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LITTLE TO WARRANT
DR. PUGSLEY'S PROMISES

New Brunswick Coal and Railway Chances With G.T.P. Discussed in House.

Minister of Public Works Excuses His Extravagant Statements About Its Sale On the Ground That He Had Assurances of High Officials That They Were Much Impressed With It—Sir Frederick Withdraws Statement Against Mr. Foster.

(Special to The Telegraph.)
Ottawa, June 1.—A Fredericton despatch, saying that the Grand Trunk Pacific had abandoned the project of taking over any portion of the New Brunswick Central Railway, furnished the text for a discussion in the house this afternoon, in committee on the Grand Trunk branch lines bill, Mr. Crockett asked "has the minister of public works any information as to the intention of the G. T. P. Company with regard to the branch line from Chipman to St. John?"

"During the recent election in New Brunswick," Mr. Crockett continued, "Mr. Hays and Mr. Morse of the G. T. P. Company went over the property of the New Brunswick Coal and Railway and the minister of public works intimated in more than one public speech that he expected to be able to announce in a short time the completion of arrangements for the purchase by the G. T. P. of the New Brunswick Coal and Railway for the use of the Transcontinental Railway."

"I may say also that the hon. member for Charlottetown, New Brunswick, in the course of the campaign went so far as to state that the announcement would be made of the close of the deal within a week from the date of his speech, would like to know from Mr. Pugsley, what position this matter is in."

"A press despatch today says that the G. T. P. had no intention whatever of using the New Brunswick Coal and Railway in connection with the Transcontinental line."

"Does it run near Chipman?" asked Mr. Foster.
Mr. Pugsley answered, "It runs through Chipman and from the main line through St. John by way of Chipman is only seventy-eight miles, and I think probably it is the shortest route they could take to get to St. John. I know also that they have been very much interested in the erection of terminal facilities at the port of St. John, and have considered the question of utilizing Courtenay Bay for terminals."

"I think was quite justified in making the statements I made in the house because I had very positive assurance from the officials of the G. T. P. that they were favorable to making this connection with St. John. I was also given the assurance that their destination would largely rest with the minister of railways and not only had statements been made to myself, but there was the positive statement in a public way by the then minister of railways, (Mr. Emmerson), that he would favor the making of that connection with St. John."

"As to whether or not the G. T. P. has changed its views with regard to the matter, I am not in a position to say."

"He added that the press despatch alluded to was probably of a partisan nature."

"Do I understand," asked Mr. Crockett, "that the minister is yet quite hopeful that the G. T. P. will connect the New Brunswick Coal and Railway for the purpose of connecting that line with the city of St. John?"

"I may say that since the change of government in the province of New Brunswick, I do not know that the provincial government would desire to have with the road, I have no intimation to that effect, and, of course, there must be a seller as well as a buyer," was Mr. Pugsley's reply.

The branch lines bill passed through committee after the amendment had been withdrawn, providing that the government might take over such lines as the company might elect not to retain.

Sir Frederick Withdraws Statement.
Mr. Foster secured withdrawal of a statement made by Sir Frederick Borden on Friday that he (Foster) had taken a commission on the sale of lands bought by Mr. Foster for the Union Trust Company, of which he was the manager.

Rising to a question of privilege Mr. Foster quoted the amended statement of Sir Frederick to say that the lands in question were not bought for the Union

EMERSON BAKED
AS A CANDIDATE
EMERSON AGAIN
IN WESTMORLAND

The Only Name Before the Liberal Convention Monday

Meeting Was Stimily Attended, But the ex-Minister Was Obeared by the Presence of Several of the Faithful, Who Whooped it Up a Bit.

(Special to The Telegraph.)
Moncton, N.B., June 1.—The Liberal convention here this afternoon nominated H. R. Emmerson for the commons; Mr. Emmerson's name was the only one before the convention.
There was a marked falling off in the attendance of delegates, compared with previous Liberal Conventions and the gathering may appropriately be described as a frost.

The attendance from the outside parishes was noticeably slim, especially was this the case from the eastern parishes, Botsford and Westmorland. At former conventions, the extra cars sent to Cape Tormentine by the New Brunswick & P. E. Island Railway were always well filled by delegates, but today the train carried not more than a dozen passengers from that section for the convention.

Delegations from other sections of the county showed a falling off in about the same ratio.
The convention was held in the Liberal committee room, which accommodated all present with room to spare.

The County Liberal Association re-elected Dr. E. A. Smith, of Shediac, president and J. A. Bourque, Moncton, secretary.

The nomination of Mr. Emmerson was moved by F. A. McCully, Moncton, seconded by Dr. LeBlanc, Cape Sable.

