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MONCTON MAY BE THE DIVERST TO

If the Courts Sustain Magistrate Kay's Judgments--The Late Father Cormier the First Ordained Priest from Memramcook--Interesting Personal Notes.

MONCTON, Aug. 7.—The police authorities state that the recent innovation made by the police magistrate in Scott Act enforcement, has had the effect of curtailing drunkenness to some considerable extent. For the first time in recent years a whole week has passed by with scarcely an arrest for inebriation. The absence of drunkenness on the streets is attributed to the fact that confirmed inebriates are unable to procure liquor as readily as in the past. Every offender knows if he is convicted of Scott Act violation, it means thirty days with hard labor, and this means putting him out of business.

If the courts sustain the decision given by Police Magistrate Kay recently, Moncton will probably be the driest town in Canada within a short time. A number of saloon keepers are only waiting the decision of the courts as to whether they can be imprisoned without the option of a fine before deciding whether they will continue or go out of the liquor business. Rev. P. X. Cormier, whose death at Upper Abolagah was noted in yesterday's Times, was the oldest Canadian priest in the diocese of St. John. He was the first ordained priest from the parish of Memramcook, which has already given fourteen priests to the Roman Catholic church of this diocese. Deceased was the son of his father, St. Anne La Poitefere, Que., but when St. Joseph's College was opened, in 1864, he returned to Memramcook and graduated from St. Joseph's. In his death a great landmark has disappeared from the diocese of St. John. He belonged to a noble family, being the son of the late Belone Cormier of Memramcook.

SERGT. CAMPBELL IS FOUND TO BE GUILTY BY THE MAGISTRATE

Who Also Delivers a Broadside of Hot Shot Against the Police Department Generally --- Wants Safety Board to Undertake the Proper Discipline of the Force.

Judgment in the case against Police Sergeant Campbell, charged with Peter Le Clair with assaulting him at the I. C. R. pier on the 23rd of July, was delivered by Judge Ritchie, at the police court this morning. In reviewing the case Judge Ritchie said that the prosecution had practically admitted that there had been a technical assault. He pointed out also that there was a contradiction in the evidence of the defence and prosecution. Campbell said that Le Clair had told him he would not go for him at work there. Le Clair, on the other hand, swore he did not tell Campbell that, but said he was expecting to go to work. The question arose, was there a laying on of hands? and secondly was the defendant justified in doing what he alleged he did. He was in the employ of the company. It was necessary, of course, to discharge the fruit from the steamer, and the men who were landing it should be protected. The jury then arose, can a policeman off duty be employed as a watchman by a citizen, and may he act as a policeman? It may be taken into consideration that the man who employed him was not a tax-payer.

When he discovered this, for the sake of a happy life he stopped the policemen taking the law from him, and what could they do? There could be no rear chamber work. He would be glad if the safety board or some one interested in the discipline of the police would take the matter in hand. Under the present conditions the police magistrate may as well not be the police magistrate. The safety board should step in and say, "We want discipline." Mr. Hinton and himself had studied law and were admitted to practice. They were willing, if the safety board would have it so, to instruct a newly appointed policeman in the law, as of old. His idea of a policeman's duty was not the getting of offenders, but to deter offences. He had told the policemen to do their duty. If a laboring man, with his dinner pail, was seen going home "under the influence of liquor," why should the officers not help him home? This applied, said his honor, to anybody. The offence was not in getting drunk, but in being so much in getting drunk, that again they were told down stairs, "get in all you can."

On the wharf on the day of the assault were workmen--our own people. Some were working, others were going to work. They saw what took place between Campbell and Le Clair, and said--as they had in court--that they would not go to work if they didn't like the way Campbell was acting toward Le Clair. An officer, his honor went on to say, may exercise common sense. Were they vagrants or thieves? he asked. Le Clair had said, "I'm here to go to work!" a fair proposition. Because there were certain laws, were they to be enforced to extremes? Where does the statute law apply to Le Clair? Campbell said Le Clair told him that he was working there, there must be a usual. The statement. The question arose, was Campbell justified in laying hands on Le Clair? His honor seemed to think that there was no justification. He said that the evidence was that the man--a laborer in the same way, wouldn't we consider it an outrage? A laborer was just as good, and as long as he behaved respectfully, and as long as he was not a vagrant, he had a right to be there. As soon as the defence admitted a technical assault, there must be an assault. His honor thought that Campbell should not have done as he did. He was employed by a private party. He (the judge) had an option in the matter, he said, in declaring Campbell guilty, instead of fining him \$30 or two months, would allow the matter to drop. After stating that the matter would make policemen more careful in ascertaining the extent of their power in doing their duty, his honor directed them to the duties of a police officer.

A MAN DROWNED IN THE JOHN LAKE

Frederick Newton, a Young Englishman Employed by Stetson, Cutler & Co.-- Has No Relatives in This Section-- The Body Recovered.

