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## RICH OFFERED TO LEAVE HIS WIFE AS SECURITY

### Hearing in the Case of A. Earle Rich Charged With Fraud by F. S. Ferris is Commenced in the Police Court—Some Interesting Evidence.

The preliminary examination of Roland Earle Rich, the alleged swindler, was commenced before Judge Ritchie this morning. H. W. Robertson for Fred S. Ferris, asked that subpoenas be served on Frank C. Smith and several others for this afternoon.

Fred S. Ferris was sworn. He said he resides in St. John and has been manager of the Excelsior Life Insurance Co., since January 15, 1908. In the later part of June Rich called at his office, 48 Princess St., and introduced himself as Mr. Rich. He said he hailed from Los Angeles where he had a brokerage office and represented the New York Life and Metropolitan Life. He gave the names of the men under whom he worked and references, including Michael L. May, state superintendent of the Metropolitan with offices at San Francisco; A. Longtelle, care New York Life, Oakland, Cal.; J. J. Jenkins, manager State Savings bank, Los Angeles, J. C. Kline, manager Kline Optical Company, Los Angeles; D. Gordon, Los Angeles. Rich said he was a graduate of Berkely College.

Mr. Mullin objected to "a historical sketch," of Rich's life.

Mr. Ferris said he wrote to all the persons to whom Rich referred him. The letters were all returned as nobody of the names resided at the addresses. He told Rich that he wrote to the persons and the accused said "What did they say?" Rich said he came to St. John from Los Angeles in an automobile, after a three months' trip in which he expended $600 on expenses. He showed him a photograph of his office depicting him sitting at a desk conversing with a man and a safe bearing his name was in the background. He wished to contract with Mr. Ferris to sell insurance and he was given a manual. Next day Rich again called and said he was dealing with John Vanwart, grocer, on Charlotte street and as he was being overcharged he asked for $25. He said he was keeping apartments. Ferris said it did not look well to have an agent running in debt and he gave Rich the loan. Rich originally asked for $80 per month, but it was reduced to $60. Finally he said he was unable to secure bonds here and could get them at Sydney from his father-in-law and a Jew whom he claimed was a millionaire. He said he had an auto at Truro and going to the telephone in the office gave the weight of the machine and was told that it would cost $50 to transport it to St. John, and he gave him the money. On Monday Rich telephoned him stating that he was at Amherst. He said his wife had gone to Sydney for the bonds to save time and he had gone for his auto.

He said he insured the hotel proprietor at Truro for $4,000. He enquired if he came in his auto to St. John if Mr. Ferris could return with him to Moncton as he had the prospect of a railroad man. On Thursday he telephoned Mr. Ferris from St. John saying he had arrived on Wednesday night. He said he was worried that Mr. Ferris might not like him for remaining away so long. He said his auto became disabled on the road from Moncton and he was compelled to return to Moncton allowing a farmer to take the motor back to town. He said he ruined a suit of clothes in the accident.

He said he had an opportunity of purchasing a business but it would not interfere with his insurance. Later in the same day he telephoned that he secured control of the business and asked Ferris to take stock with him that night. The store was at the corner of Wall street and Paradise Row under the name of W. E. Hogan, but it was conducted by Fred Peterson, his wife and his wife's sister. When he received the $50 Rich said a check was due in a few days for $500 from the west. In a few days he telephoned him and said the cheque had arrived. He offered to reimburse him for the $75, but asked him that unless he needed the amount he preferred to invest it in his business. Mr. Ferris consented to permit the debt to lie in abeyance. He borrowed $15 from Mr. Ferris and returned it. Rich stated that if he could buy on a cash basis he could profit greatly in the grocery store. Rich asked Mr. Ferris if he could assist him, but he replied that he had no money. He then asked him how his name would be on paper. Mr. Ferris replied "all right." On the ensuing morning Rich asked him to endorse a note for $100. He was reluctant to do so but Rich reassured him, saying that the goods were paid for and he would give him a bill of sale. He made no move to endorse the note.

Lated he assented and accompanied Rich to the Royal Bank of Canada, and introduced him to manager Blair. He told the latter that Rich was seeking accommodation, and he would go his security. Mr. Bair formed the note. It was signed by Rich and endorsed by Mr. Ferris. Rich said he would open an account with the bank and deposit his cash at 2 p.m. each day. The note was discounted.

