

EXTENSIVE WORK ALL ALONG LINE OF INTERCOLONIAL

Government Officials Pleased With Condition of Things Here

LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS

To Involve Expenditure of About \$40,000—Some Important Work Planned for St. John—Deputy Minister and Other Officers of the Road on Inspection Trip.

Tuesday, June 13. Having completed their annual inspection of the Intercolonial here, the party of government officials, consisting of A. W. Campbell, deputy minister of railways and canals and chairman of the board of management of the I. C. R.; Commissioners F. P. Brady and E. Tiffin; J. B. Caron, T. C. Burpee, engineer of maintenance, and W. A. Bowden, chief engineer at Ottawa; W. V. Cope, auditor, and A. O'Leary, Mr. Campbell's secretary, left for Fredericton last evening.

As a result of the local inspection it is understood that a recommendation will be made to the government to have important improvements made in St. John that will involve an expenditure of something like \$30,000. These improvements will include the reconstructing of the I. C. R. retaining wall at Courtenay Bay, the completion of the paving work started last year in the vicinity of the I. C. R. freight sheds, and the filling in of the excavations made on the I. C. R. property, Mill street. The latter is in connection with the completion of improvements that the C. P. R. is making in its vicinity. At a meeting held between the I. C. R. and C. P. R. officials yesterday morning the former agreed to bear the cost of filling in any excavations made on their property.

To a Telegraph reporter last evening Mr. Campbell said that these were the most important matters in the way of improvements to be made on the I. C. R. line. He said that the reconstructing of the retaining wall at Courtenay Bay would be immediately commenced. The officials, he said, were highly pleased with the condition in which they found the facilities here. It was altogether likely that the double track being laid from the depot to the Goldbrook would be extended as far as Hampton. He realized that this would prove of great advantage to suburbanites.

Prospects Bright.

He looked forward to a most successful year for the road. The returns for the first two months in particular, he said, have been more than encouraging.

His chief work at Fredericton he thought would be locating a site for the new station which is in connection with a cost of \$43,000. Great improvements were being made all along the line. A quarter of a million dollars was to be spent on the improvement of the road, while in Moncton the sum of \$10,000 was to be expended on the administrative offices. It is expected that a new station will be built at the cost of which will be about \$100,000.

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WORK ON G.T.P. IS NEARLY COMPLETED

Tuesday, June 13. Work on the New Brunswick section of the Grand Trunk Pacific is now rapidly nearing completion and it is expected that with the possible exception of a few of the station buildings, all will be ready for the opening of the line on Christmas.

Only one main track now remains to be laid, the principal hindrance being caused by the steel viaducts.

The estimates for the month of May for work on the line were \$1,000,000, which were very small. The whole amounted to \$20,975,92, divided as follows: No. 2 contract, \$2,154,26; No. 3 contract, \$13,373,20; No. 4 contract, \$4,881,20; No. 5 contract, \$1,492,215; No. 6 contract, \$14,024,35. There was no expenditure during May on No. 1 contract.

VALLEY RAILWAY CONFERENCE

Tuesday, June 13. The conference between Hon. William Pugsley, minister of public works, representing the Dominion government, and a committee from the provincial government consisting of Hon. J. K. Flemming, acting premier, Hon. John Morrissey and Hon. Robert Maxwell in regard to the valley railway, will be resumed at 11 o'clock this morning. The first meeting was set for 5:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon in Honorable Mr. Pugsley's office and was attended by all the gentlemen named with the exception of Hon. Robert Maxwell. This conference lasted about half an hour and adjournment was then taken until this morning.

ROBBED THE CAMP

Tuesday, June 13. Camp Idle Hour, owned by John Morris, 50 City Road, and situated on the Kennebec river near Millville, was broken into on Saturday and robbed of various articles. A row boat with a pair of oars and a sail in it, was taken and only found by the owner after a long hunt, two miles up the river, brooks and in a leaking canoe. The oars were also damaged. Many articles of value were missing from the camp. Mr. Morris says the parties who robbed the camp are known to him, and further steps will likely be taken.

