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"WHY WE SIGNED THE PETITION."

Many Merchants Say They Were Deceived.

Some Declare That the Whole Scheme Was a Job of Fielding's to Favor Halifax.

A Star reporter interviewed this morning those who, according to Mr. Blair's letter, signed the petition which induced the government to allow the Allan line to withdraw two of its steamers from the St. John route, asking them why they signed and what, in the light of subsequent developments, they thought of the matter. Most of those interviewed stated their position willingly.

A PLOT, SAY BROCK & PATTERSON. Brock & Patterson, in the light of subsequent developments, are rather sorry that their signature appeared on the petition at all. As it was the petition was signed by one of their directors without the consent of the president, F. R. Patterson, or the directors as a board. Mr. Allan, accompanied by Mr. Thomson, approached this director, whose name is withheld, and represented that the C. P. R. was positively not in a position and had actually declined to provide cargoes for the five Allan liners.

Mr. Patterson himself is entirely opposed to the motive of the petition. He thinks the removal of the two boats to Halifax an unnecessary expense, in consequence of the increased distance of railroad travel, to Dominion shippers. Besides this, he thinks the withdrawal of the steamers will tend to reflect upon the capabilities of St. John as a port. The whole thing he regards as a plot concocted by Fielding and the Allan line people avowedly to benefit the latter. He cannot see how the petition with so few signatures could operate to withdraw two steamers from this port. The number of the signatures was altogether too small to bear weight to influence the government to take the step it has, and could not at all be regarded as the voice of the community. It was only an excuse of Mr. Fielding's to take the Allan line steamers to Halifax.

A. O. SKINNER DIDN'T KNOW. A. O. Skinner said that the petition was brought to him by Mr. Allan and Robert Thomson, who showed him a letter from Mr. Bosworth of the C. P. R. stating that that road could only provide freight for three steamers of the Allan line. "That if the other two boats came here as required by the contract, they would simply have to go out in ballast, as the C. P. R. could not provide loads for them, though the Allan line made every inducement to get them to do so. I saw no good to St. John in having ships come here and go out in ballast, and thought if they were excused from coming here nobody would be hurt. It would make no difference to St. John if they did go to Halifax so long as we were getting all we could load."

THE LONDON HOUSE. The London House, wholesale, would give no reason for the signature of the petition. They did not think that the withdrawal of the steamers would hurt this port, nor specially benefit Halifax. One member of the firm says he positively declined to sign the petition.

THOS. GORMAN WAS DECEIVED. Thomas Gorman said that he signed the petition under what he has come to see as a misrepresentation. Mr. Allan came to him and represented to him that the C. P. R. would not supply the freight required for all the steamers. He was not satisfied at all with the way his signature was obtained. He could not see how the withdrawal of the two steamers could hurt this port in view of the fact that they are to be replaced by others. Halifax will be benefited somewhat by it, but not materially.

WON'T HURT ST. JOHN, SAYS G. W. MERRITT. G. W. Merritt, of Merritt Bros. & Co., said that he signed the petition under representations made to him by Mr. Allan that the C. P. R. could not supply the necessary cargoes for both the steamers, which the C. P. R. itself intended to bring to this port this winter, and all the Allan line steamers. He knows of no reason why he should disbelieve the representations of Mr. Allan. The taking away of the two steamers will not appreciably hurt this port. Halifax will not be so much benefited by it, as shippers of lumber along the Intercolonial who have always had to go out of their way to bring lumber here. Mr. Merritt thinks there will be more steamers here this winter than ever before. The reputation of the port will not be touched.

W. E. FOSTER SAYS ALLANS ARE RIGHT. W. E. Foster justified his course in signing the petition by the representations made to him by Mr. Allan that the C. P. R. had notified the Allan Line Co. of its inability to ship more than three cargoes. If this is the case, and he believes it is, the Allan people were quite right in seeking to withdraw two of their steamers and thus save an unnecessary expense. This port will not be affected in the least, and the vacancy will be more than filled up by the additional steamers which the C. P. R. are going to bring here this winter. Mr. Foster would say this much, if the wharf accommodation at this port were such as to meet

BOY KILLED IN CITY FOUNDRY.

