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SEEKING PAY ROLL, THIEVES BREAK INTO LUMBER OFFICE

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A daring robbery, which would have netted big results to the thieves, had they not miscalculated just a little, was perpetrated during last night in the office of Randolph and Baker, lumbermen, at Randolph, near Fairville, last night.

A strange and rather disconcerting sight met the eyes of George Downie, son, accountant for the firm, when he entered the office shortly before nine o'clock this morning. The first thing that met his view was the gaping door of the safe which was situated directly opposite the entrance to the office. The scattered floor in great confusion evidently by the thieves, in their mad search for more money and securities. On examining the safe more closely Mr. Donaldson found that the lock had been chopped or hacked off, and thus the break made. The entrance to the building was effected evidently through the cellar.

Got Only \$10.

In speaking with a Times reporter this morning Mr. Donaldson said that the total sum missing amounted to only \$10.40, which was all the money that had been left in the cash drawer at the close of yesterday's business. He was very fortunate, he said, that the company was not in the habit of doing what the thieves had evidently thought was their custom.

Today is payday for the many employees of the Randolph and Baker firm, he said, and presumably the thieves thought that the pay roll, which would amount to a considerable figure, would be kept in cash in the safe the night previous, and thus facilitate the paying off of the men today. They were mistaken in this, however, as the payroll was not kept in the safe, and thus the company was saved a considerable loss.

The city, county and provincial police were notified, and visited the scene of the break this morning.

Detective Patrick Biddiscombe said that the entrance had been made through the cellar door. The thieves had then pried open the pipe from the furnace which supplied the office with hot air, and went up through the register. They had evidently attacked the safe, he said, which was an antique combination type, with an axe chopping off the combination dial, and then with a large file pushed in the combination lock thus enabling them to open the safe. The job was the work of amateurs, he said.

Provincial Constable Robert Crawford and Officers Tower and Stinson of Lancaster are working on the case, and will receive help from the city police and detective forces.

LOCAL NEWS

CHOSEN AS "MISS CHATHAM"

Miss Hazel Dower was selected by the citizens of Chatham last night as "Miss Chatham," at a grand carnival held in the Exhibition Rink. She is daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Dower and one of the most popular young ladies of the town.

GAVE SKATING PARTY.

Miss Margaret Napier gave a greatly enjoyed skating party for about 20 of her friends last night. A pleasant time was spent on the South end rink and the party then returned to Miss Napier's home, 136 Broad street, where refreshments were enjoyed. The hostess served refreshments.

CHILDREN'S MASS

There was a very large attendance of the children of the Cathedral parish this morning at 9 o'clock at a special mass celebrated by Rev. M. D. Drake, involving a blessing on the little ones during the new year. The number of boys and girls receiving Holy Communion was very large and included were the orphan girls from St. Vincent's, who received at the Cathedral altar instead of in the St. Vincent's chapel as is customary.

RECEIVES GIFT OF RING.

Mrs. Machum's class of the "Main Street Baptist Sunday school" met at the home of Mrs. A. Sprague, Victoria street last evening. Games and music were much enjoyed. On behalf of the class Miss Fern Sprague presented to Miss Kathleen Speight an onyx ring, with an expression of the high esteem she was held and the regards of the class, of which Miss Speight was secretary, at her leaving for New York where she will train in Flushing Hospital.

WALTER C. MOTT DEAD.

The death of Walter C. Mott, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Mott, Montserrat at Liverpool after an excellent voyage.

The St. John skater was to proceed to France as soon as possible as there are none too many days ahead for training work, etc. before the great races will be begun. Also on the same ship will be the members of the Olympic hockey team, who played in this city en route. Another passenger was John Scott, managing editor of the Montreal Gazette.

"Fine trip and all in excellent condition," was the bulletin on the arrival of the Montserrat at 7 o'clock this morning.

HAD PARTY AT LAKE.

About thirty employees of T. McAvity & Sons, Ltd., greatly enjoyed a skating party on the lake at Lily Lake last evening. The early part of the evening was spent on the blades, following which the party repaired to the club house and there enjoyed dancing and music. Delicious refreshments were served and the party enjoyed a royal good time. The arrangements were under the capable direction of a committee composed of Queens county, occurred here yesterday at the home of Mrs. H. MacLoom. Those present were Mrs. George Price, Mrs. W. R. Sanderson, Mrs. A. K. Horton, Mrs. G. B. Brown, Mrs. J. E. Ailingham, Mrs. D. H. Roxborough, Mrs. Wm. Gray and Mrs. Laura Cheeseman.