About eight miles back of Woolastook yesterday at noon, Frederick Newton, aged 21 years, found a watery grave in what is known as Little John Lake. Mr. Newton had no relatives in this country, having come from England about fifteen months ago. The drowned man was employed by Stetson, Cutler & Co. in a wood-working establishment, having as his foreman W. Ward Spike. An hour is given the employees each day at noon, and yesterday the unfortunate man, accompanied by four other employees of the wood-working establishment, started out on the lake in a small boat, which was not four inches above water. The wind was blowing strongly and there was quite a swell on the lake, when the boat filled and the five men were precipitated into the lake. One of the men dug to the boat, while the other four started for shore, among them Newton, who bearing a good swimmer made rapid headway towards shore. When a short distance from shore one of the men swimming to land turned around and could see nothing of Newton. He had evidently taken a cramp and gone to the bottom. As soon as his companions reached shore they procured logs and set out for the spot where they thought he had gone down and when nearing it thought they saw his head above water, but when they got to the place they could not find any trace of him. In a short time the body was recovered and this morning was viewed by Coroner Balleentyne, who permitted burial to take place this morning in the Episcopal church burial ground. Rev. Mr. Sorell, who happened to be at Woolastook at the time of the accident, officiated at the burial services. Coroner Balleentyne said at noon that he would endeavor to ascertain the whereabouts of the relatives of the deceased so that he could notify them of his death.

HEAVY LOSSES IN SPECULATION

CHICAGO, Aug. 7.—That the shortage in the accounts of the Milwaukee Avenue State Bank will run close to \$1,000,000 much of which has gone in real estate speculation and commercial ventures, was the statement made this afternoon to a reporter of the Associated Press. This statement came from a man in a position to talk authoritatively. The shortage was caused by the fact that the bank had advanced large sums of money to speculators in real estate and commercial ventures, and these speculators had failed to pay back the money.

CHILDREN GOT LOTS OF CANDY

A lively runaway occurred this morning about ten o'clock, when the express team of the White Candy Company ran away on Paradise Row, and as a result the wagon is completely demolished and the driver, Fred Kee, slightly injured. Mr. Kee was proceeding along Paradise Row, and when going around the corner near Mill street one of the wheels caught in the car track and the axle broke. The horse immediately started on the run and the driver was thrown to the street, while chocolates of the choicest flavors, creams and other sweets were deposited along the road and were quickly devoured by children, who swarmed about like bees in a hive. The horse continued on his journey until he had brought the wagon in contact with a telegraph pole and there he was captured. The runaway was a disastrous one for the wagon but it is an ill wind that blows nobody good, and the children in the neighborhood of Paradise Row had a feast this morning that they will not soon forget.

RUSSIAN STRIKE DECLARED OFF

ODESSA, Aug. 7.—The troops at Odessa are showing unmistakable signs of unrest and the authorities are taking the most stringent measures to prevent a mutiny. Agents of export houses who travel through the country buying up crops, report that all hands are preparing for widespread disorders. The following semi-official communication was made public tonight: "After the dissolution of the lower house of parliament and the issuance of the imperial manifesto announcing the desire of the emperor to effect reforms, the government thought it natural to offer the vacant ministerial posts to politicians who had shown the accomplishment of legal reforms under their programmes, and the government once more regarded an effective cabinet and the execution of the political programme it had undertaken as assured."

ST. JOHN IS GOOD ENOUGH FOR HIM

Hiram Webb and his son Stanley returned home this morning from Edmonton, Alberta. Mr. Webb, who is well known here as an electrician, left about two weeks ago for the west where he expected to locate. He found, however, that there was little opportunity for him to do business in that section, and he returned to St. John. He is now in the city, and is expected to resume his business here. He will probably resume his business here. He will probably resume his business here.

NEW STEAMER CASSANDRA

William I. Gear, vice-president of the Robert, Reford Co. Ltd., steamship agents, of Montreal, is in the city. Mr. Gear is here in connection with the new steamer, the Cassandra, which is to be built for the Dominion Line. The steamer is to be built for the Dominion Line. The steamer is to be built for the Dominion Line.

REV. DR. DEBLOIS MENTIONED AS PRESIDENT OF ACADIA

The following despatch has been sent out from Halifax: "The governors of Acadia College have offered the vacant presidency to Rev. O. C. S. Wallace, ex-chancellor of McMaster University, Toronto, but he has declined. So did Rev. Dr. Austen K. De Blois, now president of a college in the United States, but the governors are bringing pressure to bear on the latter to reconsider and accept." Rev. Dr. Manning, who is on the board of governors of Acadia, was asked regarding this matter, but stated that so far as he knew there was no foundation for the report. Some time ago the board of governors appointed a committee to select a man for the position and report back to the board, but so far as can be learned they have not decided on any one yet, though they may have individually approached Rev. Drs. Wallace and De Blois.