To Soon to Consider Reprieve

South St. Marie, Ont., June 12—Word was received here today from the Canadian minister of justice, A. R. Aylesworth, that a reprieve for Mrs. Angelina Neopolitan, sentenced to be hanged August 9 for the murder of her husband, could not be considered by the government so far in advance of the date of execution.

MUCH DISCUSSION OVER THE WESLEYAN

Some Outspoken Criticisms

Conference Finally Endorses Work of Editor

Decides to Continue Paper— Rev. M. R. Knight Elected President and Rev. D. R. Chowen Secretary—Mt. Allison's Finances and Her Important Place in the Church—Mr. Powell's Strong Address.

Friday, June 16. The evening session of the New Brunswick and P. E. Island conference in Centenary church last night was given over to the anniversary exercises of the educational institutions of the church, and several addresses were delivered by Dr. E. C. Borden and H. A. Powell, K. C. At the morning session Rev. M. R. Knight was elected president of the conference for the ensuing year, and Rev. D. R. Chowen, secretary.

During the afternoon the question of continuing the denominational paper, the Wesleyan, was debated with great vigor. There were some plain outspoken criticisms of the Wesleyan, but finally a resolution was passed unanimously approving the work of the editor and pledging the members of the conference to raise its subscription list by 50. There will probably be two addresses of the conference to-day, at 9:30 and 2 o'clock. In the evening a musical meeting will be held which will be addressed by Rev. Thomas Marshall, superintendent of missions, and others.

Rev. Dr. Carman presided over the morning session, which opened at 10 o'clock yesterday. The gathering after the roll call of lay delegates and the reception of communication from Rev. Dr. Sprague regarding religious education in the public schools, proceeded immediately to the election of officers. There were four candidates for president but as a result of the balloting Rev. Matthew Ritchey, Knight, B. A., of Bayfield, received 48 votes and was declared elected. Rev. Dr. Carman, of Washington, received 30 votes for secretary and was also declared elected.

Both the newly elected officers gave excellent addresses.

BRITISH SAILORS GAIN PART OF THEIR DEMANDS

C. P. R. and White Star Lines Grant Advance in Wages and Settle Strike.

London, June 15.—The important development in the general shipping strike today was concession of an advance of \$2.20 a month wages to all employees while in Moncton the sum of \$10,000 was to be expended on the administrative offices. It is expected that a new station will be built at the cost of which will be about \$100,000.

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HEAD OF MORMON CHURCH SUMMONED IN SUGAR INQUIRY

Washington, June 15.—Joseph F. Smith, head of the Mormon church, has been summoned to appear before the House sugar trust investigating committee to tell what he knows of the formation of the Utah-Idaho Sugar Company, a combination.

Other prominent witnesses summoned by the committee today include Horace H. Beverer, New York; John D. Spreckels and Adolph Spreckels, San Francisco.

A resolution adopted in 1898 by the directors of the American Sugar Refining Company authorizing their committee to fix the price of sugar and buy the output of "outside refineries at terms to be fixed at their discretion," confronted the officials of the company today when they appeared before the House committee.

DENIAL THAT CASTRO IS ABOARD STEAMER

Fort au Prince, June 15.—It is officially denied that Cipriano Castro, ex-president of Venezuela, is aboard the steamer Comandante Grooten, which arrived here at 3 o'clock this afternoon, flying the German flag. She fired a salute, and the officers of the vessel came ashore and were received by President Simon.

Wants Trust Magnates Prosecuted

Washington, June 15.—Criminal prosecution of the officers of the Standard Oil Company and the American Tobacco Company, was demanded today by Senator Pomeroy, who addressed the senate on his resolution calling on the attorney general to undertake such legal action. The resolution, subject to call, was laid aside for the time.

SENATE TWO TO ONE IN FAVOR OF RECIPROCITY

White House Sure of It Passing

Standpatters Continue Debate Against Agreement, but Their Arguments Fail to Convince Even Themselves —Wrangle Over the Root Amendment.

