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ONE CENT

PLAYGROUND FUND NOW ALMOST \$800

Generous Subscription Received From Montreal--Committee Will Now be Able to Proceed at Once with Equipment of First Playground.

The fund for supervised playgrounds continues to grow and today's contribution brings the total up to \$775. It is now certain that the committee will be able to proceed at once with the equipment of the first playground, and it is felt now that the extension of the movement to embrace other grounds including an open field for sports for the boys can be contemplated.

Table listing subscription amounts: Previously Acknowledged \$722.00, Albert J. Ralston, Toronto 5.00, M. Cochenhalter, Montreal 25.90, Mrs. D. McArthur 5.00, Cash 1.00, Richard Sullivan & Co. 5.00, J. & A. McMillan 5.00, P. W. S. 1.00, American Laundry 2.00, Dr. T. D. Walker 5.00, Total \$777.00

THE METHODISTS ELECT OFFICERS Sessions of Methodist District Meeting Continued in Queen Square Church Today.

The ministerial session of the St. John district of the Methodist church was continued in the Queen square Methodist church this morning, Rev. C. W. Hamilton presiding. Reports from four of the seventeen churches in the circuit were submitted to the meeting, and it will be laid this afternoon before the reading of all the reports is concluded.

BOUGHT GOODS FROM SOLDIER Carleton County Man in Trouble in Fredericton--Injured by Explosion.

FREDERICTON, June 14 (Special)—Oliver Davenport, of Northampton, Carleton county, was given in charge last night by Sergt. Major Duncan of the Royal Regt. on a charge of stealing government property. It appears that Davenport visited the barracks in company with two soldiers and as he was passing out Sergt. Butler noticed that he was concealing something beneath his coat. He stopped the fellow and took away from him two grey shirts, a pair of khaki trousers, a pair of puttees and a pair of braces, all part of a soldier's kit. Davenport claims that he bought the articles from the two soldiers and although his story is accepted as true it does not lessen the seriousness of the offence. The prisoner was arraigned in the police court this morning and remanded until tomorrow. He purchased the articles in ignorance of the law and if he disclosed the names of the soldiers it is scarcely likely that he will be prosecuted.

AWFUL EXPLOSION OF BRITISH STEAMER RESULTS IN DEATH OF NINE MEN

Barrel of Naphtha Exploding Kills Nine Men and Injures Forty on International Navigation Company's Steamer Haverford--Firemen on Other Steamers of Same Line Conspire for Higher Wages.

LIVERPOOL, June 14.—Nine men were killed and about forty were wounded as the result of a terrific explosion this morning on board the British steamer Haverford, of the International Navigation Company. The vessel, which is commanded by Captain Neilson, arrived here yesterday from Philadelphia, landed her passengers and proceeded to Huskisson dock early today in order to unload. The stevedores were in the act of unloading the hatches when the explosion occurred. It blew off the hatches, rent the decks and hurled dead and wounded men in all directions. Several bodies were dismembered and the dock resembled the floor of a charnel house. The explosion, which, according to rumor, was caused by an infernal machine, was followed by an outbreak of fire. The cargo, consisting of several oil casks, in hold No. 2 and hold No. 3, was soon burning fiercely.

SAYS STEEL KING HAS DESERTED HER

Mrs. Corey Wife of President of Steel Corporation Enters Suit in Nevada for Absolute Divorce--A Prominent Actress Figures in the Case.

RENO, Nev., June 13.—Mrs. William Ellis Corey, wife of the president of the United States Steel Corporation, filed a petition today in the Second District Court of Nevada in this place for an absolute decree of divorce. The petition of Mrs. Corey is brief, reciting that she was married to Corey on December 15, 1883, and that she abandoned her about May 1, 1905. She asks for a decree upon the ground of desertion, and also asks the custody of their minor son. The petitioner has obtained three attorneys of Reno to prosecute her case. Corey had left for the west for the purpose of the Nevada suit. Mrs. Corey is a prominent actress and actress figures in the case. Mrs. Corey is a prominent actress and actress figures in the case.

MORE LUNE WEDDINGS

A society event which has been looked forward to with much interest for some time by the ladies of this city takes place tonight at 8:30 o'clock in St. Andrew's church, when Miss Marie Thomson, only daughter of the late John H. Thomson will be married to Walter Harrison, son of the late W. F. Harrison. Both of the young people are very popular and have a large circle of friends. The groom is a member of the Victoria Barbours and is a private in the 3rd Regt. R. C. A. Rev. David Lang will officiate at the ceremony and in the evening a reception will be held at the home of the bride.

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THAT MONCTON LAND PURCHASE

Minister of Railways, General Manager Pottinger and G. H. Hewson on the Stand.

OTTAWA, June 14.—(Special)—In the committee of public accounts this morning G. H. Hewson, a solicitor of Moncton, N. B., through whom some 19 acres of land required by the I. C. R. for extension of the railway was purchased, was recalled. He was a Conservative and for some 12 years had been a member of the I. C. R. He had been endeavoring to sell land to the government railway for some time and had been successful in doing so.

