

### OTTAWA TO PUSH FIGHT

within their boundaries. He outlined the work done by the several Canadian Societies for the prevention of tuberculosis and urged the force of the campaign for education, ignorance and fear are the principal factors in its spread, he said.

Dr. Roche outlined the work of the various agencies over the world which are combating the disease and urged energetic action. There need be no fear of provincial rights in this case, he said, the governments of the several provinces would not complain of any action the Dominion government might take to lessen the plague.

Dr. Schaffner advocated the formation of a general bureau of public health and Mr. Miller outlined the history of the movement.

Accept Resolution.  
Mr. Fisher on behalf of the government accepted the resolution. The government, he said, would ask for a larger grant to the association. It would not enter into the field of building sanatoria; in that the provinces especially British Columbia, Manitoba and Nova Scotia, were doing their share. Regarding the remarks that more money is being spent in protecting the health of animals than of human beings, Mr. Fisher observed that this really was a protection to human health. The minister further defended the Canadian cow, declaring that to her credit the cases of human tuberculosis were due to tuberculous milk and that the health of the Canadian herds is good.

### ABSOLUTION FOR N.T.R. MEN

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The Transcontinental Commission to Mr. Crockett's letter. On 25th May, Mr. P. D. Ryan, secretary of the Commission replied that clause 28 in the contract provides for prompt payment of labor services and material, the latter meaning such things as enter into the work in a permanent way. Referring to Mr. Crockett's suggestion Mr. Ryan wrote: "The unavailability of such attempted action is easily capable of demonstration. If persons selling supplies to sub-contractors were encouraged in the belief that the government or the commission would enforce the payment of their bills, the inducement to sell large quantities of supplies to sub-contractors regardless of their solvency would be great. On the other hand a serious injustice would be suffered by the general contractors if forced to pay accounts contracted for by sub-contractors without their knowledge and without justification."

To Compel Contractors.  
On the 28th of May, Mr. Graham wrote observing that the contract with the G. T. P. includes a clause enabling the government to compel contractors to see that sub-contractors meet their liabilities. "Could not the contractors be given the right to understand that they must get a clean bill from their sub-contractors?"

Mr. Ryan replied on 1st June enclosing an opinion from the law clerk of the commission. This opinion on the clause referred to by Mr. Graham relates to the Western division only. The contract made by the Transcontinental commission with its contractors contains no such clause. If the existing clause were extended to cover supplies not included in the term "material" it would open the door to demands of all kinds.

Exert Influence.  
Mr. Ryan in enclosing this opinion said that the commissioners would exert their influence. He continued: "As a matter of procedure, however, merchants should adhere to the conservative commercial practice of making careful inquiry as to the financial responsibility of sub-contractors before extending to them the lines of credit applied for. The general contractors no doubt will be glad to answer all such inquiries. Losses resulting from neglect to take this customary and necessary precaution will be always difficult to recover."

The other correspondence brought down grew out of a complaint by the Auditor General with regard to a payment of \$13,453 to a firm of contractors on the New Brunswick district of the Transcontinental.  
The section concerned was a 31 mile stretch between Grand Falls and the Tobique River. The contractors were the Willard Kitchen Company. The situation as reported on by Mr. Gordon Grant, the new chief engineer, on the 15th of October, was that about 472,000 cubic yards of material were required to make certain embankments. No material of the ordinary sort could be found on the section for these embankments and so the expedition was resorted to of using rock at a reduced price, the contractors obtaining this by what is termed "rock borrow" that is by excavating where excavation is not otherwise required.

Mr. Foss Replies.  
In January, 1909, Mr. Lamden then chief engineer, asked Mr. Foss district engineer for an estimate as to the quantity of rock borrow required, and a comparison of the cost with the train hauling classified material. On 26th March Mr. Foss replied, putting the cost of obtaining the material in the ordinary way at \$265,258 and that of obtaining it by borrowing at \$264,576, and recommending the latter. He accordingly recommended that the contractors be allowed to borrow rock at the proportion of 66 per cent. solid rock and 34 per cent. loose rock, without overbreak being allowed in cuts from which the borrow was made and without overhaul.

The Kitchen Company thereupon on the 13th of April agreed to borrow rock by widening the adjacent cuttings at a price of \$1.10 per cubic yard. This was accepted.