The following resolution was passed: "That this convention with confidence submit the name of Hon. H. R. Emmerson to the Liberals of Westmorland in the coming general elections for re-endorsement and the delegates present pledge themselves to spare no legitimate effort to secure his triumphant return as a supporter to the Laurier government."

Mr. Emmerson accepted in a lengthy speech, in which he referred to what had been done in rebuilding the new I.C.R. lines in Moncton and the general prosperity of the country.

Speeches were made by the four county members—Robinson, Sweeney, Copp, and Legere; John T. Hawke, Dr. E. A. Smith and others.

The usual resolutions endorsing all the acts of the Liberal government and condemning the Conservatives were passed. A resolution was passed condemning the Hazen government's new road act and endorsing the attitude of the Liberal opposition at Fredericton.

A. E. Wall was appointed organizer for Westmorland.

ST. GEORGE GRANITE INDUSTRY TIED UP BY STRIKE
St. George, N. B., June 1.—The demand of the granite cutters for an eight hour day has been refused by the manufacturers and every granite concern is closed today. The cutters are in session this morning but no hope of settlement is in sight.

BLIND SENATOR SEEKS TO RECOVER SIGHT
Washington, D.C., June 1.—In the hope that he may recover his eyesight, Thomas B. Gore, the blind senator from Oklahoma, entered upon a course of treatment today at the Episcopal Hospital in this city under the care of Dr. William Holland Winter.

HEARST KEEPS GAINING IN NEW YORK RECOUNT
New York, June 1.—The contents of 29 ballot boxes had been recounted today when the vote of counting the ballots cast for W. H. Hearst, and George B. McClellan in the last mayoralty election ended for the day. The net result was a gain of 89 votes for Hearst. Hearst gained four votes for the day.

PEARY'S PLANS
TO RECH POLE

Expert Has High Hopes of Accomplishing His Mission

Will Have Company
Sportsmen Going as Far as Winter Headquarters With Him—Has New Scheme to Cover 200 Miles He Failed to Travel.

New York, June 1.—Very likely a party of sportsmen and scientists will accompany Commander Robert E. Peary as far as Etah on the coming polar journey. These enthusiasts in polar exploration will travel on an auxiliary ship or collier which will turn around at Etah and return. Etah, which is located about 70 degrees north latitude, was used for Peary's coal depot on the last expedition.

Peary said yesterday that he feared he would have to abandon his plans to sail this summer if \$25,000 for further financing the project were not forthcoming.

The explorer had set his heart on departing on July 1. He feels that his devotion of nearly 20 years and his expenditure of all his personal means, amounting to \$80,000, on his polar expedition calls for sufficient additional public interest in his latest plans to see the remaining financial difficulties. The explorer is, however, optimistic over the outlook.

With reference to his contemplated journey he remarked today: "One very important result of my last expedition, as bearing upon the success of the coming one, is the distinct probability that conditions in the comparatively short distance of 200 miles between my farthest north point and the pole itself will be in any way different from the conditions encountered by me for the last 100 miles of my journey."

If conditions are no worse in the next season than they were during the last voyage, I shall hope to accomplish the objects of the expedition and return in about 15 months—in October, 1909.

Mr. Peary will be accompanied by his wife and children, which will make the Eskimo contingent going north from Etah about 25 men, 20 women and 50 children. I shall require from 200 to 250 men.

"My equipment, sledges and provisions will be the same practically as on my last voyage, with, of course, slight changes suggested by added experience. The provisions are all of the simplest and most effective kind. I know the value of any given amount of any given food and results can be obtained from it, and my facilities and experience in securing game in the region itself renders a wide range of food unnecessary."

"The Roosevelt will go north over the same route, and I shall make every effort to force her to the same or similar waters on the north shore of Grant Land, where we were occupied by her on the last expedition."

"There will be three modifications of the sledge journey suggested by the experience of the last trip. First, following on the heels of the Roosevelt, I shall further to the west than before; second, a course across the sea ice somewhat more west of north than on the previous expedition; and, third, the more rigid massing of the sledges while en route, to prevent the possibility of a portion of the party being cut off from the rest with supplies insufficient for a protracted advance. All these modifications are the direct result of the determination of actual conditions in the central polar region made during the last expedition, and the object of these modifications is to counteract the conditions which have so often set of the central polar ice discovered during the last expedition."

The last point at which the expedition will be able to communicate with civilization on his northward journey will be at Etah when the auxiliary ship steams south the latter part of August.

