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WILL BRING MORE TRADE NEXT YEAR

D. McNicol General Manager of C. P. R. Predicts Busier Season for St. John--We Must be Prepared to Handle Larger Freight Business.

The great need of increased facilities for handling the business of the port was the keynote of the interview with David McNicol, vice-president and general manager of the C. P. R., this morning.

Mr. McNicol came to the city yesterday to see his wife, son and daughter on the Empress of Britain, which sailed last night. He is a guest at the Royal, and will leave on his return to Montreal this evening.

To a Times man, this morning, Mr. McNicol said his present visit was simply to see the members of his family safely away. He expects to come this way again in about a month to inspect this division, and look into the matter of improvements that may be deemed necessary.

Asked regarding the congestion of the freights in the west and the tie up of the railroads in various districts, he said: "There were getting straightened out now, but it had been an exceptionally severe winter. There had been snow blockades and much of the rolling stock had been tied up."

The C. P. R., he said, have had millions of dollars worth of rolling stock ordered for some time, and owing to the fact that the Canadian factories are taxed to their utmost extent, they have had to place orders in the United States.

Many new locomotives have been ordered in addition to those turned out in the C. P. R. factories, where one new one is completed every five days.

His worship suggested that Mr. McNicol embody his views in a letter to the council and he would present it for their consideration. He pointed out that he was going to comply with the law and issue licenses, if the council did not take out licenses there was another department to deal with.

JEROME WILL ASK FOR VERDICT OF GUILTY OF FIRST DEGREE MURDER

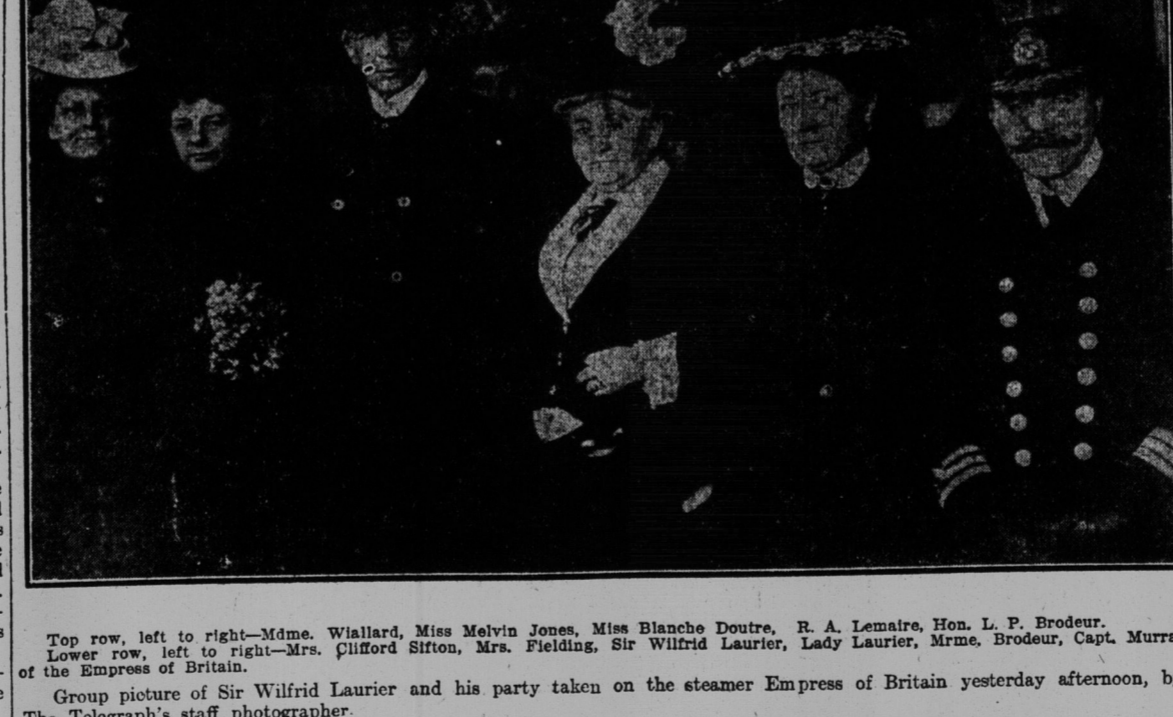
In His Address to Jury in Thaw Case He Will Contend That Jealousy and Revenge Not "Brainstorm" Actuated Thaw to Kill White.