A PLEASANT EVENING

Members of the Good Cheer Circle of the King's Daughters and their friends visited the Old Ladies' Home last evening and entertained the ladies with a programme of vocal and instrumental music. After the concert, refreshments were served by members of the circle. Miss Alice G. Ring was heard in a delightful piano solo; very pleasing vocal solos were given by Miss Edna Earle, Miss Vida Waterbury and Miss Perry; excellent readings were delivered by Miss Vera Roberts and Mrs. Blanche Sprague, and the old ladies joined energetically in the singing of some old time choruses. Auld Lang Syne, followed by the National Anthem, brought a pleasant evening to a close.

HOSPITAL IS CROWDED.

There were 183 patients in the General Public Hospital yesterday morning, a hospital population that pretty well taxed the accommodation. In the men's surgical ward every bed was taken and had there been accident cases to care for there would have been need to make use of the recovery room, reserved for patients who have come from the operating room. The children's ward was filled also and one small room which holds four beds was sleeping quarters for six infants. The infants were malnutrition cases chiefly. Miss Gertrude Belyea, Eva Wright, Maude Keeble, Muriel Ellis, Evelyn Brown, Pearl Howard, May Hepburn, Marion Layton, Mildred Hayward and Maud Reed. The enjoyment of the soldiers was judged by the loud cheers and happy faces. In reporting the re-peat staging of the play for the soldiers, the young ladies said that they wanted to know how much it was appreciated so that others would have the same pleasure they had last evening in making the soldiers happy.

HERE IN WORK OF GIRL GUIDES

Miss Wolton Arrives From England—Will Tour the Dominion.

Among the passengers who arrived here today on the Canadian Pacific steamship Montserrat was Miss J. E. Wolton, who is going to make a tour of Canada on behalf of Lady Baden-Powell, and give special instructions to "guides." In conversation with the Times, she said she will hold classes for the leaders of the girl guides in this city from January 28 until February 2 and will then visit the camps in New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. She will then go to upper Canada and later to the west. Miss Wolton will remain in Canada about six months during which time she will assist in organizing girl guides as well as instructing the "guides." With reference to her trip she said it was rough at first, but was most enjoyable the last three days. One of the most pleasing features, however, she said was the sight of members of the local guides awaiting her as the ship docked.

MANY PRESENT AT HAMPTON CARNIVAL

More than 300 skaters, most of them attired in attractive and novel costumes, gathered on the Hampton Consolidated School open air rink at Hampton Station last evening for a carnival which was greatly enjoyed. The judges had great difficulty in awarding the prizes, but the final result was announced as follows—

Ladies—Mrs. Howard Campbell, as a butterfly.

Combination—William Fraser and Miss King, as Gallagher and Shean.

Men's—Edward (Fat) Conway, as Happy Hooligan.

The judges were Mrs. F. M. Sprout, G. M. Wilson, H. L. Warden, Mrs. F. Wedderburn and Mrs. Guy Humphrey.

EPWORTH LEAGUE ENJOYS EVENING

Miss Gertrude Hasper, who is in charge of the missionary department of the Portland Methodist Epworth League, led the monthly missionary service last evening in the Y. P. A. Hall. Mrs. John Howe gave a fine essay on the subject of the evening. Miss Doris Bromfield sang a solo sweetly with Mrs. George Hartshorn as accompanist. Miss Emma Chown gave a reading with excellent expression and diction. The pastor of the church, Rev. H. A. Goodwin, B.A., complicated Miss Hasper upon her systematic arrangement of the successful evening. A missionary exercise was given by ten members—Misses, Marie Tower, Audrey Breen, Elsie Wilson, Violet McLaughlin, Alice Love, Emma Bissett, Etta McInerney, Helen Bowley, Mrs. B. L. Kirkpatrick and Frank Merrill. A dialogue was given by Misses Mary Kirk, Nan MacDougal, Dorrie Bromfield and Marie Tower.

WHAT INCREASE WILL MEAN.