REV. "BILLY" SUNDAY'S REMARKS DISGUST MINISTERIAL AUDIENCE
Pittsburg, Pa., June 1.—Rev. "Billy" Sunday, the evangelist, addressed a meeting of the Presbyterian ministers of Pittsburg last night. His words caused consternation among the ministers, some of whom left the First Presbyterian church, their dignity and respectability somewhat impaired.

Rev. Sunday, who is a former professional player, has been conducting a revival at Sharon, near here, and came to Pittsburg to speak on "Why Some Ministers Fail."

The evangelist said many of the ministers of the present day were "dodge-calling angels." He asserted that few ministers of willing to accept social distinction, and that many of them are qualified candidates for the "funny house."

WHITNEY GIVEN SIX
SEATS BY ACCLAMATION

Every Liberal In Ontario Elections Will Have To Fight For His Life.

Nominations For The Struggle Next Monday Took Place Monday and Present Government's Success Is Conceded By All—Will be 106 Members in New House, Eight More Than Last One.

(Special to The Telegraph.)
Toronto, June 1.—Liberals and Conservatives started a race for office in Ontario today when nominations were held in all the constituencies in the province. The elections will take place next Monday.

There is not now and has not been at any time during the campaign any doubt of the result. It is generally conceded that the Whitney government will be sustained but the Liberals are putting up a strong, though uphill fight, to reduce the overwhelming majority which the government had in the last legislature.

Already six Conservatives have been returned unopposed but every Liberal will be required to do battle for his seat. There will be 106 members in the new house instead of 98, redistribution having added eight.

Of these new seats four go to Toronto, where the situation is peculiar and complicated. The old ridings are retained, two members being given to each. No less than thirty candidates are in running in the city. Eight Conservatives, eight Socialists, four Liberals, four Labor, two Independent Conservatives, two Independent Liberals and two Independents.

With the exception of B. constituency in North Toronto, however, where B. C. Hoask, Independent-Liberal, may have a chance, the Conservatives are almost certain to carry the whole city.

CONTESTS IN ALL BUT FOUR OF QUEBEC CONSTITUENCIES
(Special to The Telegraph.)
Montreal, June 1.—Four elections by acclamation were announced today in the forthcoming provincial contest.

It was reported that L. P. Pelletier had been returned unopposed in Dorchester in the Conservative interest, but this was denied tonight by Dr. Morrisette who is the Liberal candidate there.

All of the Ministers of the Gouin cabinet will have to meet opponents in their constituencies. Hon. C. R. Devlin is opposed in Nicolet by S. Godreau; Hon. W. A. Weir is opposed in Argenteuil by J. M. McDougall; Hon. A. Turgeon is opposed in Beloeil by Mr. Audet; Hon. L. A. Taschereau is opposed in

Charlevoix by P. C. D'Amboise. This minister was also nominated in Montmorency and there he has for an opponent Mr. Duchon. Hon. J. C. Kaine in Quebec is opposed by W. J. Brown. Hon. Mr. Gouin, the Premier, was nominated in two constituencies, the St. James division of Montreal, and also in Pateville county, the latter being an old Liberal stronghold.

Henri Bourassa, who will oppose Hon. Mr. Gouin, in St. James division, was also placed in nomination in St. Hyacinthe.

In the five divisions of Montreal and the other two constituencies on the Island, there will be warm fights. In two of the city divisions there are three-cornered contests.

One of the features of the campaign will be the contest in Montmorency, where Armand Lavergne, Independent will be opposed by J. T. Liston, Liberal.

LUSITANIA BREAKS EASTWARD RECORD NEARLY THREE HOURS
Queenstown, June 1.—The Lusitania, of the Cunard S.S. line broke her eastbound record over the long course from New York to this port by two hours and 45 minutes, covering the distance of 2,932 miles in five days, four hours and thirty minutes. The Lusitania reported here at 2:05 o'clock this morning and then proceeded to Liverpool.

The best previous record of the Lusitania over the course was five days, seven hours and thirteen minutes.

NORWEGIAN SHIP WRECKED AT BATHURST
The Lavora Now Lying in Two Feet of Water at Low Tide, and Two Masts Gone.
(Special to The Telegraph.)
Moncton, N. B., June 1.—Word was received here this afternoon from Bathurst (N. B.), that during the heavy northeast gale Sunday, the ship Lavora was wrecked, and is a total wreck. Two masts are gone by the board, and the vessel lying in only two feet of water at low tide.

Only a small portion of her cargo was on board. She was loading lumber for F. G. Mahoney, of Melrose (N. B.). The crew were saved. The Lavora is from Norway, and is about 100 tons register. Captain Markstein is in charge.