Herbert McGrath Hit by Bursting Emery Wheel.

Had Only Worked 3 Days in McAvity's Foundry Where Accident Occurred.

Herbert McGrath, a boy eighteen years of age, was almost instantly killed this morning in the foundry on the corner of Broad and Charlottetown streets, formerly known as Armstrong's foundry, but now managed by McAvity.

Young McGrath was employed in the machine shop, and between eight and nine o'clock this morning was engaged at an emery wheel in grinding some of the metal table on which the articles to be ground are held. Between this rest and the wheel there is a narrow space. McGrath was grinding one of the levers and in a moment of carelessness relaxed the firm pressure necessary in such work. The lever was suddenly drawn in and jammed between the wheel and table. This sudden pressure resulted in the sudden bursting of the emery wheel, which, as is usual, was running at a very high speed. The stone split into three pieces. One of these, flying downwards, tore its way through the flooring of the shop; another went straight out and buried itself in the wall of the building, but the third struck McGrath fair in the breast, just over his heart. It would appear that this segment struck rather side on, for, beyond some severe bruises, the boy's flesh is unimpaired.

The shock, however, must have been very great and evidently affected the heart, for McGrath fell to the floor in an unconscious condition. Dr. D. E. Berryman was hastily summoned, but before his arrival the boy had died, having lived for only about four minutes after he was struck.

Herbert McGrath, who was in his eighteenth year, was a son of John McGrath, moulder, of the North End. He was a bright boy, and one well liked by his companions. He had only come to work in the foundry on Monday and seemed to like his work. Messrs. McAvity feel deeply grieved over the sad accident.

MURDERER'S DAUGHTER ATTEMPTS SUICIDE.

Madge Hughes, Whose Father Was Hanged Here, Seeks Death by Drinking Iodine.

Madge Hughes, colored, a well-known resident of Sheffield street, attempted suicide last evening by drinking a quantity of tincture of iodine. The young woman, who is about 23 years of age, has a character not any better than most of those in the tough part of the street. She is the daughter of that Hughes who was hanged here a quarter of a century ago for murdering his wife, during a fit of jealousy, at Loch Lomond. She has been for some time living with one, Sarah Watts, on Sheffield street, so far as is known there was no reason pressing than usual why she should try to kill herself last night. She had the iodine in a bottle in the house and, without notifying anyone of her intentions, drank it. She believed that those who were with her learned what had been done. Officers Finley and McCallum, who were near at the time, procured medical assistance, and the woman was shortly brought round.

AN UNSANTARY TANGLE.

Board of Health Having Trouble Closing Up the Green House.

In so far as the board of health is concerned the matter of closing up the Green house on Brunelles street is at a standstill. It is believed that the desired end will be accomplished by other means than the proceedings taken by the board.

UNFAITHFUL WOMAN DIVORCED.

PITTSBURG, Oct. 22.—Peter K. Soffel, ex-warden of the Lehigh county jail, has been granted a divorce from his wife, Kate, on the ground of infidelity. Mrs. Soffel was a party to the sensational escape from jail of the convicted murderer, Ed and John Biddle, formerly of St. Thomas, Ont., some time ago. Mrs. Soffel is now serving a sentence in the Western Penitentiary.

NO WONDER!

LONDON, Oct. 22.—A cable message has been received in London from President Roosevelt, thanking the American commissioners and counsel of the Alaskan boundary tribunal and expressing congratulation in the name of the people of the United States on the result of the tribunal's deliberations.

ANOTHER FOOTBALL VICTIM.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Oct. 22.—John Whisville, a student of St. Louis University, was paralyzed by an injury received in a practice game of football, and is lying at the hospital in a serious condition. An operation was performed, but the physicians state that there is slight chance for recovery.

TRUS BLUE LODGE, NO. 11, L. O. A.

will hold a turkey supper on the evening of November 5th, Guy Fawkes' Day. The C. P. R., from Montreal, was almost an hour and a half late today, the delay being on the eastern division.

NO PRECAUTIONS.

Board of Health Doing Nothing to Prevent Smallpox Coming From Bangor.

