

# DRY DOCK PLAN REVIVED AGAIN

### Sir Robert Perks Will Look Into It While Here

### British Engineer and Capitalist Arrives Today

### Enthusiastic Over Georgian Bay Canal Project



SIR ROBERT PERKS.

MONTREAL, May 31.—There seems little doubt that Sir Robert Perks, who left Montreal this evening for St. John, will at least look into the dry dock scheme at that port. Your correspondent saw Sir Robert this evening as he was preparing for his journey, and naturally asked him first whether he was going to look into the dry dock scheme. "That is hardly a question that I can answer," said Sir Robert Perks. "For me to give any definite statement on that subject would be very much like a big railway company making an announcement of its plans for the future before they were ready, so as to allow all its competitors to know what it was going to do."

### Beauties of Our Port

Asked as to what his plans were, Sir Robert Perks said: "You can tell the people of St. John that I am not so much of the commercial utilities and beauties of that port and of the keen business instincts of its people—as well as its beauties—as I felt I could not leave Canada without paying the city a visit."

With regard to the Georgian Bay canal scheme, Sir Robert Perks was much more communicative, even enthusiastic. He stated that he had made a careful study of the whole route, and had travelled over it no less than three times, making very careful observations of all its possibilities as well as of the engineering difficulties to be met with, and as a result he was quite convinced that it was a commercial possibility—in fact a certainty for some day.

"Whether the Georgian Bay canal is built speedily or not of course depends upon the action of the Dominion government," said the big British contractor. "It is further to this project which means so much to Canadian trade that I have come to this country now. As a result of my previous visits a company was formed to do the work. It was chartered under a Canadian act of parliament, with \$100,000,000 bonds and \$50,000,000 common stock. Most of this capital is British, of course, and it is this company which I now represent. I have a definite proposition to the Canadian government for the immediate construction of the canal. That offer is now being considered by Sir Wilfrid and his government, and it rests with them to decide what shall be done. If they meet our offer we are prepared to go ahead at once with the work. We know ahead what we want a work involves, and we have both the capital and the engineering forces to carry it through, while the mere fact that we are tendering for it should be sufficient proof that we consider it a sound commercial proposition."

Sir Robert Perks said that after visiting St. John he intended to go to Halifax, after which he would perhaps visit Sydney and return to Montreal via Quebec, reaching Montreal again on the 14th.

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## DEATHS

### THOMAS B. HOLMNER.

The death occurred last week of Thomas B. Holmner, one of the oldest residents of the province at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. John Cate, West Bridge. The deceased had attained the advanced age of ninety years and was well known to many in the city. He came to this country about fifty years ago and took up farming. He had occupied the position of Pine Ridge for twenty-five years. Much regret will be felt in various sections of the province at the old gentleman's death. He leaves five children, twenty-four grandchildren and nineteen great-grandchildren to mourn their loss.

### JAMES L. ROBINSON.

Miss Mary B. Robinson, of Union street, has received word of the sudden death of her brother, James L. Robinson, in Roxbury, Mass., on May 21. Mr. Robinson was at one time quite prominent here, and in the sixties he was councillor for Kings ward. He was the brother of the late James Robinson, of the firm of J. and T. Robinson, who were in the West Indian trade here. He was in the food business in this city, and moved to the States more than twenty-five years ago. He is survived by his sister, Miss Mary E., and one brother, who also lives in Union street, and a wife, two sons and two daughters in Roxbury, Mass. Mr. Robinson was about seventy-five years old.

### MRS. SAMUEL GRAHAM.

WOODSTOCK, N. B., May 28.—Ann, the third wife of Samuel Graham, of Bell River, Leek died yesterday morning of consumption, aged twenty years. She leaves two little daughters, Jennie and Myrna, and one infant son, Alexander. Deceased was the second daughter of James and Elizabeth Dunsford, of Monument. She leaves her parents, one brother George, two sisters, Mrs. Frank Anderson and Miss Alice Bunn, living at home, besides numerous other relatives. The remains will be interred tomorrow at North Lake.