ACADIA SEMINARY AND HORTON ACADEMY CLOSING EXERCISES
(Special to The Telegraph.)
Wolfeville, N. S., June 1.—The anniversary exercises of Acadia University were continued today at 2:30 o'clock when the senior class of the seminary held their class day exercises in the college hall. The meeting was opened by Miss Hazelhurst Chute, of Middleton, president of the class, who in a few happy remarks extended a welcome to the alumnus of the seminary, the faculty, visitors and the students of the three institutions. This was followed by a roll call of class members conducted by the secretary, Miss Marjorie Barzaky, of St. John. The programme then was taken up.

The first number, a piano duet, Tannhauser, by Wagner, was delightfully rendered by Miss Evelyn Bishop and Miss Edith Woodman, both of Wolfeville.

The class history, which was given by Miss Goldie Frances Sweet, of Bridgetown (N. S.), was one of the most amusing and entertaining features of the programme.

The next number, a piano solo by Miss Evelyn Bishop, of Wolfeville, was well rendered.

The class promenade, given by Miss Beatrice Shand, of Windsor, was a clever and original production in a charming way, marked by a delicate and well developed sense of humor.

A violin solo by Miss Evelyn Starr, evoked loud applause.

A violin solo by Miss Louise Thompson, of Chance Harbor (N. B.), followed with the creation of the day. She was soon at home with her audience and her able effort was given thorough and sympathetic attention.

A feature of the programme, which caused considerable merriment, was the presentation of quaint and ludicrous gifts of the various members of the class.

Horton Academy Closing.
With continued fair weather another June crowd assembled in the college hall this evening for the graduating exercises of Horton Collegiate Academy. Principal Mersean spoke of the work done by the academy during the year. The attendance had been large and the work accomplished was of a very satisfactory nature. Addresses were given by two members of the class, W. Edward Peck, of Halifax, spoke on the subject of Wireless Telegraphy. Ralph W. Donald, of Port Williams (N. S.), gave a good presentation of the Monroe doctrine. The class prophecy given by Frank T. Christie, of Harrington Passage, was a clever and amusing production.

The annual address to the graduating class

FIRE ALARM CAUSES WELL-KNOWN ACTOR TO DROP DEAD
Eugene Jepson Collapsed From Heart Disease at Cleveland Theatre.
Cleveland, Ohio, June 1.—Eugene Jepson, aged 50, of New York, leading man in a vaudeville sketch at Keith's Theatre, dropped dead of heart disease in his dressing room this afternoon when an alarm of fire sounded in the theatre.

No one was injured among the audience as it fled out of the building while the actor, Jepson, who had been in the picture machine is worked. The fire damage amounts to \$5,000.

Mr. Jepson is said to have been ill of heart disease for a long time. He had a varied career, playing with Maud Adams at one time.

PARIS DOUBLE MURDER Baffles Police
Paris, June 1.—The Paris police tonight seem far from a solution of the mysterious murder of the noted painter, Adolphe Steinhilber, and his wife's mother, Mme. Japy, which occurred in the artist's residence in the Rue de Bagneux, in the early hours of Sunday. A number of the newspapers, which are laying stress on the mysterious element of the crime, dwell upon the fact that the police refuse to allow anyone to communicate with Mme. Steinhilber, who still is suffering from nervous shock after her terrifying experience of her sixteen-year-old daughter, who returned from the country today, which she also pointed out to jewels, which Mme. Steinhilber declared yesterday had been stolen by the murderers were today discovered in a concealed safe. The examining magistrate before whom preliminary proceedings in the case have been brought, spent all the afternoon in the Steinhilber rooms on a mission of investigation. He found finger prints on a small crystal clock which was handed over to the expert for a Bertillon examination. It is thought that this may prove to be a valuable clue in running down the assassin.

Bubonic Plague at St. Thomas.
St. Thomas, D.W.I., June 1.—One fatal case of bubonic plague has been officially reported here and two suspected cases are being watched.

MAURETANIA, SHORT
ONE PROPELLER, BEATS
ALL OCEAN RECORDS

New York, June 1.—The Cunard liner Mauretania broke the record over the long course from Queenstown to this port, covering the distance in four days, twenty hours and fifteen minutes, with an average speed of 24.88 knots, according to a wireless despatch received by the Cunard Line Company from the steamship.

The Mauretania's record is seven minutes better than the record held by her sister ship, the Lusitania. The Mauretania, according to the wireless report

sent by Captain Pritchard, passed the Sandy Hook light vessel at 7:30 tonight. The Mauretania's log showed that she made 635 knots yesterday which was the best day record ever made by a transatlantic steamship.

The record of the Mauretania is considered most remarkable, in view of the fact that she covered the course with only three of her four propellers in operation. The Mauretania's log shows that she covered 2,890 knots.