Mr. Mullin objected to the aftermath of the transaction being recounted, contending that it was irrelevant.

In resuming, Mr. Ferris said Rich asked him for another accommodation. It was July 8 or 9, when Rich said he bought the grocery business. On July 2, he made him his first loan. Rich told him, after discounting the note, that he purchased a computing scale, which he reiterated that he settled for in cash. Rich said he did not receive the cheque for $500. It was a lesser amount, and he later said it came to his wife. Rich repeated his request on July 20 for accommodation for $150. Mr. Ferris declined to endorse the notes. Rich said another cheque was due, and all the goods in the store were paid for. He said a five-day note would be sufficient. He endorsed the note for $150. In a day or two, after signing the last note on July 20, Rich disposed of the business, and coming into Mr. Ferris' office, displayed a roll of bills. Mr. Ferris suggested that he pay him, but he said he had other bills to meet with persons who were not acquainted with him. He said he had only $78 in the roll, and it would only pay the other creditors. He said the cheque would arrive in time to pay the last note. Mr. Ferris said he required $50 to meet a personal obbligation in a few days, and Rich promised to pay the sum to his wife, as Ferris departed from the city. He failed to comply with the agreement, and on the return of Mr. Ferris, Rich called for him with a horse and carriage and said Kane & McGrath had capiased him for a meat bill for the store. He said he paid the bill, but was now out of funds. He said he would cling to him, and would be in his service. Ferris went to his house with him, where Rich said he had received a missive from relatives in the States that the cheque had not been forwarded, and there would be no more remittances for some months, owing to the financial depression. He said he would remain in St. John, and was anxious to learn where he could purchase furniture on credit. On the following morning, C. E. Everett, furniture merchant, telephoned to Mr. Ferris.

Rich had engaged a flat from John Kerr.

Rich exclaimed at another conference that he had a carriage factory at Lansing, Michigan, and also property at Los Angeles and Kansas city. He estimated the factory at $2,000 and if Ferris would loan him $150 he would go to Lansing and sell the factory for $1,800. His wife also led Mr. Ferris to believe that the factory was not a myth. Mr. Ferris then resolved to give Rich another loan. Ferris said he was afraid Rich would abscond but Rich replied "Ferris, I swear that I will redeem myself and pay off my indebtedness." Rich offered to leave his wife as security with Ferris, and Rich was given the $125. On Monday he started for Lansing, Los Angeles and Kansas city. On Wednesday Ferris received a telegram from Rich from Montreal, and on Wednesday night he returned to St. John. He dined with Ferris and in the afternoon offered to recompense Ferris for $25, to which he added $5, saying that he had other bills to pay. He said that at Montreal he met a lawyer who told him that he was acquainted with the property and would sell it for him. The money would be telegraphed here in time to pay the $150 note. Rich next went to Sussex or Moncton, and said he could insure a porter, but had no money for his fare. Ferris gave him part of a mileage book and $4. Rich telephoned him from Moncton that he insured four men. He returned and came to his office the following morning and reassured Ferris that the money to pay the $150 note would arrive on Monday. Rich next said he was going to Fredericton to insure a priest. On August 25 Ferris received a communication from Rich, at Portland, Me. The contents of the letter was not disclosed on suggestion of Mr. Mullin.

Later Mr. Ferris said he received another letter. Last Friday Mr. Ferris said he was strolling along a street with a friend. Rich grasped him suddenly by the arm and both conferred. Mr. Ferris then told him he now doubted his sincerity. They walked to Harding's saloon and Rich asked for an interview in his office. Rich did not come at 4 o'clock, the appointed hour, but at 4.43 Rich telephoned to him and inquired if his desk was still there. He asked if Mr. Ferris had any good agents in his employ. He explained his non-appearance by saying that he neglected to see that the time passed so quickly. He asked that the conference be delayed until 6 p. m., but eventually consented to be on hand at 5.30. At that hour he came to the office intoxicated and when he declined to pay, civil proceedings were instituted for $337. The $100 note was not included in the civil process. Mr. Ferris said he retired the notes. Aggregated he loaned $482.44 and $45 was returned.

Under cross-examination Mr. Ferris said he appointed Rich an inspector of the company. He kept no books. He said he was favorably impressed with Rich. It was 3 or 4 days after they met that he advanced the $25. In jail on Saturday Mr. Ferris denied telling Rich that he received some of the money from the first of the mythical checks.