NEW LAKE STEAMER

SARNIA, Ont., Aug. 6.—(Special.)—Owing to the unusual amount of freight being handled by the Northern Navigation Company this season, it has been found necessary to provide extra tonnage. A large U. S. package freight steamer has been purchased and will be added to the company's Lake Superior fleet, running between Sarnia and Port William. The new steamer is of 2,000 tons cargo capacity, iron hull, and will be placed in commission Sept. 1st.

OUT OF THE HEAT OF NEW ENGLAND

The Eastern Steamship Co.'s steamer, Olavin Austin, Capt. Pike, arrived this morning at 9:30 o'clock with 595 passengers. The steamer had a fine trip from Boston, very little fog being encountered. Assistant Gen. Manager A. H. Hascom of the Eastern Steamship Company and a party of four, were passengers. They are going to the head-waters of the St. John river on a fishing trip. Robert Lane, engineer of the steamer Munroe, and a native of this city, was also a passenger, accompanied by his wife and her sister to visit friends here. Superintendent Estabrook, of Ginn & Co.'s printing establishment, Cambridge, with his brother, of New York, were on the Austin. Both are going to Georgetown, N. B. on a visit to their birthplace. John Smith, chief engineer of the Austin says that the weather was the hottest he ever experienced in Boston and on the trip down the St. John followed them for some distance. It is, he says, a pleasure to be in St. John out of the heat.

RUSH OF TRAVELLERS

There was a big crowd of tourists at the depot this morning, and the officials there were kept busy in looking after them. A large number arrived on the Boston boat for points up the line and the incoming trains from the west brought a good many more. There were also a large number of young men from various parts of the province, who are in the city on their way to the west, where they will assist in the harvesting operations. The members of Zion Methodist church Sunday School are today enjoying their annual picnic at Westfield Beach.

HOUSE STRUCK BY LIGHTNING

PORT DUFFERIN, N. S., Aug. 7 (Special.)—During a heavy thunderstorm this morning the house of Wm. Harling, at Quoddy, was almost entirely destroyed and his son, who was seriously injured, while the rest of the family received a bad shaking up. Lightning also entered another house, destroying the chimney and doing other damage.

THE ASSAULT CASE

The case against Ernest Clark, who is charged with rape by the little child, was resumed this morning. The only witness called was Deputy-Chief Jenkins and he told about the complaint that had been made to him about the crime. Subsequently he visited the home of the child and procured a portion of her clothing. The witness also told about visiting the scene of the crime and said that it was situated 630 feet from the main road.

HOT IN HALIFAX

HALIFAX, Aug. 7.—(Special.)—A severe thunder, lightning and rain storm passed over the city early this morning. The weather today is very warm. Battle line steamship Eretia, Captain Mulvany, arrived at noon today from Barrow-in-Purvis in ballast. The mate of the steamer fell down the hatch during the passage. He will be taken to the Public Hospital this afternoon. The schooner William L. Elkins, 229 tons, Captain Dickson, arrived this afternoon from York, Maine, in ballast, consigned to J. Willard Smith.

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Disturbing rumors. A rumor was current on the west side this morning that Mr. Mayne's dredge and all assistants had been drowned last night in the fog, and that though they did not seriously damage each other the language was awful. The board of works investigated the matter, but what it discovered has not been ascertained. One report states, however, that Deacon Lewis may be asked to act as mediator, and that a number of electric lights may be installed as close as possible to the alleged battle ground. Added to the other troubles and complications around Sand Point and Rodney Hospital at the present time, a state of

MOVEMENTS OF MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND PARTY

Hon. H. R. Emmerson, minister of railways, accompanied by M. J. Butler, deputy minister, and leading officials of the I. C. railway system, are in the city. They arrived yesterday afternoon. Hon. Mr. Emmerson is on his annual inspection tour, and the division between Moncton and St. John was examined yesterday's trip. Considerable time was taken up with an inspection of the new round-house and yard facilities, which are reported to be first class. It is stated that as a result of the minister's trip down here the work of building the new car repair shops, cleaning and painting shops and a modern car wash will be started shortly. At the present time it is very inconvenient to have these shops situated so far from the round-house. This morning the minister was taken for a drive by Mayor Sears to Fairville, where the new gates were inspected, and to the west side, where the new wharf site and dredging operations were looked over. Deputy Minister Butler, in talking with a Times man this morning, said the officials were very much pleased with the new work that had been done in St. John, and while he could not speak definitely about the date of starting work on the new shops here, yet he was of the opinion that it would be commenced shortly. The new 30-passenger motor cars have been put down over a great improvement over the old ones, and when the work of laying them has been completed the I. C. R. will have as good a roadbed as can be found on the continent. Hon. Mr. Emmerson and party leave this afternoon for Moncton, in which place the minister will receive a delegation of testimony.

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