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Starkey, Whose Wife's Sensational Death at Waterborough Caused Much Comment, is Charged with Assault—Geo. W. Fowler to Defend.

Special by Telephone.

Gagetown, Oct. 6.—The circuit sitting of the Supreme Court King Bench in Queens county will be commenced here this afternoon at two o'clock. In the absence of Hon. W. C. H. Grimmer, attorney general, Mr. Crowe will be represented by John R. Duen, of this place.

The first case to come before the court will probably be that of the King vs. Charles Medley McIntyre, murderer.

McIntyre, it will be remembered, killed an Indian, Gabe Sabittis, in Corey's sawmill, Upper Gagetown, last spring. The defendant was arrested on June 19th, brought before Magistrate John T. Hones, of Upper Gagetown, and committed for trial.

It is understood that P. A. Guthrie will appear for the crown while the witnesses for the crown will be Charles W. McIntyre, James Briggs, Luther McIntyre, Dr. Cowell, John Hamilton and Frank Hamilton.

The other case on the docket, that of King vs. Elijah Starkey, assault, will come up later.

Starkey, it will be remembered, was arrested at Waterborough after particularly startling revelations regarding his treatment of his wife until her death by poison, which, it was said at the time, she took as a last resort to escape his cruelties. Starkey was arrested on June 11th and committed for trial by Magistrate Smith, of Waterborough, Queens county, on June 17th. George W. Fowler, M. P., will appear for the prisoner.

The witnesses for the crown in this case will be Gilbert E. Hetherington, Mrs. George Gambin, William Gambin, William Simpson, Harry Starkey, Mary J. Mitchell and George E. Fisher.

EMPEROR COMPROMISED.

Berlin, Oct. 6.—Emperor William agreed to a compromise connection with the estate of \$800,000 left to him by Hermann Knorr, a patriotic but eccentric wood dealer of Kauchwitz. He has consented to take one-half and allow the widow to keep the remainder.

REV. P. A. SHEEHAN, D. D.

London, Oct. 6.—The Rev. Patrick Augustine Sheehan, D. D., essayist and lecturer, who came from Ireland, since 1903 died today. He was born in Malrow, County Cork, March 17, 1852.

SIXTY THOUSAND SIGN THE PETITION TO SAVE CHARLES GIBSON

Never Before in History of Ontario Have Such Efforts Been Made to Secure Mercy for Condemned Man as in Case of Charles Gibson.

Toronto, Oct. 6.—The Gibson case was discussed at the meeting of the Ministerial Association today at the Young Men's Christian Association, and a general endorsement of the petitions was given and the president and secretary were instructed to send a telegram to the Minister of Justice, asking that clemency should be exercised.

Sixty thousand persons have signed the petitions scattered all through Toronto asking that the sentence imposed on Charles Gibson, following his conviction for the murder of Joseph Rosenthal, be commuted to life imprisonment. Up to last night 37,500 had affixed their signatures. By 10.30 o'clock this morning six thousand more had joined the number asking for mercy.

Never before in the history of Ontario have such vigorous efforts been taken to save a man from the gallows. Between 700 and 1,000 petitions were placed in every part of the city—churches, car barns, restaurants,

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That the citizens of St. John, irrespective of politics, are indignant at the action of the C. P. R. in withdrawing the Emeralds and determining to make a vigorous effort to induce the Dominion government to take steps to rectify the injury done the port, was made abundantly evident by the proceedings at the big indignation meeting held in the Nickel theatre last evening under the auspices of the Board of Trade.

A vigorous resolution protesting against unfair discrimination against St. John and calling upon the government to do justice to the port of St. John and protect its prestige from the blow levelled at it, was introduced by Senator Thorne, seconded by Senator Daniel, supported by strong speeches by other leaders of the Conservative party, and carried unanimously. Another resolution, proposing that the organization of a delegation of twenty prominent citizens to go to Ottawa and urge the claims of St. John, introduced by D. F. Pidgeon, was also passed.

Information was placed before the meeting to the effect that the C. P. R. had been granted special rates over the I. C. R. Leaders of the Conservative party roundly condemned the government for permitting the C. P. R. to discriminate against St. John at the expense of the people, and the way their statements were received showed that the people of both parties are greatly wrought up over the situation and prepared to make a fight for a fair deal for the port of St. John.

A resolution was introduced asking Mr. Hazen to hand in his resignation in event of his being unable to persuade the government to support the claims of St. John. This was drawn at the request of the president of the Board of Trade.

It had been intended to hold the meeting in the Board of Trade, but the crowd which gathered before eight o'clock was so large that it was found necessary to hold the meeting in the Nickel theatre. The meeting was a most successful one, and a thousand citizens took part in the indignation meeting.

Must Work Together.