On the 18th of August the Auditor General demanded an explanation, holding that by the original prices the cost of 91,840 cubic yards for which payment was demanded should have been \$53,317, whereas by the re-

### PARTY GOVERNMENT DESIRABLE IF PRESS IS NOT PARTISAN

Prof. Shortt Delivers Address Before Women's Canadian Club — Canada's Form of Government Inferior to U. S.

That concentration of responsibility is the keynote of the Canadian form of government which makes it eminently superior to the United States government, was the argument of Prof. Adam Shortt, of Ottawa, before the Women's Canadian Club in Keith's Assembly Rooms yesterday afternoon. Prof. Shortt's address was heard by a fashionable and distinguished audience and his statement of Canada's superiority aroused much enthusiasm on the part of his hearers. Prof. Shortt in the course of his address defended the system of party government but deprecated the party blindness of a large section of the press which resulted, he said, in lowering of the standard of politics. Hon. J. D. Hazen, premier of the province, seconded Prof. Shortt's remarks in this latter regard and maintained that the partisan press was responsible for the public conscience being dulled. Hon. J. V. Ellis and Mayor Bullock were also present and spoke briefly.

Mrs. E. A. Smith, First Vice-President of the Women's Canadian Club, was in the chair and had with her on the platform, Mr. C. B. Allan, President of the Canadian Club. At a private meeting of the club earlier in the afternoon, reports were presented from Miss Travers, the treasurer, who reported a balance of \$15, and from Mrs. Gronlund, the recording secretary. Mrs. J. N. Stetson and Mrs. J. H. Ogilvie, were elected members. Mrs. John McAvity, Mrs. G. West Jones, and Mrs. J. D. Hazen were appointed a committee to arrange for the club meeting in January.

### LEAVE FOR OTTAWA CONFERENCE TODAY.

Members of Local Government Going to Meeting to Discuss Electrification of G. T. P. through Province.

A delegation from the local government will leave this evening for Ottawa to attend on Thursday an important conference which will consider the feasibility of having the trains on the Transcontinental operated by electricity in New Brunswick. The delegates will consist of Hon. W. C. H. Grimmer, Hon. H. F. McLeod, and Hon. Robert Maxwell with Hon. J. P. Byrnie, M. P., and Mr. J. P. Byrnie, M. P., the mover and seconder of the resolution regarding the matter which was unanimously adopted by the legislature last session. At Ottawa they will meet Sir Wilfrid Laurier and one or two members of his cabinet, Sir Lomer Gouin and other members of the cabinet, the using of similar power by the railway in his province, the minister of lands and mines, one or more commissioners of the Transcontinental Railway. The regular quarterly meeting of the Railway Co. and other persons interested in the matter. The conference will hold either in one of the committee rooms of the House of Commons or else at the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway's headquarters.

### SACKVILLE NEWS.

Sackville, Dec. 13.—The order of the Mr. Allison terminal examinations have been given out. They will begin on Tuesday, December 14, and end on Wednesday, the 24th. Most of the students, however, will have finished their examinations by Monday or Tuesday and will leave for home on those dates. The second term will open on Jan. 6.

The Mt. A. A. decided on Tuesday to send Mr. Charles Macdougall, captain of the hockey team to St. John as its representative to the Inter-collegiate Hockey Convention to be held during the holidays. Manager Hayes reported \$94.22 as the balance from the season's work on the gridiron. Mr. Vernon Elderkin of Parrisboro, N. S., was elected manager of the first hockey team for the coming season.

The following officers were elected by the Eucharistarian Society at a special meeting held Tuesday evening: President, Mr. Wm. R. Shanklin; Vice-President, Mr. Fletcher Peacock; Recording Secretary, Mr. Albert Knight; Corresponding Secretary, Mr. W. Irving; Treasurer, Mr. R. C. Tait; Teller, Mr. W. Eisenhart.

Mr. D. N. Charters of Moncton was chosen chief of the Sackville fire department at a meeting of the town council on Tuesday.

Rev. Canon Smithers of Fredericton preached in St. Paul's church at the regular quarterly meeting of the Shedd's Deacons here Tuesday evening.

A very enjoyable dramatic recital was given by Mr. Wadsworth Harris in Beethoven Hall last Friday. The principal number was the reading of the "Raven."

A large number of students patronized the candy and banner sale at the Ladies College last Saturday. It is said that over \$100 was netted, which will be used to send the two Ladies' College delegates to the Rochester convention.

