpose, it is apparent that there will be little to spare and that the Western consumers cannot depend on getting any large supplies of coal from the C. P. R. in the event of a serious shortage in the West.

## CANADA'S FISHERIES ARE VALUABLE ASSET

Annual Production in Round Numbers Amounts to \$30,000,000. The Modus Vivendi.

OTTAWA, Jan. 18.—Mr. Brodeur, Minister of Marine and Fisheries, said the value of the production of the fisheries were in round figures \$30,000,000, or five times greater than in 1870. There was a decrease in Ontario. This was due to divided jurisdiction between the Dominion and the Province. The question of the fisheries was a most important one. It was now engaging the attention of the Dominion Government, as it had engaged the attention of the different governments since 1888.

"I would not like," said Mr. Brodeur, "to express an opinion whether it should be abolished and if it were to be abolished it was now the province to do so. This was a decrease in the maritime provinces and we ought to take ourselves whether the time is opportune to abrogate it, if it is a change of policy which we created by the situation of 1888." Mr. Brodeur said that if the privileges were withdrawn from the New England Fish Company, they would still go on fishing and the money they expended in supplies and transportation would go to the United States. He was of the opinion that Canada had the right of exclusive jurisdiction over all the fishing in Rickson's entrance, the Hecate Strait. This would cover the whole halibut fisheries.

Mr. Foster spoke along the lines of the Minister of Marine and Fisheries, but was more emphatic in expressing an opinion that time had arrived when Canada should not give away any favors without a quid pro quo. The debate was not concluded when the House adjourned.

## STRUCK BOY WITH BOTTLE.

Violent Assault Committed in Railway Carriage on a College Student.

SMITH'S FALLS, Jan. 18.—A man named A. Bruneau, from Quebec Province, was taken into custody here on the charge of assault with intent to do grievous harm. When he came before Police Magistrate Sparham it was found that the alleged offense had been committed at Vaudreuil, Quebec, and that the magistrate therefore, had no jurisdiction.

The story is that a young man, named Harry Barton of Vankleek Hill, a student at the Guelph Agricultural College, was on his way back to the college after spending the holidays at home. He was traveling on the C.P.R. and was lying on his seat asleep, with his feet protruding into the aisle. Bruneau had been drinking, and in passing down the aisle stumbled over the young man's feet. Then, it is charged in the information, he drew a big bottle from his pocket, and struck the sleeping boy on the head.

Passengers interfered, and the boy was saved from further injury. When the train arrived here Bruneau was taken off. This morning when the magistrate found he had no jurisdiction the accused walked out of the court-room free.

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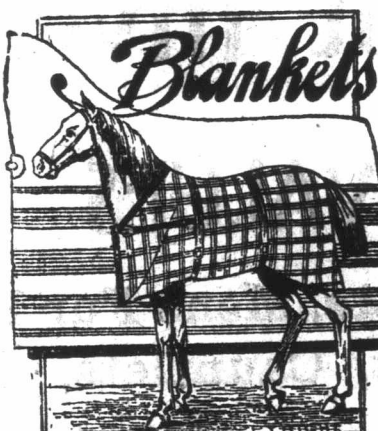
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An extremely important matter of the Finance Committee was held in the question of salaries and the other matters of consideration. The introduction by the Kelso Hunter and Penton Munro, and several members staff. The City Clerk, paid a salary of \$11,000 to the greater to the services rendered in conducting the election with those also drew attention in the pursuit of lawyer he would be getting for increase of salary \$80, also recited his views.

The following articles at present asking increases asked for:

J. K. Hunter, city Clerk, \$11,000; W. E. Fyfe, clerk, \$1,000; J. C. Wilkinson, \$1,000; Miss Blair, stenographer, \$800; Inspector Harwood, \$1,000.

In considering Mayor Smith's committee should be a business proposition and treat the would treat employment business concerns should know something for similar. He was in favor of everything that he thought would be careful before themselves to it increased salary. Several thousand quite appreciated Clerk Hunter, posed to paying and inasmuch as a year showed an increase of \$2,000 what they show. His Worship or three instances the City Clerk salaries were those that it pay the city.

The committee mend the following: Clerk to \$2,000; \$1,500; W. E. Wilkinson to \$1,300; Miss Blair to \$800.

The appointment of the salary list of the assessor was the committee be in the future the office an assessor responsible for the summer of 1908, and commend the Spior for the \$1,200.

The application of Woodward brought up the city police. It was argued that the be gone car.