This matter, added Mr. Robinson, is of great importance to St. John and New Brunswick. It is estimated that the loss will amount to 21 sailings, or 42 cargoes. The question is not one of partisan politics. It is a matter that should cause all classes of citizens to stand up for the good of the city.

Mr. Robinson then stated that Hon. Mr. Pugsley in response to an invitation to attend, had sent the following message:

Board of Trade, St. John:

"Dear Sir—For reasons which I have mentioned to you, and which I leave to your judgment, I think it is perhaps as well that I, being the representative of this city in parliament, should abstain from taking part in the meeting of the Board of Trade to be held this evening.

"Whatever action is taken should be thoroughly non-partisan in its character, and such as to show that the people of St. John are, irrespective of party, prepared to unite in making every effort possible to prevent the injustice, which is now threatened, being done to our city.

"If I might venture to make a suggestion, it would be that a large delegation of, say, twenty prominent business men should be selected to proceed to Ottawa to confer with the Minister of Marine and Fisheries, the Prime Minister and other members of the government.

"It seems to me that the case of the city for redress is so strong that a personal interview must be productive of good results.

"I am,

"Yours very truly,

(Signed) William Pugsley."

Mr. Hazen's Reply.

Dear Mr. Robinson—I have been very much surprised that the C. P. R. have decided to send the Emeralds to Halifax, and can understand the expressions of disappointment the change has given utterance to. The feeling, however, the undue influence has been used to force the shipping people to the action is absolutely and entirely without foundation whatever. They are perfectly free agents in the matter. The contract entered into was along the lines which St. John has wanted for so many years, namely, that the mails should be delivered to the ships either at Halifax or St. John, and that they should be at liberty to use whatever port they pleased. I am more than surprised at the action, in the view of the statement attributed to Sir Thomas Shaughnessy to the effect that the Emeralds would not have called at Halifax at all had they not been compelled to do so. It was unfortunate that when a contract has been entered into in exactly the terms and conditions the people of St. John have so long desired, that the result

should not have been more satisfactory. Sir Thomas Shaughnessy wired me yesterday that the Victorian and the Virginian, together with all the other Allan and C. P. R. steamers would be direct to and from St. John, and that the port would be made to accommodate.

(Signed) J. D. HAZEN.

Today at noon the Council of the Board met to decide on what action should be taken, and after deliberation sent the following telegram to Hon. J. D. Hazen:

Ask Information.

"For information of public meeting to be held tonight, please advise if any concession has been made of whether there was sufficient accommodation for shipping coming here this winter had nothing to do with the question at issue.

The question was whether it was a fair deal to use the government road, the people's railway, to deprive St. John of her position it had gained by giving the C. P. R. discriminatory rates. Not only St. John, but the people of Canada had an interest in the question, and to bear any loss the I. C. R. would incur, and also they had to suffer a delay in the mail service if the statements of the C. P. R. officials were true that much quicker dispatch could be made by landing the mails at St. John.

Senator Thorne's Resolution.

Senator Thorne then moved the following resolution:

Whereas the Board recently learned with pleasure of the decision of the Dominion government to deliver the mails to the steamships either at St. John or Halifax, as might be selected by the companies interested in the mail contracts, and felt that by the adoption of this policy the city of St. John would receive fair and adequate treatment upon its merits as a port; and

Whereas more recently the city was gratified by the announcement that in the published list of the sailings of that line the Canadian Pacific had intended to make St. John its only port of arrival and departure; and

Whereas to the great disappointment of the people of this city it now appears that neither the Emeralds of the Canadian Pacific steamship lines nor the Albatross nor Calgarria of the Allan line will use the port of St. John during the coming winter; and

Whereas it appears to this Board that this change on the part of the companies has not been effected without the aid of specially favorable arrangements with the Intercolonial Railway for carrying the cargoes of the mail steamers past the port of St. John to that of Halifax;

Therefore resolved, That in the opinion of this Board of Trade and the people of St. John, it is imperatively necessary in justice to the port of St. John that the open door which the government offered shall be an open door in fact as well as in name, and that any special considerations which may have been made discriminating against the port of St. John shall at once be withdrawn; and

Further resolved, That the Hon. J. D. Hazen be requested to exert every possible effort to obtain justice for the port of St. John.

Senator Daniel.

Senator Daniel, who rose to second the motion, was greeted with loud cheers.

"We had," he said, "been given to understand that we were to have a real open door, and that the C. P. R., who officials have frequently assured us that they would prefer to take the mails direct to St. John, would at least demonstrate the superior advantages of this port in the matter of handling the mails.

"We are not opposed to Halifax getting all that it is justly entitled to. We are a sufficiently important community to have taken our medicine if there was need of it, and in being fairly shown that Halifax is the best port, we would accept the consequences. But it is evident that St. John is not getting a fair deal. We have before us information showing

the matter had received careful consideration, and he felt the resolution he was to propose would meet with the acceptance of the meeting.