A reward of \$25 has been offered for the conviction of the person or persons who broke two of the stained glass windows of St. Paul's church last week. The windows are said to be worth over \$50 a piece and the fact that two were broken goes to disprove the theory that they were broken by accident.

### RESPECTABLE TO SUICIDE

Took His Life From Fear Of Criminal Prosecution Is Jury's Verdict—New Witnesses Examined.

He, the jury empanelled to inquire into the death of Henry F. Heenan that he came to his death in the General Public Hospital at St. John on the 9th day of December, 1909, by carbolic acid administered by his own hand, being driven to desperation by the impending fate of criminal prosecution, threatened by the Dominion Fire Insurance Company and the Imperial Guarantee and Accident Company. The above was the verdict returned last evening by the jury at the inquest conducted by Dr. D. E. Berryman, the coroner, into the circumstances surrounding the death of the deceased. Mr. Heenan had been in the court house at 10 o'clock last evening. Frank E. Porter the first witness called, told of selling the carbolic acid to Mr. Heenan in his drug store last Thursday afternoon.

In answer to the coroner, witness said that he knew that he was evading the law in selling Mr. Heenan the carbolic acid. Dr. Berryman here remarked that he would be the last time such a thing would occur. For the benefit of St. John druggists he would say that within the last two years, he had knowledge, nine intelligent persons had been sold carbolic acid contrary to the law, and as a consequence nine lives had been sacrificed.

City Cornet Band Offered \$200. James Connolly was the next witness. He said he had known deceased about seven years. In his opinion he considered him of good moral character and had never seen him under the influence of liquor. He did not consider deceased of a nervous temperament. About 12 o'clock last Thursday Mr. Arnold and deceased met at witness near the corner of Union and Carmarthen streets. Mr. Arnold asked witness if the statement were true that the City Cornet Band were prepared to put up \$200 within ten minutes. Witness replied that they could put up the money within five minutes. Mr. Heenan said, Jim, don't put up the money unless I'm guaranteed that the band will play for me. Mr. Arnold then remarked that he would better try to see the other parties. Witness was sure that Mr. Arnold had there would be no difficulty about the \$200 being paid.

On Saturday, Dec. 4, witness had for the first time heard from deceased relative to his financial difficulties. Mr. Heenan told him that he was involved to the extent of about \$1300. Witness had conferred with the Royal on Sunday relative to the matter. Witness then offered to put up \$200 for Mr. Heenan. Mr. Massie sympathized and that Mr. Heenan desired Dorchester. Mr. Heenan suggested that witness had better not see Mr. Heenan about the matter and to commit suicide.

Offered To Work For Nothing. Mr. Heenan had told him that he had offered to work for the Dominion Fire Insurance Company for nothing until the amount of his financial difficulties was paid. Mr. Heenan was mentally unsound. Mr. Heenan had told witness that he had not received any salary since June 30th last. Witness, Inspector for the Imperial Guarantee and Accident Co., of Canada, was then called. He said that Mr. Massie, the coroner, had told him that the Dominion Fire Insurance Company had notified him that company that there would likely be a shortage in St. John, but that he did not think it would amount to much.

On Tuesday he had known of the delinquencies of Mr. Heenan before Mr. Heenan had accused deceased of stealing.

The coroner—"Do you know from your own observation that deceased was really a defaulter?" Witness replied that he did. Deceased admitted in Mr. Raymond's office that he had not paid \$600. He had first suspected Mr. Heenan of stealing on the last Monday in November and deceased had admitted the theft on the following day.

Mr. Heenan was said to be anxious and willing to repay witness anything he had stolen from him. Mr. Heenan gave him a bill of sale of his furniture on the 11th of December. Deceased had also transferred to witness his insurance policies amounting to \$2000 on Dec. 6. Mr. Heenan's wife had endorsed the policies. He had also deposited his certificate with the British Columbia Loan and Mortgage Company amounting to \$70 to witness.

At the time of the transfer witness knew that there were delinquencies from the company. Detective Killen had been asked to see that Mr. Heenan did not escape by the boats or trains. He did not know who had given the order. When deceased had acknowledged the theft to witness he had broken down and cried.

Worked on Commission. In answer to the coroner witness said that the statement that Mr. Heenan had received no salary since the 30th of June last was not correct. Mr. Heenan had worked on a commission basis at that date. Witness had never heard in the office that Mr. Heenan had offered to work for the company without salary until the amount taken was paid.

