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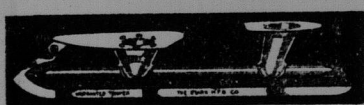
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NOBLES INVADE CITY; BIG DAY

Shriners to Have Meeting and Nobile Ceremonial—40 Candidates.

The city was invaded early this morning by outside members of Luxor Temple, Order of the Mystic Shrine, coming in special car from the northern part of the province, and this afternoon and evening there will be a business meeting of the Temple and a grand ceremonial and banquet. C. V. Conrad, illustrious potentate, arrived in the city last evening to attend this event, which is expected to be one of the biggest in the history of the Temple. The delegates from the North Shore had a special Pullman, attached to the morning express from Moncton. The business meeting will be held at four o'clock this afternoon. At eight o'clock this evening the grand ceremonial will begin, and a class of 40 new members is expected to travel the burning sands of the desert. At 10.30 to-night the banquet will be served, and covers have been laid for 250 for this function. During the serving of the banquet and at its conclusion a programme of entertainment, fully up to the standard set by the Temple, will be carried out.

MUSQUASH CLAIMS YET TO BE DECIDED

Hearing of Evidence by the Royal Commission is Completed Today.

Hearing by a royal commission of the claims for damage done by the breaking of a dam in the Musquash hydro development last April was completed before Hon. Dr. E. A. Smith and Hon. J. E. Macdonald this morning and the commission adjourned without arriving at any decision. E. J. Henneberry was present in the interests of the N. B. Electric Power Commission and W. A. Ross, D. King, Hazen and S. A. M. Skinner represented several of the claimants. The claims are estimated between \$80,000 and \$200,000. Evidence was taken today on claims as follows:—Alex McLeod testified in the claim of J. Malcolm Mackay for \$8,000 for damage done to marshes; S. A. M. Skinner told of damage done to his own dykes and marshes for which he claimed \$300, and Ezekiel Wren claiming \$870 damages to dykes, marshes and hay crop, gave evidence in his own behalf.

LOOKING INTO THE LONGSHORE WAGES MATTER

The arbitration committee enquiring into the dispute between the longshoremen and the steamship interests accompanied by representatives of the local steamship interests and members of the interested unions, visited the wharves on the eastern side of the harbor this morning, and this afternoon went to West St. John.

ARRIVE FOR BANQUET. Among the prominent men who arrived in the city today to attend the banquet to be tendered Premier Veniot this evening were: Hon. J. H. King, Minister of Public Works; Hon. A. B. Cope, Secretary of State; Senator O. Turgeon of Bathurst, and Hon. D. V. Mercereau, Minister of Agriculture in the Provincial Government. The Premier is at the Victoria Hotel.

POWER COMMISSION MEETS. A meeting of the New Brunswick Electric Power Commission will be held this afternoon at the Commission's office, Prince William street. Several matters, which will be brought to the attention of the Government at its next meeting, will be taken up by the Commission.

THE LIQUOR WAREHOUSES. Tomorrow is the day set for closing of the export liquor warehouses in New Brunswick. It is said today that all are emptied of stocks except one in St. Stephen and three in St. John.

As Hiram Sees It

"Hiram," said The Times reporter to Mr. Hiram Hornbeam, "I suppose you are going to honor the request to buy your Christmas presents early?" "I suppose I am," said Hiram. "It would really be a kindness to the clerks in the stores," said the reporter, "for they are usually rushed off their feet the last week or two." "Yes," said Hiram, "I suppose they are." "And it is just as easy," said the reporter, "to buy the presents this week as next?" "That's so, too," said Hiram. "Besides," said the reporter, "you have a better choice when you are early on the ground. The best is not so likely to be snapped up." "That's something in that, too," said Hiram. "And then," said the reporter, "if you found you had some money left and had a particular friend—you might buy him two presents?" Hiram eyed the reporter closely for a moment or two before he asked:— "Was you figurin' you was a patikler friend o' mine?" "I trust so," said the reporter— "you and Mrs. Hornbeam's." "Well," said Hiram, "I'm lovin' my enemies this Christmas. Aint that the Scriptur' way?"

LOCAL NEWS

ONE MAN FINED. One man was fined \$8 or two months in jail by Magistrate Henderson in the Police Court this morning.

WAS SUCCESSFUL. The ladies of the North End W. C. T. U. held a successful pantry sale at 445 Main street, yesterday afternoon. The proceeds are for the work of the union.

COSTS \$200. Leonard Dryden forfeited \$200 in the Police Court this morning on a charge of having liquor in his possession other than his private dwelling house.

