

PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCES NAMES OF THOSE CONSTITUTING PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Col. D. Vince, K. C., of Woodstock Heads List --An Unusually Strong Board.

The provincial government has appointed the Public Utilities Commission under the act of last session. This commission is a court authorized to hear complaints against companies or firms administering public utilities...

Col. Vince is a man whose judicial qualities, general knowledge, integrity and thoroughness will command confidence everywhere. He is an exceedingly well read man, has a wide knowledge of business, is a good lawyer, and scrupulously just.

Mr. O. M. Melanson, secretary of the commission, lives at the Nashwankeas, York County, where he owns and operates a fine dairy farm. For some years past he has been 1st vice-president of the Fredericton Exhibition Association.

Mr. O. D. Oty, though a resident of Hampton, and an official of the municipality of Kings, carries on an insurance business in St. John and may be regarded as a member of this community.

Mr. O. M. Melanson is one of the leading merchants on the gulf shore, and carries on a larger mercantile business than any other Acadian in the province. He represented Westmorland in the legislature for two terms, and has been prominent in municipal affairs.

SIX ARE KILLED IN FIRE WHICH BURNS PRISON

Long List of Fatalities in Blaze Which Destroyed Workshops of New Haven County Jail.

New Haven, Conn., April 13.—Six men were burned to death in a fire which destroyed the workshops of the county jail here today.

Three of their comrades were saved through the heroism of other firemen who were outside. The bodies of the six men were found late today after the debris had cooled.

Many other firemen were fearfully burned but remained at work. The dead are: Capt. G. L. Chapman of truck 1.

Lieut. W. J. Doherty of truck 1. Ladderman John Buckley of truck 1. Hoseman James T. Cullen, James Mortell and Thomas J. McGrath of engine No. 4.

The seriously hurt: Laddermen A. E. Wilcox, Thomas J. Vaughn of truck No. 1 and hoseman John Hussey; Captain Charles H. O'Neill of engine No. 4 and Cornelius Shugrue, ladderman of truck No. 1.

MT. MCKINLEY SAID TO HAVE BEEN SCALED

One Member of Fairbanks Expedition Returns To Tell Of Alleged Success — Cook's Route Impossible He Says.

Fairbanks, Alaska, April 13.—The Fairbanks-Mt. McKinley expedition that reached the summit of the peak started to follow the route Dr. Cook said he took but was obliged to abandon it as it is impossible.

Thomas Lloyd, the leader declared today no traces of Cook's camps were found. Lloyd placed his crude notes of the journey in the hands of a committee of the Order of Pioneers of Alaska, who will arrange for publication.

The party took photographs of the summit and of points along the trail. They also established the trail so well that it can be followed by other parties next summer.

Anerold measurements taken by the men places the height of the mountain at 29,500 feet.

The men were in the party that left Fairbanks with dog teams in December. It was the theory of the leaders that the ascent would be less dangerous in the spring than in the winter when the snow began to melt.

GOVERNMENT BILL DEFEATED IN COMMITTEE

Commees Water Power Measure Supported By Mr. Graham Gets Quietus In Railway Committee.

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SENATE DISCUSSES I. C. R. BRANCH LINES

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PAVING WAY FOR ANOTHER HOLD-UP

PRINCIPALS IN ALBERTA DEAL ARE VANISHED

Promised Bomb Of Great Waterways Company Explained At Opening Session Of Royal Commission.

Edmonton, Alta., April 13.—The siting of the Royal Commission to inquire into the Alberta and Great Waterways deal was commenced today and the Alberta and Great Waterways people exploded their promised bomb through W. L. Walsh, K. C., counsel for commission.

At the opening of the inquiry Mr. Walsh arose and said that within the past half hour he had received information that Mr. Minty and his attorney Mr. Robson had returned to Winnipeg and that W. R. Clarke had refused to appear before the commission.

These refusals as an absolute surprise as Mr. Robson had assured the commission of the presence of Clarke today and Minty himself had declared he was going to remain and give all the evidence desired. His refusal to appear is modified by a declaration that he will give evidence if called by the commission in Winnipeg.

Mr. B. Bennett said this was because he knew a commissioner could not force answers outside of the province. James McKinnon of the Canada West Construction Co. was subpoenaed but failed to appear. Dr. Waddell, chief engineer of Alberta and Great Waterways, was called and was hazy about office matters and papers; also he could not explain the exact connection between the Alberta and Great Waterways deal and the Canada West Construction Co.

WASHINGTON HAVING DICTATED CANADA'S POLICY IN MATTER OF TARIFF, TURNS TO PULPWOOD.

Action of Quebec in Prohibiting Export May Result In Another "Victory" for Ottawa.

Washington, April 13.—The announcement that the Province of Quebec by an order in council would immediately prohibit the exportation of pulp wood from that province to the United States was received here with surprise and regret.

At the state department it was said that the prospect of closer commercial relations and of a trade treaty with the Dominion were thought to be sufficiently encouraging to deter any of the provinces from imposing prohibitory restrictions now. The result of such summary action as proposed, would interfere seriously, it is felt, with the realization of the suggested trade treaty and might in a measure nullify the good that was accomplished by the closer friendly relations into which the governments of the United States and the Dominion of Canada have recently been brought.

