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TEN PAGES—ONE CENT

A. B. COPP, M. P. P., ON THE STAND THIS MORNING

He Told of Various Services for the Central Railway

He Settled Several Claims for the Central Railway Co. on Advantageous Terms, and Received in All \$1,425 for His Services and Expenses.

The Central Railway enquiry was resumed in the Admiralty Court room at 10.15 o'clock this morning.

A. B. Copp, M. P. P., was called to the stand. He said he was in the legislature when the bill for the N. B. Coal and Railway Company was passed.

Witness had expressed some doubt on the floor of the house as to the advisability of taking over the railway.

Witness said he had been instrumental in cutting down the amounts. The largest claims were those of the Construction Company and the People's Bank of Fredericton.

In settling the Barnes' claims he had nothing to do with anyone except Mr. Barnes and Mr. Rabbitt.

At the time he conducted negotiations with Mr. Barnes, there was a Mr. Evans, bookkeeper for Mr. Barnes, present.

One of the items of the Barnes claim was the building of a shack for the men. He had not been given an estimate of the total cost of the line.

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Mr. Copp—"No, I wouldn't say that." Mr. Powell—"Well what legal matters were there connected with?"

Mr. Copp—"I can't say just now." (Continued on Page 10)

COOL HEADS ALONE PREVENTED PANIC IN NEW YORK THEATRE

Big Audience in Herald Square Theatre Was Handled in Masterly Style While Fire Raged in the Upper Gallery.

New York, N. Y., Dec. 22.—Fire broke out in the Herald Square Theatre at 25th street and Broadway tonight, ten minutes before the close of the performance of "The Three Twins," and before it was brought under control had done considerable damage to the building.

The fire caught from a large electric sign on the front of the theatre building and spread to the second gallery, which is opposite the second gallery of the auditorium. It was just ten minutes before the time for the performance to end, when two women came down from the second gallery and reported to the theatre attaches that there was smoke in the upper part of the building.

The Evening Times



WAS A. B. PUGLEY PARTNER WITH GEORGE W. FOWLER IN THE DEAL WESTERN LAND?

Opposing Lawyers Take Differing Views of the Case in Argument Before Chief Justice Barker in the Equity Court This Morning.

The land deal case of A. B. Pugley vs. George W. Fowler and Rufus H. Pope resumed in the Equity Court this morning, Chief Justice Barker at 11 o'clock today.

A. A. Wilson for the plaintiff desired to call George W. Fowler, insurance agent, with an office here, to testify concerning his dealings with the defendant.

Mr. Teed continued after interruption. "Mr. Pugley," he said, "must have been wrong in speaking of the 17,000 acres of land, as after the C. P. R. had been paid for the 200,000 acres it was ascertained that 17,000 acres were left over.

Dr. Macrae, the first of the plaintiff's counsel to give argument, stated that Fowler told Mr. Pugley that the 800 was not paid for property, and there was a verbal agreement between the men.

He cited an authority in an old English case of Hart vs. Clark, in which the plaintiff had retired from partnership in an enterprise but when the business became profitable sued for a share of the profits.

Neither the letter or wire explained why Pugley after writing him the letter. It was expressly stated that the plaintiff was not to put up any money, as the money realized from the disposal of the lands was to pay the C. P. R. The telegram was for a greater amount than the letter.

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SALVATION ARMY WILL FEED 500 POOR PEOPLE

GOOD PROGRESS ON NEW WHARF

No. 1 Crib for the New Wharf Extension Was Towed Into Place This Morning.

D. C. Clark, contractor for the extension to No. 6 wharf, on the west side, which is being built by the Dominion government, has made excellent progress.

The crib is now 200 feet long, 50 feet wide, and 10 feet high. Three tugboats—the Lord Kitchener, Lord Roberts and Milford—were employed in moving the crib.

About 45 men are employed by Mr. Clark, with Wellington Lord as foreman. They will build the crib up to 28 feet and then sink it. To do this will probably occupy three weeks, and in the meantime work will be commenced at the Old Fort in building No. 2 crib.

Mr. Clark says there is no difficulty in getting men to work, as he must have had applications from about 150 more than he now has employed.

CHILDREN WOULD NOT INCRIMINATE FATHER

Edward Perry's Children Shield Him in P. E. Island Police Court

Charlottetown, P. E. I., Dec. 22.—(Special)—The provincial exhibition directors held their annual meeting yesterday. A surplus of \$1,300, enabling a half yearly dividend of 1 1/2 per cent for this year and last year to be paid was declared.

Edward J. Perry came up before the police court yesterday on a charge of assaulting his wife. Children of the prisoner gave evidence of their father drinking, but were disposed to shield him as much as possible.

MAINE RED MEN ARE SLOWLY DYING OUT

Report Shows the Passamaquoddy Tribe Lost Seven Members During Past Year.

Augusta, Me., Dec. 23.—Charles A. Rolfe, of Princeton, agent for the Passamaquoddy tribe of Indians, has submitted to the governor and council his report for 1908. The census of the tribe shows that the total number of members of the tribe Dec. 1, 1907, was 463.

HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE THIS ICE MAN

East St. Louis, Ill., Dec. 23.—Patrick Sullivan, an ice wagon driver, found a \$10,000 bill in the bottom of an old car in the residence part of the town.