Washington, June 15.—The Canadian reciprocity bill now has sixty votes in the United States Senate, according to the White House count.

The Root amendment will be killed by a comfortable majority in the same body, the men who have studied the situation for President Taft say.

The president expects a long debate on the bill and perhaps some acrimonious discussion on the Root amendment, but he has expressed the conviction that a combination of Republicans and Democrats will defeat the amendment and that two-thirds of the senate will vote for the bill itself.

The second day of debate on the Canadian reciprocity bill proved a field day for those opposed to the measure. Led by Senator Nelson in a prepared and exhaustive speech, a number of senators took part in a running debate that marked the closing period of the address.

At adjournment, Senator Penrose, in charge of the bill, felt that this had cleared the atmosphere considerably and he expressed the opinion that the general debate would not be of such great duration as had been predicted.

The Root Amendment.

A spirited debate among Republican senators was precipitated over the effect of the Root amendment dealing with paper and woodpulp. Senators Logan, of Wyoming, and Smoot were all on the floor and talking simultaneously. They agreed that the provision which reserved the right to the United States to regulate the terms of the treaty as submitted to congress.

"How then did that feature of the agreement," asked William A. Clark of Michigan, "allow the president to 'ask the whispering winds,'" responded Mr. Clark.

Apparently pleased with the postscript of his response, the Wyoming senator at first seemed disposed to leave it there, but later added that the amendment was not only in harmony with the original compact between the two chief executives, but in consonance with the Canadian bill carrying the agreement into effect.

Mr. Smith was not satisfied and demanded from Chairman Penrose an explanation of the disappearance of that feature from the bill. Mr. Penrose had adopted the policy of allowing the opponents of the measure to do the talking and reluctantly he arose to reply. "The change," he said, "occurred in the ways and means committee of the house and the senator from Michigan knows as much about it as I do."

"The effect, then, is to give the Canadians free trade in paper and pulp and not to give it to us," commented Mr. Smith. "And yet," he continued, "we are told by the house that we must not change a word in the bill as it was passed there for our impairment of the chief executive's power of the senate."

The debate will be resumed at noon tomorrow, if any senator is ready to speak. This appeared doubtful tonight.

Senator Nelson, of Minnesota, spoke at length today in opposition to Canadian reciprocity. He contended the president had no authority to undertake negotiations with Canada, and charged that the chief executive had usurped the treaty-making powers of the senate.

Disaster for farmers of the country, he declared, would follow the passage of the reciprocity bill.

"The conduct of the president in this case is not only novel and without precedent," he said, "but to me, seems to be of such serious moment and of such dangerous consequence that I have felt it my duty to bring it to the attention of the senate."

"It seems that the president is depriving the farmers of this country of their constitutional protection in two-thirds vote of the senate. This agreement would not be ratified if it were submitted to us for ratification pursuant to the spirit of the constitution."

CASTRO HAS NO RIGHT TO USE THE GERMAN FLAG

Washington Calls His Vessel an International Pirate, and the Exiled Venezuelan Ruler Faces Another Expulsion.

Washington, June 15.—The right to fly the German flag formally repudiated today by the German government, the steamer Comandante Grooten, now in Haytian waters, with former President Castro of Venezuela aboard, is regarded as an international pirate under the construction of the navy department.

The United States government was notified of the German repudiation in a telegram from the American embassy in Berlin.

It is possible the Consul Grooten may change her status by transfer to the Haytian government, as was originally intended. If Castro should be found aboard it is stated here that he will be sent back to Europe in the first steamer.

MACDONALD COLLEGE CLOSING EXERCISES

One Hundred and Forty-eight Gradu- ates from Normal School for Teachers— Some New Brunswick Students Receive Awards.

Montreal, June 15.—The closing exercises of the Macdonald Agricultural College took place this afternoon, Sir William Macdonald, whose nomination created the institution, being among those on the platform in the convocation hall.