Rich never secured any risks. He got one on a man named Gibbons, at Sussex, but on the physician's recommendation, the application was refused. After Rich returned from Truro he said he had the application of the hotel man in his grip, but after a few days, he said that the man was arrested for liquor selling and chose a jail term in preference to a fine and Rich reasoned that a man who could not pay a fine would not be able to pay a premium. Hearing was adjourned at 1.10 until 2.15.

## PUNISH KIDNAPPING ONLY BY EXECUTION

### Bill Introduced in Pennsylvania Senate to Provide the Death Sentence for Child Stealers

Harrisburg, Pa., March 23—A bill making kidnapping a felony, punishable only by death by hanging, has been introduced in the senate as a result of the Whitla kidnapping. The present penalty is imprisonment for life or for such term of years as the court may direct. Both the senate and house adopted a concurrent resolution empowering Governor Stuart to offer a reward of $15,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the kidnappers of the Whitla boy.

### PARIS STRIKE OVER

Paris, March 23—At a mass meeting of six thousand of the striking Government Telegraph and Post Office employes today it was voted by an overwhelming majority to resume work. Only about two hundred of the men voted to continue the strike.

Miss E. M. Seeds, Duke street, went to Boston this morning by train on a visit to friends.

## CROWD MOBBED ROOSEVELT ON NEW YORK DOCK TODAY

### Men Who Assembled to Say Good-Bye to Ex-President as He Sailed for Africa Became Too Strenuous and Police Had to be Called—Roosevelt Was Roughly Handled by Over Enthusiastic Admirers.

New York, March 23—Ex-President Roosevelt sailed away from his native land today on the first stage of his journey to the wilds of Africa in search of big game in which the region abounds. From his country home at Oyster Bay to the steamship dock at Hoboken the ex-president's route resembled a triumphal march, the greetings of the crowds which had gathered to wish him good luck were expressed all along the way in loud and enthusiastic cheers. A feature of the trip was that Mr. Roosevelt rode for the first time in the tunnel under the Hudson from New York to Jersey City.

When he arrived at Hamburg-American line pier where he boarded the steamship Hamburg, the ex-President found a densely packed throng of his fellow countrymen gathered together and as he appeared loud cheers greeted him. He smiled and bowed right and left in cordial acknowledgement of the salutations of the assemblage and evidently was much pleased at the sincerity and warmth of the demonstration in his honor.

Shortly before the steamer sailed, Mr. Roosevelt, escorted by a detachment of local police appeared at the after gangway which led to the pier. The police had cleared an open space across the pier to the point where the Italian chamber of commerce of New York had a bronze tablet in readiness to present him. The appearance of Mr. Roosevelt was the signal for tremendous cheering by the crowds on the pier and on the steamer's deck. As he came down the gang plank the chering continued and a party of college boys from Stevens Institute in Hoboken let loose their college yell.

On the way across the pier the lines of police escorting Mr. Roosevelt were broken through by the pressure of the eager crowd and the ex-president was swept toward the tablet by the rush. The crowd closed in solidly behind him, and while the police were endeavoring to fight off the onrush, Mr. Roosevelt asked the speakers to make the presentation ceremony very brief. The Italian orator cut short his lengthy address, briefly stating that the tablet was presented by the Italians in appreciation of what Mr. Roosevelt had caused to be done for the suffering people of southern Italy and Calabria. Mr. Roosevelt in reply, said:

"I appreciate this very much. I want to thank you all. I cannot tell you how deeply touched I am."

Mr. Roosevelt, seeing that the crowd was becoming quite unmanageable, gave directions that the tablet be sent to Mrs. Roosevelt, and turned back toward the forward gang-plank of the steamer. The police did their best to clear a way for him, but the crowd pressed around, becoming demonstrative and many persons tried to shake the ex-president's hand. The police took a firm grip of the situation, pushed back the crowd and rushed Mr. Roosevelt toward the steamer.

In the process two of the policemen were knocked off their feet, but were not injured. As he neared the gang-plank Mr. Roosevelt's hat flew off, and a vacuum bottle, which had been presented him by a party of Pittsburg friends, at the pier, was knocked from his hand. He kept right on and reached the gang-plank safely. The crowd cheered and amid the hubbub his lost articles were restored to him. He bowed his thanks and smilingly called, "I'm all right."