Dr. Ryan was called and explained the condition of Mr. Heenan when brought to the hospital. This concluded the evidence and the coroner then briefly addressed the jury. He strongly criticized the action of Mr. Massie in leaving the city before a thorough investigation had been held. The question for them to decide, he said, was whether deceased was of unsound mind when he committed his rash act, or that he did not have the moral courage to face his accusers and was driven to desperation by their lies.

The jury then retired and after being out about 15 minutes returned the verdict as previously stated.

### FARMERS FLOCK TO ST. JOHN TO ATTEND SALE OF CLYDESDALES

Dr. Landry Looks For Larger Attendance Today Than at Successful Sale of Kentucky Thoroughbreds.

From all over the province, horsemen, farmers and others interested were arriving yesterday to attend the sale of the Clydesdale horses imported from Scotland through the instrumentality of the Provincial Government, and which will be held here today. Mr. F. L. Poite, auctioneer, will have charge of the sale which begins at 10.30 o'clock this morning in the Carleton Curling rink.

The horses are in the best of condition and are expected to bring high prices. Hon. D. V. Landry, Commissioner of Agriculture, who arrived in the city last evening to attend the sale, said he was glad to see the indications were that there would be a larger crowd in attendance at the sale than at the record sale of the Kentucky thoroughbreds last spring.

Among the visitors in the city to attend the sale this morning are Dr. Peake, Hon. George J. Colter Keawick; G. A. Purley, Willard Carbridge, Morley Burpee, Atlee Burpee, Harry Finnamore, Henry Wilmut, Councillor D. W. Mercereau, Sheriff O'Brien, Oliver Melanson, Jas. Beers, Beersville; F. Baird, Bairdville, Victoria county, D. W. Pickett, Antover; H. W. Woods, M. P.; P. A. B. Slipp, P. Bayard Slipp, Hampstead; William McKay, Fredericton, W. J. McLaggan, Northumberland; Richard O'Leary, Richibucto; J. D. Irving, Butouches; Archibald Fraser, of D. Fraser and Sons, Plaster Rock; Lester Parker, Derby; J. P. Whelan, Newcastle; G. A. Trites, Salisbury; W. M. Johnston, Chatham; and L. Girouard, St. Marys, Kent Co.

### EVIDENCE IN DISPUTE BETWEEN J. A. SEEGE AND TURNBULL CO.

Hearing Resumed in Police Court Yesterday—Case For The Prosecution Closed—Defence Opens Today.

The case of the Turnbull Real Estate Company versus John A. Seege was continued yesterday morning before the police magistrate. The complainant states that Seege maliciously and willfully damaged property owned by the Turnbull Real Estate Co. Hon. J. D. Hazen appeared as counsel for the prosecution and Mr. L. A. Currey for the defendant.

The examination of Mr. Charles W. Adams, secretary of the Turnbull Co., continued. Witness produced letters of incorporation granted to the company on June 16, 1892.

Mr. Hazen offered as evidence a lease under which the present tenant, Major Green, holds the property. Mr. Currey objected, as it did not prove the title for the Turnbull Real Estate Co.

This lease was given to Major Green May 1st, 1898, for fifteen years. In this lease, witness said, a description of the property is given on which Mr. Seege was digging.

Since 1900 Mr. Adams said, he had collected rent from Mr. Green for this property.

Mr. Currey examined the witness as to the payment of rent.

Dr. Silas Alvord, who formerly acted as solicitor to the late Mr. Turnbull, testified to the property having been occupied by Mr. J. H. Carvell since the date of the lease. He testified to the Turnbull Real Estate Company having purchased the land from Mr. W. W. Turnbull in 1892.

Mr. Hazen offered the registrar certificate of registration, which was objected to as it did not describe the locus in quo.

Witness from the Bank of New Brunswick was also offered and objected to by Mr. Currey.

Continuing witness described the lands and told of Mr. Seege digging the property. Mr. H. O. McInerney proved the will of Mr. Simonds giving the lot to Mr. J. Gilbert.

Mr. Green also gave evidence to the effect that he had leased the land from the Turnbull Company and occupied it. He testified to Mr. Seege digging holes. Mr. Seege never told him he owned the land but had said that eight or ten years ago he had staked out his claim with iron stakes. This ended the case for the prosecution and the hearing was adjourned until this morning.