Very many years ago, he said, it was the policy of a large number of St. John people that if the freight boats came to St. John no objection would be made to the mails being landed at Halifax. But conditions have entirely changed. We were led to believe that if we had the open door the mail steamers would come direct to St. John, and that a better mail service for Western Canada would result.

When the Canadian Northern adopted Halifax as the winter terminus for its steamers the people of St. John had made no protest.

When the government made a contract with the C. P. R. giving it the option of landing the mails at either St. John or Halifax, it was announced that the mail boats would come to St. John, and a schedule was published advertising direct sailings to and from St. John. Now the citizens have been struck with amazement by an unexpected change. Why had it been made? Most citizens believed that the change would not have taken place if some special concessions had not been given by the I. C. R., which discriminate against St. John.

We have a right to expect that the government road shall not discriminate against St. John or any other port. So we must protest against the principle of discrimination, and use our united efforts to try to rectify the wrong that has been committed against the port of St. John.

Senator Thorne said, the question of whether there was sufficient accommodation for shipping coming here this winter had nothing to do with the question at issue.

HONORABLY ACQUITTED.

Newcastle, N. B., Oct. 6.—Joseph Wall, of Red Bank, arrested a few days ago charged with assault upon a girl belonging to a friend's family in town, was honorably acquitted by Justice Maltby today, the complaint having been withdrawn. No evidence was adduced to substantiate the charge.

That the I. C. R. has given to the C. P. R. some special rates, rates which discriminate against this port, we have a right to protest against that (Hear, hear.) We had solid grounds to oppose to the government against this arrangement and to demand that justice be done to St. John.

Continuing Senator Daniels said that his information did not support the idea that the port would suffer a loss of traffic as compared with last year. He had made enquiries at the steamship offices during the day and had been told that there would be at least 102 sailings this year as compared with 104 last year. The change would mean not so much a loss of business as of prestige. But St. John people raise their port to a commanding position, and the blow at its prestige would have a serious effect. All citizens should earnestly strive to gain for the port the important advertising of having the mail steamers call here.

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ELECT OFFICERS.

Quebec, Oct. 6.—At the annual meeting of the Quebec Ministerial Association here today, the following were elected officers for the ensuing year: President, Rev. C. L. Amaron, D. D.; Vice-president, Rev. M. B. Parent, M. A.; Secretary-treasurer, Rev. Edward Stobo; Editor, Rev. C. A. Amaron.

FIFTY DAYS' JAIL FOR ROBBERING A CHURCH

Toronto, Oct. 6.—Allen Brady, an elderly man, was given fifty days' jail by Magistrate Denison for theft of money from All Saints' church. Brady robbed the collection boxes.

YUAN SHI-KAI PRESIDENT OF CHINESE REPUBLIC

Placed in Office for Term of Five Years by Majority of Two-thirds of Members of Both Houses—Twenty Candidates Voted on—Much Enthusiasm.

Peking, Oct. 6.—Provisional President Yuan Shi-Kai was elected today President of the Chinese Republic for a term of five years by a majority of two-thirds of the members of the two houses of the Chinese parliament in joint assembly in Peking.

Of the 850 members of the House of Representatives and Senate 759 were in attendance.

Three ballots were necessary before a definite decision was obtained, as there were over twenty candidates. Most of these, however, including Dr. Sun Yat Sen, and Dr. Wu Ting-fang were eliminated on the first ballot and Yuan Shi-Kai and Li Yuan Heng, Provisional president and provisional vice-president respectively, were left to fight the contest between them. Li Yuan Heng, it was declared, had asserted he would not take the nomination if it were offered.

On the third and final ballot the figures were: Yuan Shi-Kai, 507; Li Yuan Heng, 179.

Yuan Shi-Kai thus obtained a bare two-thirds majority.

The announcement of the result was received with the greatest enthusiasm. The proceedings lasted twelve hours.

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Washington, Oct. 6.—Any attempt by the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad to treat with the Department of Justice to square New England's transportation system with the terms of the Sherman Anti-trust Law, would be favorably received, it became known today, by Attorney General McReynolds, who would be willing to delay for a reasonable time the filing of the government's proposed dissolution suit to hear proposals from the road.

The possibility of an effort being made to settle the case out of court became very apparent in the attention which the recent announcements of attitude by the New Haven have attracted at the Department of Justice. Officials clearly were pleased with President Elliott's statement that the railroad had no desire to retain investments, except in conformity with law and sound public policy.

The present intention of the attorney general is to seek a dissolution of the company by the quickest means possible. He believes the pressing need to be speedy solution of New England's transportation problem, if that end can be accomplished through negotiations in which the New Haven would bear any loss the I. C. R. would incur, and also they had to suffer a delay in the mail service if the statements of the C. P. R. officials were true that much quicker dispatch could be made by landing the mails at St. John.

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