The crowd becoming quiet, Mr. Roosevelt said:

"I want to thank the representatives from Pittsburg who have come all this distance to see me off. I am indeed grateful and am touched by their thoughtfullness and kindness in coming such a long way. I want to thank also all my fellow-citizens who came to see me off. God bless you all."

Mr. Roosevelt then retired to the steamer's deck.

## WHITLA HAS NO THOUGHT OF PROSECUTING KIDNAPPERS

### Joy at the Recovery of His Boy His Only Sentiment Just Now —How the $10,000 Ransom Was Paid Over

Cleveland, O., March 23—James P. Whitla, and his son, Billy, left today for the family home in Sharon, Pa., and were escorted to the railroad depot by a cheering crowd of people. The kidnapped youngster was clasped in the arms of his father from the moment they left the Hollenden Hotel until they reached the train.

Cleveland, Ohio, March 23—Inspector Rowe of the police department, said today that no arrests has been made in connection with the Whitla kidnapping.

Cleveland, Ohio, March 23—James P. Whitla was not inclined to discuss the matter of ransom or the plans of the family in dealing with the kidnappers.

"I am so glad to have the boy in my arms," said the father half-smiling and half-crying, "that I have given no thought to the kidnappers. That will be up to the police, and as I live and breathe, I am not worrying over their movements."

The $10,000 ransom of Billy Whitla was paid to his kidnappers in a little grocery store at East Street and Standard Avenue an hour after noon Monday. The money was received by an ordinary-dressed workman, who gave his name as Hayes.

He picked up the package filled with yellow-backed bills, smiled nonchalantly, and left.

Mrs. Bernard Hendrickson, temporarily in charge of the store for her mother, Mrs. Margaret Uhle, forgot to notice which way the man went, and at the door of the little grocery is the last trace the police have of him. The Hayes man stepped into the store that noon and asked if a package had been left there for him. Mrs. Hendrickson, without noting his appearance, told him there had not been. An hour later a prosperous looking man who said his name was Williams came in with a small package in his pocket.

"He said he wanted to leave it for a man named Hayes," said Mrs. Hendrickson today. "He asked if Hayes had been here and I said he had. Williams left the package and not two minutes later Hayes came in and asked:

"Is my package here?"

"I told him that it was and he smiled without another word he took it from me where it lay exposed on top of the cigar case and went away."

The Uhle grocery store is in the rear of the Standard School and is one of those familiar small establishments where school children may purchase pencils and notebooks. The place was well chosen for such a transaction when publicity is not desired.

Mrs. Uhle, the proprietor has conducted the place for 17 years. She was not in the store when the passage of the ransom took place, and only her daughter, the wife of an employe of the Natural Gas Regular Company was a witness to the transfer.

Sharon, Pa., March 23—It is reported here that a Sharon man is under arrest at Cleveland, Ohio, in connection with the kidnapping case. The man was arrested at Cleveland last night. According to the information, the man, a foreigner, has been a visitor to Mr. Whitla's office several times since the boy was abducted. Whn he left here for Cleveland is not known.

### FUNERALS

The funeral of Mrs. Hannah T. Jones took place from her late home, 6 Charlotte street, this afternoon at 2.30. Service was conducted by Rev. W. W. McMaster, and Rev. A. A. Graham, and interment was in Fernhill.

E. A. Goodwin returned to the city on today's Boston train.

### MONTREAL STOCKS

Montreal, March 23—(Special)—Stocks were quiet but prices firm today. The leading features were Toronto Railway, at 120; Power, 110 1-4; Montreal Street Railway, 208; Dominion Coal, 62; Dominion Coal preferred, 102 1-2; Detroit, 59 3-4; Dominion Steel, 32 5-8; Dominion Steel preferred, 114; Bonds, 90 1-4; Quebec Railway 53 1-2; Asbestos, 92; Twin City 104 1-2.