### MISS HELEN EVERETT.

WOODSTOCK, May 28.—Miss Helen Everett, daughter of Clifford Everett, died from pneumonia last night, aged 17 years. Miss Everett was particularly bright and clever girl and expected to enter Normal School this fall.

### MRS. ELIZABETH STEVEN.

The death of Mrs. Elizabeth, widow of the late Wm. Steven, occurred at an early hour this morning at her residence, 17 Exmouth street, at the advanced age of 83 years. Before her marriage she was Miss Elizabeth Boyer. She was of Loyalist descent and has lived in St. John nearly all her life, being born in a house on the site of the present bakery now stands. Her husband was a native of Glasgow. After their marriage they resided for a while at Cedar Bank, Torriburn, but moved again to St. John, where they lived in the house which was still Mrs. Steven's home at the time of her death. She is survived by one daughter, Miss Alice, at home, one son, Douglas, of Shediac, six grand-children, two granddaughters, one great-grandson, three brothers, William, John and Robert Boyer, of this city, two sisters, Mrs. Richard Lyman, Woodstock, beside a large number of nephews and nieces.

Mrs. Steven was fond of talking of old times, and told of the times when she visited the blueberries on the site of the cathedral and when all the lower part of the city was still unbuild. She had a wide circle of friends, and her death will be greatly regretted.

The funeral will be held on Wednesday afternoon. A service will be held at the house at two p. m. and then the remains will be taken to St. Marys for the church service.

### MR. GILLILAND PROMOTED.

Friends of Mr. J. R. Gilliland, and there are many in St. John, will be glad to know that he has just received the honor of promotion to the position of city Premier. Mr. Gilliland left St. John West, it was to become superintendent of the Montreal terminal of the C. P. R. A circular just issued states that his jurisdiction has been extended to cover Smith's Falls section of district No. 2, vice Mr. W. B. Cronk, transferred.

### MRS. WILLIAM STEVEN.

The death of Mrs. Wm. Steven took place yesterday morning at her home on Exmouth street after a lengthy illness. Mrs. Steven was of Loyalist descent, and was born here in 1820 in a house on Waterloo street on the site of the Shaw bakery. She was fond of relating how as a girl she used to pick berries on the hill behind where the Cathedral now stands. She distinctly remembered the time when all the neighborhood was a rocky slope, known as Vinegar Hill. Mrs. Steven is survived by one daughter, Miss Alice, at home, and one son, Mr. Douglas Steven, Shediac. She had three brothers, William, John and Robert R., and three sisters, Mrs. R. Lyman, Mrs. John Briggs, and the late Mrs. Moran. Although nearly ninety years old, Mrs. Steven's faculties were unimpaired to the last.

### FROM MARY'S COOK BOOK.

To keep milk toast from becoming soggy serve the boiling buttered milk in a covered pitcher, so that each one may pour it himself over his toast.

To make delicious bread muffins—Soak one pint broken bread in a pint of milk for half an hour. Add a tablespoonful of melted butter, the yokes of two eggs beaten light, a teaspoonful of salt, and a cup and a half of flour sifted with a tablespoonful of baking powder. Lastly fold in the whites of eggs, well beaten, and bake in small rings or pans in a hot oven.

## The Trials of the Rich Kid.



CAN'T NEVER GO BAREFOOT NOR NUTHIN.

## ENGOENIA EXERCISES AT THE U. N. B. THURSDAY

FREDERICTON, May 27.—The exercises at the university yesterday were the most successful. There were present a large gathering, including the leading educationalists of the province and parents and relatives of those taking part. Governor Tweedie presided, and seated on the platform were Chancellor Jones and members of the faculty, the president and the members of the senate, judges of the Fredericton school staff.

The Governor Tweedie in a few well chosen remarks presented the Douglas gold medal to Miss Beatrice Welland, and President Carter of the alumni performed a similar duty in awarding the society's medal to the same young lady. Miss Welland read portions of the Douglas medal, after she had finished reading a selection from her Douglas essay, with a handsome bouquet.