BURIED TODAY. The funeral of Ralph C. Beatty was held this afternoon from the residence of his parents, Prince street, West, at 2.30 o'clock. Service was conducted by Rev. H. E. Thomas. Interment was in Cedar Hill.

HON. DR. BELAND DELAYED. Hon. Dr. Beland will not reach St. John in time for the Canadian Club luncheon on Saturday, and it will be held on Monday. Dr. Beland will wait in Halifax for the arrival there of Hon. Mackenzie King, and has wired Secretary Romans to this effect.

ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED. Mrs. R. Bennett of 183 Bridge street wishes to announce the engagement of her eldest daughter, Rose, to Wesley J. Porter of Westfield, N. B. The wedding to take place in the near future.

IS DONALDSON OFFICIAL. Captain M. N. Gilles, marine superintendent of the Donaldson Line, arrived in the city this morning from Montreal. He left this afternoon for Halifax, where he will look after the steamer of his line which are due there.

AT BOARD OF TRADE. The Board of Trade this morning received a request from an Ontario concern to be placed in touch with possible sellers of two barges, one of 2,500 tons and the other of 800 tons carrying capacity. A request was also received from Quebec for the names of wholesale dealers in fertilizers.

INSPECTED EMPRESS. Mr. McLeod, general manager of the C. P. R. Great Lakes Steamship Service, arrived in the city this morning. In company with J. M. Wood, general superintendent of the C. P. R. New Brunswick district, he went to the St. John Dry Dock this morning and inspected the Bay steamer Empress.

IS CUT OVER EYE. A. J. Machum, who resides at 52 Victoria Square, sustained a deep cut over one of his eyes last night as the result of a fall on the pavement at the foot of King street. He was picked up by Policeman Hatt and conveyed to the hospital, where his injury was attended to, after which he was taken to his home.

DIED TODAY. The death of Mrs. Annie Lowrey occurred this morning after a short illness. Mrs. Lowrey was the widow of John A. Lowrey and daughter of the late William and Eleanor Patterson of this city. She is survived by two daughters, Miss Maud and Mrs. Harry Bond. The funeral will take place from her late residence, 8 Harris street, on Saturday afternoon at 2.30.

RIVER SEASON ENDED. The official closing of navigation on the St. John river and tributaries took place last evening when the steamer "Frederick" was towed down from Fredericton on her last trip of the season. She will be taken through the falls to return to the river in the winter. The majestic was the last steamer to discontinue running this season.

WAS ENJOYABLE EVENING. The members of the Last Car Club met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Reed, 222 Britain street on Tuesday evening, and five game of progressive whist were played. The first prize winners were: Ladies, Mrs. McClean; gentlemen, Mr. Crane. Consolation went to Mrs. Moffard and Mr. Reed. Dainty refreshments were served after the fourth game. At the close of the evening Alvin Lang Syne was heartily sung.

SONS LIVE HERE. Friends of Mrs. J. Thos. Middleton of Holderville, Kings Co., will regret to learn of her death which took place on Sunday after a long illness at the age of 75 years. She is survived by four sons, Alvin, J. and Elmer C. Thos., and one daughter, Mrs. L. M. Long of Marysville, and nine grandchildren. The funeral took place on Tuesday at Holderville.

WERE TANGLED UP. A unique accident happened yesterday afternoon at Haymarket Square, when an automobile, owned by Harry Snell and driven by a lady, struck a street car and the front wheel became jammed under the rear end of the car. The accident attracted a number of spectators, and many willing hands assisted in extracting the machine. The front mud guards were quite badly bent, but aside from that the automobile was not injured.

MARRIED IN ILLINOIS. Miss M. Agnes Lawlor, graduate nurse of St. John, was married on October 19 in the Catholic Cathedral, St. Louis, Mo., to Dr. Charles L. Garria of Eldorado, physician and surgeon at the Union Colliery, Du Quoin, Illinois. They were married by Rev. Father Sylvester Tucker, and will make their home in Du Quoin, where the bride has been superintendent of the large Marshall Browning Hospital.

GETS POST IN JAPAN. Word was received this morning by R. C. Thomas from his brother, P. C. Thomas, Jr., who at the present time is located at Washington, that he would be in the city on Saturday and would be leaving on Monday for Tokyo, Japan, where he will represent the Westinghouse Air Brake Co., in the Japanese capital. Mr. Thomas is a graduate of the U. N. B. and since his graduation has been at the Washington branch of the Westinghouse Company.