## NEWS FROM FREDERICTON

### Mrs. Charles Howe Arrested for Theft—A Case for the S. P. C. A. at Maugerville.

Fredericton, N. B., March 23—(Special)—Chief Winter this morning arrested Mrs. Charles Howe (colored), on a charge of stealing articles of clothing from the home of Frederick Ferguson, where she had been employed. He recovered a part of the stolen property at her home in Whitechapl. The woman was taken before Col. Marsh and remanded until tomorrow morning for examination. Mrs. Howe's maiden name was Hattie Watters and she has already served a term in Dorchester penitentiary for theft

Last Tuesday night a fiend in human form entered the barn of Ramford Brown of Maugerville, and subjected two young heifers to most outrageous treatment. His tracks could be plainly seen leading to and from the place and there were also blood marks on the woodwork where he had wiped his hands. The heifers were left in a serious condition and may not recover. There is no clue to the identity of the culprit.

The Marysville cotton mill will shut down early in April to allow extensive improvements to be made. It has been decided to burn wood in future instead of coal and the new boilers and furnaces will be installed for that purpose. Modern sanitary conveniences similar to those in vogue at the York and Cornwall cotton mills will also be installed.

Gordon Brewer, son of Whitman Brewer, of St. Mary's, and Miss Kate Miles of Gibson, were quietly married by Rev. Mr. Rideout a few days ago.

Representative guides of the province are to meet the surveyor general this afternoon and discuss the proposed change in the game laws.

## PLUMMER HAS THE WHIP HAND

### There Can be no Settlement of Steel-Coal Company Trouble Until Coal Company Pays up

Toronto, Ont., March 23—(Special)—"As soon as the Dominion Coal Company is ready to refund the excess price the Dominion Steel Company has paid for its coal, I can see no difficulty in the way of a satisfactory settlement of the present trouble," said Mr. J. H. Plummer, president of the Steel Company, in an interview last night. "The latest proposal of the Coal Company, that they pay on account $2,500,000 and leave the disputed amount to a referee, is not at all satisfactory to the Steel Company," went on Mr. Plummer. "We think that the coal concern should pay back to the Steel Company all the money we have paid out in excess of thec ost of coal. I have written to Montreal telling the Coal Company that their offer is not satisfactory to us, and I also intend to inform them of our exact position as I have defined it."

## IS ADRIFT IN AERIAL SEA

### Balloon Which Left Pasadena Coa'. Three Days Ago With Six Men Aboard Has Disappeared

Los Angeles, Cal., March 2 — Nearly three days have passed since the balloon "America" went up from Tournament Park, in Pasadena, with Capt. A. E. Mueller as pilot and five prominent business men of Pasadena as passengers, and still at this writing today, no word has come regarding the landing of the balloon or the fate of its human freight. Searching parties are in various places in the mountains exploring every accessible part of the ranges and canyons. The hunt was kept up all night and messages were received from every point beyond the mountains where a landing could have been made but no definite information of any kind was gathered.

At least thirty men are following up the canyons and crossing flats between the mountain ranges.

### AUSTRALIA WILL NOT BUILD A DREADNAUGHT

Melbourne, March 23—The commonwealth government has decided not to offer a Dreadnaught to England preferring to adhere to her settled policy of defending Australia.

## THE TIMES NEW REPORTER

Mr. Hiram Hornbeam was somewhat excited this morning. He rushed up to the Times new reporter, seized him by the arm, and put this question:

"Hev you seen a slick lookin' feller with long hair tryin' to borrow money around here today?"

The new reporter explained that a newspaper man was never known to have money. He directed Hiram to the Union Club. If the long-haired man was an expert he would begin by getting himself into polite society. But before going Hiram told this story.

"This feller come out to the Settlement about two months ago. He said he wanted to buy a farm an' settle down, an' was lookin' around fer a good place. He said ees health was bad, an' the doctors told eem to try country, life fer a spell. He heerd about the Settlement from some friends in St. John an' while he was waitin' fer ees brokers in Boston to sell some prope'ty an' send eem the proceeds

he jist come out 'to look the place over. Well, sir, every body wanted that feller to visit. He jist fed on the fat o' the land. He was gonto hire all the work done on ees farm an' jist enjoy life. It didn't cost 'eem a cent to drive round an' see the hull country. He had mills started, an' a railroad into the place, an' new settlers comin' in with money, an' everybody gettin' rich. I've listened to that feller till I seen myself settin' on a new verandy watchin' a hundred cows feedin' in the grass lots an' all of 'em mine. Well, sir, one day he wanted to come to town, an' he was a little short. The money from Boston was waitin' fer eem at the bank. I lent 'eem ten. So did most everybody else—ee I found out afterwards. He didn't come back. I come to town. So did some more gudgeons. We ast at the banks if the' was any money come there fer Mr. Longhair. The' wasn't any. But I heerd 'ee was here, an' I want to set my eyes on 'eem fer about two minutes. I cal'late I kin make 'ees hair curl fer a day er two—By Hen!"