Chancellor C. C. Jones speaking in praise of the founders called attention to the fact that next year will complete a half century of existence for the University of New Brunswick. He hoped the graduates and friends of the institution would bear this in mind and work together to make the year a memorable one in her history.

He referred to the erection of the new science building in 1900 and to the expansion since made in that department. He then summarized in a few words the present status of the university. The institution had now a staff of ten professors. It offered a complete course in arts, and three courses in applied sciences, civil engineering, electrical engineering and forestry.

Dwelling on the future the chancellor said: "I believe the most pressing need is a chair of English language and literature apart from the present chair of modern languages. Such a department would do much to strengthen the course, which we can no longer afford to neglect. It would also be of great value in the technical courses. It is an evident advantage to the engineer or forester to be able to write a correct and intelligible estimate of work to be done or an equally clear and correct estimate of work accomplished. This accomplishment, or the lack of it, may easily make or mar the future of the young engineer. Another considerable advantage would be to provide opportunity for greater attention to modern languages and to give fair prominence to the study of German, which is now almost wholly neglected. The value of German for a future post graduate or professional student does not need to be dwelt upon here.

## B.G. CAR STRIKE IN THE CITY OF BROTHERLY LOVE

### Efforts to Operate Service Vain

### DEMONSTRATIONS MADE

### Cars Run Empty—10,000 Extra Cops to be Sworn in

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., May 31.—Strike-breakers and motormen from other cities were put to work today in an effort to break the strike of the motormen and conductors of the city car lines of this city. Notwithstanding these importations not a car left any of the barns after 8 o'clock tonight and at 10 o'clock the last car had been taken off for the night.

Incented at strike-breakers being brought here, sympathizers of the striking men made demonstrations at the barns where the new men are quartered and many arrests were made by the police. Many of the prisoners were charged with nothing more serious than calling names. Considering the number of men on strike there have been remarkably few acts of violence. One of the chief demonstrators was made at one of the West Philadelphia barns when strike-breakers, under heavy police guard, began taking out cars. A squad of mounted police rushed to the scene and immediately before it dispersed. Finally the cars were started, but most of them ran almost empty the entire length of the route, while spectators along the sidewalks made exciting remarks.

Mayor Reuburn stated today that he would swear in ten thousand extra policemen, if necessary, and keep the cars running for the convenience of the public. The public will be accommodated, the mayor said, "if the city has to take over the transit company's lines and run them with the new men, the police and the extra police."

At a meeting of strikers tonight, John J. Murphy, president of the Central Labor Union, pledged the support of the strikers to the transit company. "If the Rapid Transit Company don't come to time by Thursday," he said, "there will be a general strike declared by Friday. We will parade Bond street on Saturday and show them our strength."

### A REBELLION

### Food Demanded

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Ever read the above letter? A new one appears from time to time. They are genuine, true, and full of human interest.

## LADY SMUGGLERS PAY UP THE DUTY

### Forty Were Notified by the Authorities at Chatham, Ontario

CHATHAM, Ont., May 30.—Forty Chatham ladies, who have been doing their shopping in the city of Detroit, have been notified by the local customs officers that they have been guilty of smuggling, and that their guilt has been brought to the attention of the authorities. The letters also held out the hope that if they settled the duty for the goods they have bought there would be no further trouble.

As a result of the notices prominent Chatham ladies have been calling at the customs office, bringing their invoices with them and silently handing over the duty which they escaped at the border. It is understood that the ladies in question each confided in a friend the bargains they got with the understanding that it was a secret, and they are now all wondering how the secret got out. This is the second time the ladies of Chatham have been caught at this game. Some time ago about the same number were notified in the same way and it was thought then that it would be a lesson to the others.

## CANADA WILL PADDLE HER OWN CANOE

OTTAWA, Ont., May 31.—The Canadian government is not at present worrying much about the proposed Payne tariff bill, now being revised upwards in United States senate. Its respect to commodities mentioned in yesterday's dispatch from Washington, barley, hops, potatoes and oysters, which are now given even higher protection than under Dingley tariff, the exports from Canada to the States, are comparatively so insignificant that a still higher tariff will make but little difference. In fact on most of the items affected by the Payne tariff protective duty either under the new or old tariff is so high as to prove an absolute prohibition of trade. In the case of coal, lumber and wheat, however, Canada is keenly interested. The question of reciprocity in connection with the Payne tariff, will undoubtedly be one of the main tariff issues to be discussed at the next session of parliament. It is felt here that it is only a matter of time before the United States will be compelled to come to Canada more and more for its supplies. Western American millers are already making an attempt to produce their flour and this demand must steadily increase.