One hundred and forty-eight graduated from the Normal school for teachers, eighty-seven of whom were candidates for the model school diploma. Half a hundred received diplomas and certificates in the school of household science.

Hon. G. S. G. MacKinnon addressed the large audience, referring to the awakening of the people of the province to the need of popular instruction and contrasting present conditions with those of several years ago. The increased prosperity of the province, he said, was enabling the government to better the general status of the educational standard, and he indicated the ever increasing government grant, the raising of teachers' salaries, and the improved conditions of the rural schools as proof of this.

Among others on the platform were Hon. Boucher de la Riviere, superintendent of education; Principal Peterson, of McGill; Dr. Harrison and Dean Sinclair.

The students were largely from this province, but a large number come from the maritime provinces, while Ontario, British Columbia, Great Britain, South Africa, the West Indies and Australia are all represented. The following students from eastern Canada received awards: Honors in home-makers' course, diploma—Ethel C. Pipes, Amherst (N. S.); Certificates—H. C. Gibbons, Riverdale (N. B.); Success class—M. Ratford, Amherst (N. S.); G. Phillips, St. John (N. B.); B. McLellan, New Glasgow.

Pass—G. Freese, St. John.

Professional housekeepers' course, honors—J. A. Fraser, New Glasgow (N. S.); J. Campbell, Park Corner (P. E. I.); R. W. McSwain, Murray Harbor (P. E. I.).

STATE-OWNED CABLE THREATENED

Imperial Conference Decides That if Rates Are Not Reduced a Line from Britain to Canada Will Be Discussed.

London, June 15.—The imperial conference today discussed resolutions providing for cheaper cable rates throughout the empire and the laying of a state-owned cable between England and Canada, thus securing an "All-Red" route, linking up all the British dominions.

The postmaster general, the Right Hon. H. L. Samuel, explained the steps that have recently been taken to secure reductions in Atlantic cable rates, and said that in view of this the government was not justified at the present time, in incurring the expense of laying a new cable.

A resolution was adopted that if considerable reductions in trans-Atlantic cable rates were not effected in the near future the project to lay a state-owned cable between England and Canada should be considered at a subsidiary conference.

WARSHIP MAINE WAS SHATTERED INTO SCRAP IRON

Hulk Now Partially Exposed in Havana Harbor Shows the Explosion was of Terrific Force.

Havana, June 15.—The shattering of the hull of the battleship Maine, expressed by the mute testimony of steel ribs bent apart, decks upheaved and hurled far from their original positions, bulheads crumpled like sheets of paper and apparently inextricable and hardly identifiable masses of construction material, is evidently far greater than supposed was revealed this afternoon as a result of a superficial observation made possible by the lowering of the water level in the cofferdam a total depth of seven feet.

On account of this unforeseen revelation of the terrific character of the explosion which sent the battleship to the bottom of the harbor, all plans heretofore prepared for dealing with the ultimate removal of the bulk have become merely conjectural until a considerably greater amount of water has been pumped out.

As the water receded today, every successive foot revealed worse and worse conditions in that portion of the bulk forward of amidships which was subjected to the main force of the explosion. It is probable that the searchers may be able to enter the engine quarters in the after superstructure demow, where they may find the remains of Ensign Merritt, the only officer missing.

AMERICAN SEAMEN NOW THREATEN A BIG STRIKE

Leader Says if Demands Are Not Granted Shipping on At- lantic Coast Will Be Tied Up.

New York, June 15.—American seamen on coastwise vessels who have threatened to strike sent a committee of six to skip the delegates to the union's demands. The delegation will report at a meeting of sailors, firemen, cooks and stewards to be held here tomorrow night, the success or failure of their mission.

H. P. Griffin, vice-president of the International Seamen's Union of America, said today that 20,000 men would be involved in the proposed strike and that coast trade from the Atlantic to New Orleans would be tied up, unless the shipowners acceded to the union's demands.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY ENDS ITS SESSIONS

Recommendation Made That Minis- ters' Salaries Be Substantially In- creased.