The proposed increase of stumpage dues and license fees for the sake of insuring increased revenue is not questioned but the intention to prohibit the exportation of pulp wood is regarded in some quarters as a clearly approaching an unfriendly act. During the tariff negotiations in Ottawa, and subsequently at Albany and Washington there was some discussion of the pulp wood question but that matter is understood to have been left for the further discussion when the proposed reciprocity treaty is negotiated between the Dominion and the United States.

The sitting adjourned until tomorrow at one o'clock in order to allow part of the arrangement the department of railways had agreed to convey part of its property near the canal wharf, the whole or part of this property to be substituted for that given by the city. The legislature of the province had confirmed this arrangement.

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MIRACULOUS ESCAPE OF MARYSVILLE WOMAN

Miss Harriet Gallimore Has Clothing Burned From Body In Fire Which Threatens Destruction Of Home.

Marysville, April 13.—One of the worst accidents that has occurred in Marysville for some years occurred this morning when Miss Harriet Gallimore was almost burned to death.

CANADIAN BANK WINS

Bank of Montreal Succeeds By Default In Case With The United States Banking Company.

New York, April 13.—Judgment by default for \$217,849 against the United States Banking Company, a Mexican concern which suspended two months ago, was entered here today in favor of the Bank of Montreal.

OPENING OF PARIS SALON

British and American Artists Command Unusual Showing — Exhibition Of Greater Excellence Than Last Year.

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DEAKIN MEETS WITH DEFEAT

Labor Party Overthrows Government In Yesterday's Australian Elections, And New Order Is Inaugurated.

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YESTERDAY IN THE SUPREME COURT

Fredericton, N. B., April 13.—In the supreme court this morning the case of King vs. the town of Campbellton ex parte, Ferdinand Berlinger, court will consider.

In the case of King vs. James P. Kelly, Justice of Peace, Victoria county, ex parte, Gordon McAdam, A. B. Connel, K. C., showed cause against the order nisi to set aside the conviction under the liquor license act, granted by His Honor, Justice Barry, P. A. Guthrie argued in support of the order. Order nisi was discharged.

CLERKS NOT SASSY

Montreal, April 13.—Canadian railway clerks are not "sassy." Such is the result of the investigations made by the C. P. R. and G. T. R. It will be remembered that one of the farmers who went to Great Britain to preach the gospel of Canada complained of the insolent way in which intending immigrants were treated "By the underlying clerks of a great Canadian railway."

The railways investigated and found no cause for complaint in their clerks here. They appealed to the farmers who had made the charge and he said his remarks were aimed at the clerks of the railways in Britain. So the query has been shifted across the sea and it is possible that Canadian clerks may be sent to England to give lessons in manners and how to treat farmers.

GEORGE MUNRO TAKEN ON THEFT CHARGE

Fredericton Man Accused Of Stealing \$35 From Companion Arrested At Oromocto—Hearing On For Today.

Fredericton, April 12.—George Munro, who is charged with stealing \$35 from a fellow boarder, named Harry Hallett at Uraquhart's boarding house was arrested at Oromocto today by Police Officer Foss, and brought here by boat this afternoon. The prisoner had \$21 in his possession. He was taken before Police Magistrate Marsh and remanded to jail until tomorrow morning.

TWO KILLED WHEN FLOOR GAVE WAY

Boston Workmen Are Caught In Trap Remodeling Building — Floor Gives Way Claiming Two Victims.

DEATH OF TWO AGED SALISBURY RESIDENTS

Moncton, April 13.—Mrs. A. M. Addy, a former resident of Moncton, but lately living at Salisbury, with her sister, Mrs. A. I. Wright, was stricken with paralysis on Tuesday. She has since been speechless and her condition is regarded as critical.

SCHOONER NOVELTY SUCCESSFULLY LAUNCHED

Parrsboro, N. S., April 12.—The tern schooner Novelty was successfully launched this afternoon from the shipyard of George M. Cochrane, Port Greenville, and sailed immediately for Moose River, where she will load lumber for New York.

HANDSOME TERN SCHOONER LEAVES WAYS AT PARRSBORO

The Novelty is a well built vessel of 245 tons register, is iron keeled and supplied with gasoline hoisting engine and is classed twelve years in the American record. She is owned by Capt. David Ritchey and others of Lunenburg, and will sail from that port.

ITALIAN CONVICTED OF MANSLAUGHTER

Cobourg, April 13.—The jury in the case of George Mancuro, the Italian charged with the murder of two fellow countrymen, Frank Marano and Giuseppe Clonone at a Canadian Northern Railway construction camp, at Graton, last fall, returned a verdict of manslaughter, at 12 o'clock this morning.

T. AND N. O. RAILWAY HAD SUCCESSFUL YEAR

Toronto, April 13.—The local operating revenue of the T. & N. O. Ry., for the ten months ending October 31st, according to the annual report of the commission just issued, was \$1,361,224.88, and the ore royalties amounted to \$108,516.68. The operating expenses totalled \$794,796.88.