There were several different proposals included in the sale, and the railway would not want any one of the properties unless all could be procured. There had, he said, been a great increase in value of land recently. He knew that land in the vicinity had been held at \$1000 an acre and had heard of other land being sold at \$2000 per acre.

Mr. Hewson was examined at the length by Mr. Emmerson as to the completion in the Moncton railway office, and the time it required to make a search of the title to the property in question, and expressed the opinion that Mr. Foster's account for that work was not unreasonable. To Mr. Ames Mr. Hewson said he had not been secretary of the Conservative Association since Sept. 1904, but the \$300 he had made out of this transaction had not been used for the party.

DALHOUSIE'S WATER SUPPLY

Artesian Wells Installed Which have Proven Successful--Town Census to be Taken

DALHOUSIE, N. B., June 14.—(Special)—Frank Humphrey, an expert from the Pneumatic Engineering Co. of New York, commenced on Monday morning the work of installing two artesian wells bored by the town of Dalhousie. The wells are both four hundred feet deep and were pumped by compressed air taken up from the Restigouche Woodworking Factory, a distance of twenty-seven hundred feet. The pumping was kept up nearly forty-eight hours, with an output of about one hundred and twenty gallons per minute. The test was watched by Willis Chipman, civil engineer of Toronto, Mayor Montgomery and Alderman Liblouis for the town.

Approaching Nuptials Announcement is made of the marriage on Thursday, June 21st, at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, of E. Roy Fenwick, son of Wilfred Fenwick, and Miss Florence Slipp, daughter of W. O. Slipp of this city.

Montreal Stocks MONTREAL, June 14 (special)—The opening of the stock market this morning found prices exceptionally strong, with a fair volume of business. After the opening orders were filled, however, there were some fractional recessions from the highest points. The leading features were Montreal Street Railway, 282 to 281 1/4; Dominion Iron, 30, and Bonds 87 to 86 3/4; Mackay, 70 to 70 1/2; preferred, 71 1/2; Toronto Railway, 119 to 118 3/4; Dominion Coal, 79; Mexican, 62 1/2; Dominion Tectile, 105 1/2.

Fell Thirty Feet From King Street East Roof George T. McNutt, a carpenter, employed by Mr. Myles, while working on a two-story house owned by E. F. Gresny on King street east, this morning fell from the roof to the sidewalk, sustaining very serious injuries. He was engaged in making some repairs, and in pulling out a board he lost his balance and fell to the sidewalk, a distance of about thirty feet. He was picked up and carried to the hospital of F. I. Tuffa and Dr. T. D. Walker summoned. It was found that an arm was broken, his back severely hurt and serious internal injuries are feared. Dr. Walker made the man as comfortable as possible and, announcing the ambulance, had him conveyed to the hospital. Those on the spot at the accident remarked that it was almost a miracle that the man was not killed, as he struck the asphalt side-walk with great force.

THE STRIKE IN THE MILLS

There was very little change in the situation between the mill owners and the striking employes today. Miss Miller's Picket mill was closed down last night as the pickets had worked as long as they had agreed to. Mr. Miller said, however, that the strike would resume operations on Saturday.

QUESTION OF OFFERINGS IN THE SUNDAY SCHOOLS

The Sunday school conference in Trinity church schoolroom was resumed this morning at 10:30 o'clock. Rev. Canon Harrover spoke on the subject of offerings in the school. He was opposed to the practice of giving children pennies for their contributions, advocating the plan of more responsibility on the little ones by giving more largely. He also favored the idea of having the children's contributions used for general church work instead of for a specific object. The Sunday school would get the benefit of the offerings and it would give the children a feeling of greater responsibility when they were grown up.

LATE PERSONALS

J. D. Chipman and wife of St. Stephen are in the city. Don Malcolm and C. P. Holden arrived this morning from their vacation in the country. Herbert Lyons and bride returned home today on the Boston express from their honeymoon. Homer Forbes arrived home on the Boston train today.

NEW C. P. R. STEAMSHIP BREAKS ALL RECORDS

MONTREAL, June 4 (Special)—The C. P. R. S. S. Empress of Britain has again lowered the land to land record via the Cape Race route, the voyage being made in three days and 21 hours. The Empress sailed from Liverpool at 6 o'clock Saturday evening, passed Noville at 9 o'clock Sunday morning, and was reported by the Marconi wireless 100 miles east of Cape Race at 6 o'clock this morning. She is expected in Quebec early Saturday.

THE TIMES NEW REPORTER

STARTLING ANNOUNCEMENT The public works department has decided, now that it has a director, to give some attention to the streets of St. John. The first step will be to discover the streets, quite a number of which have either been buried under a litter of refuse and filth or have come to such a condition that they would not be suspected of being streets. There is a rumor that the new director will endeavor to learn whether a man in the department getting \$1 or \$1.50 per day does more than fifty cents worth of work. He is said to have expressed the opinion that a man working for the city should do as much work as if he were employed by a merchant or contractor. This is a new doctrine, and may lead to trouble. However, great things are expected of the new chairman and director.

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