The schedule presented by the Civic Service Employees' Union, calling for an increase of wages for the permanent employees of each department will, if accepted, it is estimated, add between \$80,000 and \$40,000 to the appropriations for the various departments. The increase amounts to about \$80 a man a year.

WILL BE BURIED IN MEDFORD SUNDAY

Clarence M. Coughle Well Remembered in Drug Business Here.

The funeral of Clarence M. Coughle, son of Mr. and Mrs. John S. Coughle, St. James street, West St. John, will take place in Medford, Mass., tomorrow afternoon. Because of the serious illness of his aged father it will not be possible for any of the immediate family to be present. The ex-St. John man's widow, formerly Edith Cunningham, also of this city, has several sisters and other relatives in Boston and vicinity who are with her in her sudden sorrow.

Mr. Coughle, who left here 18 years ago, following a long time as a chemist in the employ of his uncle, F. Wade, Wall street, was stricken with acute Bright's disease, complicated with pneumonia, less than a week ago. He rushed to a hospital and every modern resource applied to save his life, efforts were unavailing. Mr. Coughle's death was a severe shock to both immediate families, his parents, home in West St. John, at present greatly perturbed over the precarious condition of the father, and Mrs. Coughle's sister's home, that of Joseph Smith, King street east.

Mr. Coughle leaves, besides his wife, his parents here; also two sisters, Miss H. Coughle, chiropodist in King street and Mrs. Stewart, widow of Robert Stewart, formerly harbor warden of Montserrat, with her son Bruce, making her home with her people in this city. The late Mr. Stewart was son of the much-respected and well-known Stewart, so well remembered as one of the "fathers" of St. John as a winter-port when the first steamers came here.

GORMAN IS IN ENGLAND TODAY

St. John Skater Arrives at Liverpool on Way to Olympics.

Charlie Gorman is in England on his way to the Olympic skating meet in France. A cable received today announced the arrival of the steamship Montserrat at Liverpool after an excellent voyage.

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PAY A VISIT TO FAIRVILLE LODGE

Grand Lodge Officers of I. O. G. T. Deliver Addresses

The Grand Lodge officers of the I. O. G. T. paid a fraternal visit to No. 10 Fairville Lodge in Fairville Thursday night when there was a large attendance of members. Representatives of the Dominion, Thorne and District lodges were also in attendance. John Magee, deputy of No. 10 Fairville Lodge, was the chairman and welcomed the Grand Lodge officers.

James McEachern, Grand Chief Templar, took the chair after the opening proceedings and there was a pleasing programme. Speeches were given by the following Grand Lodge officers: James McEachern, George Kelly, Mrs. T. B. Browne, M. A. Thorne and Herbert Gardiner. A solo was nicely sung by John Fitzgerald and recitations given by Miss Alva Chapman, of Dominion Lodge; Mrs. Charles McEachern and Miss Helen Long. Addresses were given by John Magee, Thomas Owens, chief templar of Thorne Lodge; Mr. Beasley, chief templar of Dominion Lodge; Alexander Brown, of Thorne Lodge, and William Waters. Some choruses were heartily sung. The organist for the evening was Miss Genevieve Irvin.

The ladies of No. 10 Fairville Lodge served refreshments and an enjoyable social hour was spent.

THE S. P. C. AGENT.

S. M. Wetmore, representing the S. P. C., is back again in his old quarters in the ferry building, and may be reached by telephone, Main 282.

As Hiram Sees It

"Any social events in the Settlement this week?" The Times reporter asked of Mr. Hiram Hornbeam.

"Birdie McWhat had an A. H. Honey yesterday afternoon," said Hiram.

"Ah! indeed!" said the reporter.

"Lot o' folks there," said Hiram, "all dressed up to kill. Birdie served 'em with onion sandwiches an' Labrador tea an' they had a great time. As far as I kin find out everybody was raked over the coals from their great g'at' (faded down to the ones that got in jail. It was what they call a reel sashy getherin'—yes, sir. I heard they was gonzo her one to Sile Jones's next week. Sile has a notion o' rummin' fer hog-reef. They sint notin' that makes fer reel sociability like onion sandwiches an' Labrador tea. They do say Birdie's pa went in an got some crumbs in his whiskers—but that sint nothin' noo fer him. Birdie said she was mortified—but that sint nothin' noo fer her—nuther. Great weather—sint it?"

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