All Canada need go is to wait until the time when inevitable reaction sets in across the line, and as Sir Wilfrid has frequently expressed it, tariff favors are sought from Ottawa and not from Washington, meaning that pending final action of the United States senate and congress on the tariff bill, the government here does not propose to interfere either by threat of retaliation or otherwise. Canada is awaiting her own tariff policy independently of the United States and is looking to continued steady development of markets in the mother land and with sister overseas dominions after finding trade with her neighbor to the south practically debarred by a prohibitive tariff on most of the items in which a mutual trade might be profitably developed.

Another move towards civil service reform has been made by the government. An order in council has been passed declaring that henceforth all members of the service in departmental offices at Ottawa shall come into the service in the same way as five m. with an hour and a half for lunch. Hitherto there has been a little more laxity allowed in some of the departments of some members of the service not reporting until 5.30 a. m. and leaving at 4.30 p. m.

### DROWNED BEFORE HER

### FRANTIC HUSBAND'S EYES

### Three Young Married Couples Jumped From Burning Gasoline Launch.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 31. One was drowned and five others narrowly escaped a similar fate today when a large gasoline launch, carrying three young married couples, out on a holiday excursion, caught fire from an explosion in the oil tank, forcing the occupants to leap overboard while the craft was 200 yards from shore. Mrs. May Wood, 22 years old, was drowned, while her husband, Carl D. Wood, who made a frantic attempt to save her, narrowly escaped death.

SAN DOMINGO, Republic of Santo Domingo, May 31.—General Camacho, the revolutionary leader and his followers who were held under the government troops, crossed the Haitian frontier on Saturday. According to advices received here today they have been placed under arrest and probably will be expelled from the country. The situation in Santo Domingo, the government says, is now tranquil.

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## STREETS DECIDED UPON

FREDERICTON, June 1.—The question of the regular meeting of the city council this evening, and by a 3 to 2 vote the committee was authorized to enter into a contract to have a street paved from Regent street to Highway bridge, and the local government to pay a portion of cost of work and the balance to be made up by general rate.

It was proposed to have the work completed by the coming summer. The Assessor Farrall reported that the rate of assessment for this work would be four cents per acre, which is the lowest of any city in the province.

### WE WERE DROWNED.

carelessness Others by Accident, Eastern States Yesterday.

COCKET, Me., June 1.—Worded here today of the drowning of a man in the water near the foot of the river at Whitestown. Walter Carless, of Patten, A. narrowly escaped a similar fate when he was working on a log boom. He was 30 years of age and married. His body has not yet recovered.

YARMOUTH, Mass., June 1.—Edward L. Garcelon, a retired Boston, was fishing with a net, and a boy, George, was fishing with a net. The net was pulled in by the boat near Star Gate before midnight tonight, and a third man, Thomas, was tempted to change seats, as saved by Charles Paze in Picket, who heard the cries of the men in the water and went to the rescue. He was 45 years of age and Humphrey was 40 and also drowned.

### EAGLES GETS THE OFFICE

of the St. John Liquor License

winners—J. St. J. Bliss the age of Probate for York.

FREDERICTON, N. B., June 2.—At the meeting of the local government John B. Eagles was appointed as probate of the liquor license for the year 1909. The license was held by J. St. J. Bliss, Judge of Probates for the York. The Board of Education this afternoon.

### PLAIN MONUMENT

meeting of the New Brunswick Society for the session in their rooms last evening. A considerable discussion of the Hamilton monument, and that unless it was done immediately it will be erected this year.

Jack read a very interesting paper on the history of the Early Freethinkers in New Brunswick to a very appreciative