NEW YORK, April 6--Now that District Attorney Jerome has decided that he will not apply to the appellate division of the supreme court for a writ of prohibition relative to the report of the commission in January as to Harry K. Thaw's sanity, it is almost certain the trial of this remarkable case will duly proceed to its end. There will be no more interruptions, it is said, and by Monday, when the proceedings are resumed, both sides will have prepared themselves fully for the final effort.

PREMIER PUGSLEY FAVORS NEW BRIDGE AT THE FALLS

FREDERICTON, N. B., April 6--(Special)--The house met at 10 o'clock. Mr. King presented the petition of the Imperial Dry Dock Company in favor of their bill.

SIR WILFRID AND PARTY ON THE EMPRESS



Top row, left to right--Mrs. Willard, Miss Melvin Jones, Miss Blanche Doure, R. A. Lemaire, Hon. L. P. Brodeur. Lower row, left to right--Mrs. Clifford Eaton, Mrs. Fielding, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Lady Laurier, Mrs. Brodeur, Capt. Murray of the Empress of Britain.

BURIED WITH FULL MILITARY HONORS

Funeral of Late Lieut. Col. J. E. March M. D. This Afternoon Was an Imposing Spectacle--Crowds Lined Streets As Procession Passed.

With all the pomp and ceremony characteristic of a military funeral, the body of the late Lieut. Colonel J. E. March, principal medical officer, military district No. 8 was laid to rest in Fernhill cemetery this afternoon.

Following was the gun carriage drawn by six horses with artillery riders and non-commissioned officers on limbers, while on top of the gun carriage was the caisson containing the remains of the late Dr. March. The coffin was wrapped in the Union Jack flag, and on the top of it were the helmet, sword and belt of the deceased.

The music during the service was under the direction of D. Arnold Fox and consisted of the singing of the Masonic anthem "Remember Now Thy Creator" by a male quartette consisting of W. H. Holme, D. Arnold Fox, G. B. Hagan and J. T. Hart.

The O. C. 3rd regiment, C. G. A., provided the gun carriage, which was drawn by six horses with artillery riders and non-commissioned officers. The coffin was placed on top of the gun carriage and draped with the Union Jack, and on the top of that rested the helmet, sword and belt of the late Col. March.

CAPTAIN'S HEROISM SAVED ALL ON BOARD Passengers of Burned Steamer "City of Troy" Say Captain Bruder Was Bravest of All.

NEW YORK, April 6--Seven passengers and a score of the crew of the steamboat City of Troy, which was burned in the Hudson river at Dobbs' ferry, arrived here early today. The passengers looked little the worse for their experience, but it was different with most of the crew. They were asleep in their bunks when the fire was discovered and as their quarters were close to where the fire started they had no time to get together their belongings.

NEWS OF THE WORLD AS TOLD IN SHORT METRE Today's Happenings Billed Down to a Line for Busy Times Readers.

MURDER THE OUTCOME OF A DRUNKEN BRAWL

George Wood, of Edmonton, Alberta, Killed by a Chum in a Fight.

THE TIMES NEW REPORTER

SOCIETY ITEM. Social circles are much grieved to learn that the lovely Miss Birdie Mc... A serious condition of civic affairs is threatened. Several of the present aldermen are thinking deeply and may decline to be re-nominated. One of them is the Times new reporter this morning-- "I don't think I can afford to be an alderman any longer. Nobody else wants the job. Why should I take it and have people say about me something like this: 'Oh! He's no good. Why, he wanted to be an alderman. I don't think I could stand that. You see, if it was a job that anybody wanted, there might be some satisfaction in being elected; but then you wouldn't have if you threw it a them. I don't believe I'll run this year. If other aldermen feel as this man does we may have no city council at all. The situation is critical."

HOPE GONE FOR DR. DRUMMOND A despatch received from Cobalt this morning says the condition of Dr. Drummond is so critical that he will probably not last throughout the day.

MONCTON'S EX-POLICE CHIEF STOPS A FIRE At Risk of His Life He Threw Can of Burning Benzine Out of Leger's Jewelry Store--Girl Burned by Gasoline.

MONCTON, April 6--(Special)--Prompt action on the part of ex-Chief of Police Chappell prevented a bad fire in Z. M. Leger's jewelry store last evening. A can of burning benzine, which looked ominous for a time, was picked up by Mr. Chappell and thrown down the street before the fire had time to spread. Leger's store was being closed for the night at the time of the blaze. The benzine which looked fire was in the back shop and was used for cleaning purposes. A couple of young men in the back shop were smoking in this way. Z. Melanson, a clerk, made a determined effort to extinguish the blaze but it was soon beyond his control. He had one hand painfully burned in the attempt.