### DOCTORS NEED MEDICAL INSPECTION

Delegation of Doctors at School Trustees Meeting Last Evening—Committee Appointed to Bring in Report.

At the monthly meeting of the Board of school trustees last night a delegation from the St. John Medical Society was heard with reference to the importance of having medical inspection in the schools. The members of the delegation pointed out the needs of such inspection. The board promised consideration.

Mr. R. B. Emerson, presided at the meeting and those present were Mrs. Skinner, Mr. John V. Russell, Mr. H. Colby Smith, Mr. M. Coll, Mr. T. H. Bullock, Mr. Geo. E. Day, Mr. D. H. Nase, Dr. H. S. Bridges, superintendent of schools Mr. Ed. Manning, secretary and Mr. J. Boyd McMann, trustee.

A communication was read from Mr. R. B. Wallace, chief clerk of education at Fredericton, stating that he sent the Governor-General an silver medal which had been won by Miss Moulle Lingley for making highest marks in Grade X.

A communication was read from John McKeenan thanking the board for appointing him principal of Douglas avenue school. He asked for an increase in salary. Mr. Joseph Harrington, of St. Malach's school, also asked for an increase in salary. The matter was left with the teachers' committee.

The resignation of Miss Mira A. Hastings was accepted. Miss Ethel Segal stated that she found it impossible to teach at the Sandy Point Road school any longer and asked to be transferred to the city. The matter was referred to the teachers' committee.

An application for a position on the teaching staff was read from Miss Alice M. Casey. Mr. H. A. Smith applied for leave of absence for the school term commencing next January on account of ill health.

An application was read from Miss Emma L. Cogswell asking for three months leave of absence. The requests were referred to the teachers' committee.

Tender Accepted. A report was read by Mr. Russell stating that the tender of R. A. Corbett of \$1240 had been accepted for building a retaining wall around the annex of Winter street school.

A letter was read from T. B. Levers, offering to insure the school buildings with Lloyds at a greatly reduced rate. The chairman brought up the matter of having an exhibition of manual training and domestic science at the Dominion Exhibition to be held next year.

The matter was referred to the manual training committee with Dr. Bridges to make a report. The chairman announced that he would call a meeting early next week for the purpose of preparing estimates to be submitted to the city council.

Mr. Clifton stated that there was no insurance on the boilers in the new annex and insurance on only one in Carleton. The building committee was directed to obtain insurance.

Mr. Nase reported that he had sold the Sparrow house for \$55 the report was adopted.

It was decided to notify the owner of the lot that the board had surrendered the lease.

The teachers report for November was read by the secretary. There had been 22 teaching days in the month. The number of pupils enrolled was 7418, and the average attendance 6346. There were 3591 boys and 3653 girls enrolled. The report was adopted.

The Doctors' Delegation. A committee from the St. John Medical Council consisting of Dr. T. D. Walker, Dr. Gray, Dr. James Christie, Dr. Murray MacLaren, was heard with reference to the necessity of having a qualified medical inspection for the public schools.

Dr. Walker read a memorandum on the matter that had been prepared by Dr. G. G. Melville. School medical inspection, it was pointed out, was of two kinds, that which restricts itself to the identification of contagious diseases and that which takes cognizance, not only of the former, but of harmful constitutional defects, such as those of vision, hearing, the teeth, abnormal growths and the like. Over 100 cities in North America had adopted a medical inspection and the more common contagious diseases had been reduced from 40 to 25 per cent as much as 75 per cent. The cost of inspection carried from 15 to 25 cents per year for a contagious inspection, and about 50 cents per year for the more complete inspection.

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Education had taken the matter up and the teachers in future had to obtain a certificate showing their capability to teach the drill before they could graduate.

Mr. Nase asked that a platform be built in front of Alexandra School. The matter was left with the building committee.

Over the Telephone. About 3.30 o'clock yesterday afternoon Officer Gosselin, who was acting as call man in the general room at Central police station, was called to the phone and told that a robbery had just been committed on Canter-

bury street. He was informed that two men had held up an old man and taken all the money he had in his possession. The officer enquired who was speaking, but was told to "never mind." Detective Killen and Deputy Jenkins were immediately notified and at once took up the trail. Arriving upon the scene of the supposed daring robbery all enquiry failed to disclose whether or not a robbery had really been committed. Nobody had seen or seemed to know anything about the matter. The officers reluctantly came to the conclusion that somebody was trying to have a little fun at their expense.