## THREE DEAD IN FIRE IN HOTEL AT CORNWALL, ONT.

### Barking of a Sagacious Dog Alarmed the Guests of the Windsor Hotel and Prevented a More Serious Tragedy —Many Are Injured.

Cornwall, Ont., March 23—(Special)—As the result of a fire which broke out in the Windsor Hotel early this morning three men lost their lives and close to a dozen were injured. When the fire broke out there were about thirty people in the hotel. These were forced out in scanty attire, but were speedily taken to the jail which is near at hand, and clothed.

The dead are: R. Duquette, Winchester, Ont.; George Nagley, of Philadelphia, and John Gallon.

The bodies were removed to the morgue.

Among those seriously injured are Mr. Besse, broken legs and internal injuries; A. McMillan, W. Rice, M. Mooney, Mrs. King, Jas. H. Smith, Readville, Pa., W. Hollister, Cornwall. The origin of the fire is unknown. A dog owned by one of the boarders raised the alarm when the fire started and had it not been for this the death list would probably have been larger.

## NOT SATISFIED WITH CHANGES

### France May Take Retaliatory Measures Against New American Tariff.

Paris, March 23—The dissatisfaction of France is increasing as the details of the new American tariff bill continue to reach here. The proposed increase in the case of gloves, hosiery, perfumes, soaps, and other articles of French export create the impression that France has been singled out particularly, and Ambassador Jusserand's reports seem to confirm this view. The bill is regarded as retaliatory against pending French legislation, and tends to weaken the French government's efforts, which were made partially in response to American solicitation to modify certain schedules of the French tariff.

"If the U. S. strikes the first blow instead of leaving the way open for negotiations, it would be hard to avoid tariff war, says one of the best informed members of the American Chamber of Commerce, who has been delegated to watch French legislation, and who is in very close touch with French exporters and manufacturers. Continuing, he spoke despairingly of the outlook, saying that the bill is regarded almost as an incendiary document and that if passed in its present form it would be sure to precipitate a tariff war with Europe.

## NORTH END BUSINESS MAN DIED TODAY

### William H. Nase of the Firm of P. Nase and Sons Passed Away This Afternoon

A well known and highly respected citizen of the north end passed away at 1.25 o'clock this afternoon in the person of William H. Nase, of the firm of P. Nase & Sons, general storekeepers, Main street. Mr. Nase's death will come as a great shock to his friends, as he had been ill less than a week. He was working until Wednesday of last week, when he complained of feeling ill, and gradually became worse until death came today. The cause of his sudden taking off is attributed to inflammation of the stomach.

He was a son of the late Phillip Nase, and was 43 years of age. He leaves a wife, formerly Miss May M. Fleming, only daughter of the late James Fleming, and three sons—Harold, aged 9 years; Ronold, 3 years, and Herbert, an infant. He also leaves seven brothers and two sisters. The brothers are:—Leonard T., David H., James P., and Dr. Otto Nase, of this city; Frank, of Seattle; Matthias H., of New York; George B., of Milwaukee. The sisters are Mrs. Chas. F. Woodman, and Mrs. R. B. Paterson.

Mr. Nase, with his brother, Leonard, succeeded to the business on the death of his father in 1885 and has conducted it under the name of P. Nase & Son.

Mr. Nase was a charter member of St. John Lodge, No. 30, Knights of Pythias. He attended St. Stephen's church.

Mr. Nase was very well known in this city, and by residents all along the river from his connection in business matters and there will be general sympathy for the bereaved family.

The funeral will be held on Thursday at 2.30 p. m. from his late residence, Main street.

### OBITUARY

#### Mrs. Geo. C. Allen

Moncton, N. B., March 23—(Special)—Mrs. George C. Allen died at noon today. She was formally Miss Ethel Robb. Her husband belongs to Fredericton. She was ill three weeks. Besides her husband, two children, a mother and three brothers survive.