The St. John board of health is taking no precautions to prevent the spread to this city of smallpox, which now exists in Bangor and other points in Maine. The board has jurisdiction only in the city and county of St. John and while it has power to inspect all trains and examine all persons coming from the infected districts such work comes more within the scope of the provincial board and should be done at the border of the province. It is not, however, being done.

The local officers say now that the people of this county have practically all undergone vaccination. Those children who are being admitted to the schools are under a recent by-law compelled to produce certificates of vaccination. The city is in a comparatively clean condition, and the arrangements for handling smallpox cases, if any cases should appear, are good. No inspection is being made of the steamers coming here from American ports, but this work is done by the Dominion officials and is not within the jurisdiction of the St. John board of health.

C. P. R. OFFICIALS HERE.

Are Meeting the Board of Works This Afternoon.

D. McNeill, F. M. Bosworth and A. Piers, of the C. P. R., came to the city by the noon train today and this afternoon appear before the board of works, where they will be heard in reference to the harbor improvements and the allotment of the different berths. This latter business, it was understood, was not to be taken up until Tuesday next, but the harbor master and Director Cushing will be present this afternoon and give their views as to the best arrangements and it is thought that the disposition of berths will be made.

In the past it has always been customary for the board of works to request the presence at the meeting of the St. John representatives of the various lines doing business here, but this year these agents have had no notice whatever and consequently are not in attendance today to press their claims. The C. P. R. alone is represented.

CHARLOTTETOWN, Oct. 21.—On Sunday morning the interior of Murphy's bakery was badly gutted by fire. The grist and shingle mills of Paul Thompson, of Richmond, were destroyed with all their contents Friday morning. The loss is about \$2,000. Mr. Thompson suffered heavily by fire in recent years. There was no insurance. Many will regret to learn of the illness from pneumonia of A. J. McDonald, M. P. F., of Georgetown. Mr. McDonald is one of the oldest conservative members in the local legislature.

AT THE SALE LAST WEEK OF THE STOCK IN TRADE OF MARK WRIGHT & CO., LTD., the entire estate was purchased by Mark Wright, who will have associated with him in the business E. H. Beer and G. D. Wright, under the firm name of the Mark Wright Furnishing Co.

At the Cathedral bazaar held by the Catholics of Charlottetown during exhibition week, the net receipts from all sources were \$3,987.74, a handsome showing, certainly.

Schooner Restive, owned by Joseph Read & Co., of Summerside, was wrecked at Fabor's Mills, Quebec, on the 18th. The Restive left Summerside about two weeks ago with a cargo of hay, oats and 16 horses. It is not known how much of the cargo was saved. There was no insurance on the vessel.

Owing to the lateness of the season, Frank McDonald, the contractor, will not start to transport the superstructure of the Hillsboro bridge from Miramichi this fall. The construction of the piers on which the parts will be assembled on their arrival here, will be started immediately.

THE WEATHER.

Highest temperature, 45; lowest temperature, 32; barometer at noon, 30.22 inches. Wind—Southwest; velocity, 14 miles per hour. Clear.

TORONTO, Oct. 22.—Forecast—Fine today; winds becoming strong southwest tonight. Friday—Moderate gales southwest shifting to northwest; showery.

Synopsis—A disturbance of considerable energy is moving across the Great Lakes and is likely to affect the seaboard by tomorrow. Winds are now moderate southerly near the American coast. To Banks, fresh northwest today; strong southwest Friday. To American ports, strong southerly tonight; southwesterly Friday.

CRESEUS RECORD WAS O. K.

WICHITA, Kas., Oct. 22.—President C. M. Irwin has given out a sworn statement of Ransom H. Brown, former county surveyor of Sedgewick, that he measured the Wichita track over which Cresesus trotted a mile in 1:53.4 Monday and found it to be 5,322.4-10 or 24.19 more than a mile long. The measurement was made June 19, 1900, and the track has not been changed since that time. Affidavits of the official timers that 1:53.4 is the correct time was also made.

The work of cleaning the pipes in the water works system in the city will go on tomorrow again, and citizens are notified that the pressure will be very low.

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