Ottawa, June 15.—The Presbyterian General Assembly ended its sittings today. Action was taken towards making effective the stand of the assembly on the "Natives" decree and a committee was appointed to co-operate with other Protestant denominations.

The reports of the committee on finances declared that the salaries paid to ministers and missionaries were insufficient and recommended that steps be taken to provide substantial increases.

Reference was made to semi-religious campaigns which reduced the giving power of church members and gave others an excuse to refuse subscriptions in aid of the church.

TORONTO TO HAVE A SEVENTEEN- STORY HOTEL

Toronto, June 15.—Plans for a new seventeen-story hotel in Toronto are well under way. It is the intention to acquire a large block of land running north from the northwest corner of Bay and Adelaide streets. If the plan is carried out, Toronto will have the largest hotel in Canada.

CAUGHT A 40-POUND BASS BELOW HAMPTON

Hampton, N. B., June 15.—Saturday, June 10, William Appleby, who lives at the head of Darling's Island on the Kennebec River, found entangled in one of his nets set directly off the point, a striped bass, which turned the scale at 40 pounds, for which Mr. Appleby found a ready market among his neighbors during the morning.

DOAKTOWN GIRL GRADUATES AS NURSE IN TORONTO HOSPITAL

Toronto, June 15.—(Special)—Miss B. J. Welz, of Doaktown (N. B.), was one of the class of graduates who received diplomas today from the training school for nurses in connection with the general hospital.

\$100,000 St. Louis Fire

St. Louis, Mo., June 15.—Two blocks were burned and a number of residences threatened by fire that started tonight in the plant of the Huttig Sash & Door Company. The damage is \$100,000.

TEBO MURDER TRIAL OPENS IN DIGBY

Strong Evidence Is Given

Accused Had Money to Burn After McGregor Disappeared

Digby, N. S., June 15.—The Supreme Court opened here this morning, Chief Justice Townshend presiding. The principal case on the docket is the trial of John Tebo, Jr., charged with the murder of Edward McGregor.

The prisoner pleaded not guilty and several witnesses were examined. Perhaps the most important part of the case was the testimony given by Elmer Vantassel, who accompanied the prisoner to St. John, Tebo, Jr., charged with the murder of Edward McGregor.

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FROM JARDINE'S HANGING TODAY

Condemned Man is Expected to Make a Statement About the Murder of Lizzie Anderson.

Goderich, Ont., June 15.—Arrangements are completed for the execution tomorrow of the sentence of Edward Jardine, for the murder of Lizzie Anderson on the night of Sept. 20 last.

Sheriff Reynolds is very non-committal regarding the execution of the sentence, which have been made, but it is understood that the execution is to take place at 7 o'clock in the morning. The hangman, Ellis, of Toronto, has been here several days and has seen that the scaffold and its appurtenances are in proper order.

Mrs. Jardine, mother of the condemned man, and several of his brothers paid their last visit to him yesterday. Jardine, who has been almost careless in his demeanor up to the last few days, a now said to be showing some realization of his position, and it is believed he will make a statement before the execution. Sheriff Reynolds has announced that the press will be absolutely excluded.

POLICE RAID TORONTO "BROKERAGE" OFFICE

Sold Stocks on the Instalment Plan, and It is Said Many Were Fleeced.

Toronto, June 15.—Charged with fraudulently selling of the mails, Thos. Barrett, a young man about 22 years old, was arrested this morning when Detective Wallace raided the office of the Mutual Brokerage Company in the Dineen building.

The Mutual Brokerage Company, incorporated, had had an office in Toronto for only two months. Previously they had had their office at 77 Broad street, New York, but they were forced to get out of there, as the police got too inquisitive.

The police have been receiving complaints during the past few days and started to investigate. According to Inspector of Detectives Duncan, the firm sold stocks on the instalment plan.

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Cornell Professor Dead

Ithaca, N. Y., June 15.—Prof. Hiram Corson, educator and author, died at his home here this afternoon, aged 83. He was instructor of English literature at Cornell from 1870 to 1895, since when he has been a professor emeritus.