#### George H. Parsons

Halifax, N. S., March 23—(Special—George H. Parsons, a barrister, and president of the Halifax County Conservative Club, died this afternoon.

### NEW YORK STOCKS

New York, March 23—Wall Street—Many stocks opened at higher prices than last night, without effect from the declines in the early London markets. Other stocks were depressed a fraction. Changes wer small in all cases, and dealings were on only a moderate scale.

The Algonquin A. A. A. will hold a business meeting in their rooms, Metcalf street Wednesday evening at eight o'clock.

James E. Dingmore and James A. Donovan have been appointed acting preventive officers in the customs.

Factory Inspector John McMulkin came in at noon.

C. S. Everett was a passenger to the city on today's Boston train.

## DR. LANDRY WAS ANGRY

### Commissioner of Agriculture Showed Annoyance When Mr. Bryne Questioned About Acadian Repatriation.

Fredericton, N. B., March 23—(Special)—When the house resumes this afternoon, Mr. Byrne of Gloucester, will continue the debate on the address. In the course of his remarks yesterday, he alluded to the action of the government in appropriating $10,000 from the probate fee fund, and placing it in the consolidated revenue account instead of reducing the fees on small estates, which are abnormally high. He also made a demand on the provincial secretary that the money collected for liquor licenses should be paid to the municipalities for use on the roads instead or being applied as at present. He referred to the repatriation of French Acadians and asked the commissioner of agriculture what had become of the petition of some two hundred Acadians who had applied for land.

Mr. Landry's reply was that the matter was under consideration. The annoyance of Mr. Landry at the question is difficult to explain. It would be thought that the government was anxious to have the agricultural lands settled, but instead, both the commissioner for agriculture and the surveyor-general seemed annoyed when this matter was brought up, the latter stating that there was not two hundred names signed to the petition, but only one hundred and fourteen.

Mr. Wilson, of St. John, will follow Mr. Byrne on the debate.

The committee to appoint standing committees met this morning and made the changes in the committees made necessary by the changes in the personnel of the house. The changes made are, Munro, chairman of municipalities, to which Copp and Taylor have been added. Burchill and Upham are added to the corporations committee. Upham has been placed on the accounts committee, Burchill goes on the standing rules committee in the place of Tweedale, and Maxwell takes Clark's place on the privilege committee.

This afternoon the Lumbermen and Limit-Holders' Association will meet in one of the committee rooms of the legislative building. The organization includes practically all the lumbermen in the province. Many have already arrived and more are expected on the afternoon and evening trains. This afternoon they will discuss forest preservation and various other matters of interest to the lumber trade.

## FRED GARD WANTED TO TRAVEL IN STYLE

### Vagrant Deported to England Refused to Go Except in First Cabin

Last evening Fred Gard proved himself to be an incorrigible vagrant. Last week he was fined $90 or 6 months' if he refused to return to England as a cattleman. He promised to do so, and policeman Olive escorted him to the Manchester Importer, on which passage for him had been booked. The shipping agent was at the pier with the papers, but when requested to attach his signature, Gard refused, saying that he had many opportunities to embark on steamships to London, as cattleman, but he demanded a first class passage. Another of his arguments to explain his refusal was that the steamship would dock at Manchester, and it would be imperative for him to walk to reach London. Gard has now probably invented a story that he is deserter from the English Army, and in addition he claims to have torn his tunic into shreds, when he took French leave. Therefore, he says, he is reluctant to be deported in the face of the circumstances, and prefers to go West.

### CHATHAM NEWS

Chatham, N. B., March 23—(Special)—The second week of special revival services started auspiciously last night in St. Luke's church. Nearly every seat was occupied, and the service was exceptionally earnest and vigorous throughout. Rev. J. M. MacLean and Rev. G. F. Dawson gave impressive addresses and Rev. George Wood conducted the singing.

A special meeting of Court Brunswick, No. 52, I. O. F., was held last evening, when ten new members were installed. P. W. F. Brewster, deputy supreme chief ranger, who has been here for the past week, on Forestry business, left this morning for Fredericton, but will return during the week.

A carnival in the skating rink last evening marked the close of the skating season for 1908-1909. The prize winners were Miss Flossie Heckbert and Cyg Watters.

Steamship Manchester Importer, Capt. Haworth, sailed at one o'clock today for Manchester via Liverpool, with a general cargo, including grain and cattle.