AUTO SMASHES LARGE WINDOWS

Imperial Tobacco Company's Office Front in Mill St. Wrecked.

Two large plate glass windows in the Imperial Tobacco Company's office in Mill street were broken early this morning when an automobile, 12,597, owned by Roy Seales and driven by Clifford Melanson, ran up on the sidewalk and crashed through the office windows. The driver exclaimed that he was proceeding up Dock and as he turned into Mill street part of the steering gear broke and the automobile took a sudden curve. Before he could bring it to a stop the accident had happened. The automobile was slightly damaged, but was able to proceed under its own power.

DR. F. E. SMITH IS AGAIN PRESIDENT

Re-elected by the Hampton Curling Club—Committees for Year Named.

A large and enthusiastic meeting of the Hampton Curling Club was held last evening at the Court House, President Dr. F. E. Smith in the chair. It was decided to install hydro during next week and a special committee was appointed to look after the work. Election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows:—Dr. F. E. Smith, president, re-elected. R. L. Fleming, vice-president. W. S. Wilkinson, secretary-treasurer. Managing Committee:—Wm. Bonaville, H. L. Warden, Allan Coster. Entertainment committee:—Rev. F. S. Porter, C. T. Wetmore, Richard Bovard. Audit committee:—C. T. Wetmore, C. Coster. Match committee:—G. M. Wilson, W. S. Wilkinson, C. Coster. The following new members were elected:—Harold Taylor, Ernest Poirer, Harry Jenkins, Henriot Francis.

SEMI-CONSCIOUS, HE MAY RECOVER

Seven-year-old Alfred Spencer Falls From Fort Howe.

Yesterday afternoon Alfred Spencer, seven-year-old son of Mrs. Mary Spencer of 107 Simonds street, who is employed at the Y. W. C. A. cafeteria, King street, fell 40 feet from Fort Howe to the foot of the iron railing in Main street. The little fellow was taken to the General Public Hospital. At noon today the boy was still semi-conscious and it was impossible to say how badly he was injured, but hopes were held out for his recovery. Several children were playing on the top of the high rocky hill after the schools had been dismissed for the day, and in some way the Spencer had fallen over the declivity, striking with fearful force in the gutter. The other children ran away from Fort Howe when they saw what happened their companion.

A large crowd soon collected in Main street and for several hours the identity of the unfortunate boy could not be ascertained. He was tenderly carried to the drug store of Robert W. Hawker, 228 Main street, by Charles O'Brien, of St. Sheriff street, and shortly afterwards was taken to the hospital. News of the accident spread rapidly throughout the North End and numbers whose boys had not returned home had an anxious time, numerous inquiries being made to the police and hospital. Finally the list of those who had not reached their homes at supper time was narrowed down to two or three. The description of the accident victim corresponded with that of the Spencer boy, and the missing boy was identified by Mrs. T. Power at the hospital, identified him. Mrs. Spencer is a widow with five children.

FREEDOM OF CITY TO BE CONFERRED ON MR. BEATTY

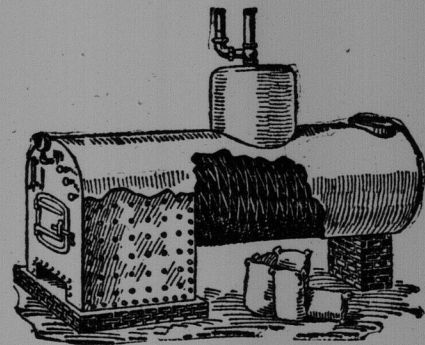
It was learned today that when E. W. Beatty, president of the C. P. R., pays his official visit to St. John and entertaining prominent citizens on the S. S. Montclare on December 5 he will have conferred on him an unique honor, in that he will be made a freeman of the city. This is an honor that has been conferred upon but few men, particularly of late years, and it is understood this will be the first time it has been offered to any person since the close of the Boer war.

MAIN IS CONNECTED

The work of connecting the new 24 inch main on the West Side with the reservoir and cross connecting it with the old 24 inch main was carried out last night with very little interruption to the service. The water was shut off at 7 o'clock and at 11 o'clock it was back in the old 24 and was in the new 24 this morning. While the work was being carried on there was only a drop of 10 pounds in the pressure and only three fire hydrants were without water. When the new main is completed, in about two weeks, the West Side will be completely gridironed with mains and in the event of anything happening to a pipe it will be necessary to shut off a very small part of the system to make the necessary repairs.

BANK CLEARINGS. St. John bank clearings for the week ending today were \$2,679,496; last year \$2,901,926; in 1921 \$2,526,893.

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