ONE THOUSAND ARE HOMELESS

New York, Dec. 23.—More than a thousand persons were made homeless and hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of property destroyed by a fire which burned out of a block of apartment houses between Second and Third Avenues and Forty-Fourth and Forty-Fifth streets, Brooklyn, today.

NEWSPAPER NEWS FROM FREDERICTON

Fredericton, Dec. 22.—(Special)—Yesterday afternoon a well known character, named Edward Chase, was arrested by the police for drunkenness.

MONCTON NEWS

A. B. McLaffie is Seriously Ill—Cold Day in the Railway Town.

Moncton, N. B., Dec. 23.—(Special)—Witness received this morning the effect that A. B. McLaffie, master mechanic of the I. C. R., lies in a critical condition in Massachusetts hospital in Boston, and chances for his recovery are very slim.

MONTREAL STOCKS

Montreal, Que., Dec. 23.—(Special)—Prices were strong, while the volume of business was fair for this time of year.

HARBOR DREDGING

Hon. Wm. Pugsley, minister of public works, arrived this afternoon from Ottawa. He announced that the contract for dredging at the Ballast Wharf had been awarded to J. S. Gregory and at York Point slip to the Maritime Dredging Co.

SOCIAL CLUBS AND LIQUOR

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 23.—(Special)—The case of the King vs. Gains, was decided in the Supreme Court this morning. The judgment went on the preliminary point and does not affect the merits.

BABY DIED ON TRAIN

Mr. and Mrs. Charles McKinnon of Salem, Mass., who arrived in the city on the Boston train today enroute to Halifax to spend Christmas here, had heavy hearts on the holiday.

THEIR SIX WEEKS' OLD BABY WHO accompanied them, took suddenly ill on the train last night and died early this morning.

Mr. McKinnon is a former St. John man.

HIGH LABOR OFFICIALS SENTENCED TO PRISON

Washington, Dec. 23.—The famous contempt case of the Bucks Stove & Range Co., against President Gompers, Vice-President Mitchell and Sec'y Morrison of the American Federation of Labor was decided today by Justice Wright of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia.

Gompers was sentenced to twelve months imprisonment, Mitchell to nine months, and Morrison to six months. The case grew out of the alleged boycott of the Company's products, and the putting of that Company on the "unfair list."

It is possible that an appeal into the death of Mrs. Doyle will be held at a future date but not at present.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Dec. 23.—The condition of Bishop McQuaid at 8 o'clock this morning was somewhat improved, also attending physicians held out no hope for his recovery and say his death is a question of hours.

ONE HUNDRED BASKETS OF FOOD Will be Sent Out to Needy Families—What the Baskets Will Contain—At the Salvation Army Institutions.

The work of charity of the Salvation Army in taking Christmas cheer to the homes of the poor and needy of St. John, and providing the Christmas treat to the inmates of the Dravlers' Shelter and the Rescue Home, has occasioned hard work and much self-sacrifice.

The present plans include the feeding of 100 families, or about 500 people; in other words 100 baskets with a Christmas dinner for a family of five will be sent out. As turkeys are so expensive this year a roast of beef is being sent instead.

A rough estimate along the following as what will be used: 400 lbs. of beef, 9 lbs. of potatoes, 6 lbs. of turnips, 75 lbs. of butter, 200 loaves of bread, 6 cases of oranges, 110 pounds of nuts, 100 pounds of candy.

The plan adopted has been for the officers in charge of the various districts to make a report to headquarters on the needy poor of their respective districts, the estimate is made of the number the Army undertakes to provide for.

Mr. Phillips, talking to the Times today, said that the post system of collection had not come up to the urgent requirements of the district officers in providing the system liberally today, as much as possible. He feared they would have to turn to the efforts for Christmas cheer. He points to the large amount of work required to feed the destitute, as showing the situation the Army has to cope with. The newspaper finds that the use of providing for the large number at the Shelter, and the revenues derived from the pots it depended upon to dispense help to the local poor.

Some of the more urgent cases of the city's poor have already been dealt with; cases that would not allow of delay, consequently a tax has been made on the funds. In each basket has been placed sufficient to feed five, as follows—three pounds of roast beef, two loaves of bread, potatoes, turnips, half pound of butter, oranges, nuts, candies and raisins, with a dainty Christmas card. Each district is apportioned the number of baskets for their requirements, the Army salvage delivery going about with the officers in charge of the corps, for distribution.

At the shelter a Christmas dinner will be given to 100, and to 15 at the Rescue Home. These dinners will consist of about the same as is being sent out in the baskets. In the Metropolitan the boarders will also be given a Christmas dinner, but the Army ask no assistance for this, as they are providing it themselves. A tour through the shelter and the salvage department this morning gave an excellent idea of the work of the Army along these lines. There are six rooms, four bedrooms, a salvage room and a smoking room, and in all there are 46 beds. In the yard and in the woodshed were a large number of men saving and splitting wood and all worked as if glad to get an opportunity to earn their way.

Adjutant Cornish explained that some of the money from the newspaper fund was used to purchase wood and this wood, sawed and split, was sold, the proceeds going to the feeding of the men. He asked the public patronize them when requiring cordwood or kindling. The dining room for the men is clean, and the food supplied is good and wholesome. Dinner was being prepared at the time, which consisted of beef soup, bread and butter and tea.

LOST—IRON KEY, REWARD IF RETURNED TO 24 WATERLOO STREET. 229-11-28