

THE HISTORY OF THE CRIME

The Fight For The St. John Valley Railway--Review of Struggles To Secure The Road.

By W. Frank Hatheway, M. P. P.

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In the winter of 1908-9 the \$8,000 people along the river saw that their choice of a new agent and new leader was amply justified in the exposure of reckless bookkeeping, mismanaged railroads and overdrawn accounts of the Dominion Government.

The Proposal of 1909-10. A delegation of representative men was authorized by the premier to say (I quote the St. John Telegraph, April 16, 1909) "that the government should continue the DOUBLE SUBSIDY for the construction of the line down the St. John from Grand Falls to St. John and that on the bonds of the proposed company BEING GUARANTEED by the province (\$25,000 per mile), the Intercolonial should UNDERTAKE the operation of the road and pay to the company forty per cent of the gross earnings."

Mr. Pugsley's offer was \$7 lb to the yard. 2nd--That the grades be not over 0.4 per cent with a lower grade even than the G. T. P. and that the road should be equipped with rolling stock, etc.

Looking at this 1909 "definite proposal" calmly, we say that it was fair for Sir Wilfrid to wait nine months, or six months, or even three months, before he replied? If he wanted to do all he could to have the road built, why take longer than one month to give his reply?

Again, why did he permit Mr. Pugsley to write in June to Mr. Chestnut, president of the Valley Railway, NOT ACCEPTING MR. HAZEN'S OFFER, but saying that before it could be considered it must be based on a 50 lb weight rail and a 0.4 per cent grade? Again, if Sir Wilfrid and Mr. Pugsley were really sincere, why did they not in July or August fix a date on which the Dominion Government Committee (already appointed by the premier) could go to Ottawa and arrange the details of grades, etc?

Consider the onerous conditions imposed by Dr. Pugsley and Sir Wilfrid. Does it not look as if they, or the G. T. P. had said, "impose such conditions as will make the road too costly to build?" Messrs. McKenzie and Mann wanted \$36,400 per mile and no interest for seven years, to build the 1907 Pugsley offer of \$7 lb rails and no fixed low grade. Even then they definitely stated that they would not agree to make it part of their own trunk line. Surely the 1909 proposal must be 50 lb rails, and the road to be equipped with rolling stock, etc. surely today in 1910 they would be sure to take longer than one month to give his reply?

As absolute proof that in July 1907, the honorable Mr. Pugsley, premier of the province at that date, knew that it was impossible to get the valley to accept the offer that he made, viz., \$15,000 a mile guarantee, and I quote an unpublished letter from D. D. Mann to Dr. Pugsley dated 10th July, 1907, in which he says:

"A guarantee from the Province of New Brunswick of First Mortgage Bonds to the extent of \$15,000 per mile would be useless as it would not be practicable to raise further money on Second Mortgage Bonds."

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DEFENCE OPENS WOLTER CASE

State Rested After Mueller G. Testified That Wolter Painted Tell-tale Fireplace--Prisoner Will Testify.

New York, N. Y., April 21.--The trial of Albert Wolter, with its morbid accounts of the slaying of little Ruth Wheeler by choking and burning in the fireplace of Wolter's room, moved expeditiously today.

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Wolter will take the stand in his own defence. According to Mr. Scott he will call a second witness--a girl--to show that the body was on the fire escape until late Saturday, two days after Ruth Wheeler disappeared.

Further Scott said, he would prove that Wolter left the house Friday, early and did not return.

Wolter squirmed nervously in his seat as he heard Katie Mueller tell of the fireplace incident. The stout, fiery maid, with a weak voice, with a careful questioning by Prosecutor Moss, said:

"I worked all of March 24. When I got home Wolter was down on his knees painting the fireplace. He had painted the hearth and was painting the iron frame and the apron--the shield that goes over the grate. The girl told us all of this."

"Late that night, I heard a noise. It was the fireplace cover falling down--the fireplace was in the other room, but I could not tell what it was by the sound. I looked and Wolter was getting up out of bed. He went and hid it, but I didn't see what he was doing."

"I went back to sleep and the fireplace fell again and woke me up. I got up and looked. Wolter was down on his knees at the fireplace working. I went to the bathroom and when I came back he was still at the fireplace. He was there three or four minutes, I guess."

There was a calling of a few minor witnesses, the placing of the jury for their inspection and the state closed its case.

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Paris April 21.--Theodore Roosevelt, president of the United States, entered Paris at half-past seven o'clock this morning and was received with all the honors of a reigning sovereign travelling incognito. A cord of troops surrounded the railway station and held back the multitude which, in spite of the early hour, had congregated to greet him.

The representatives of the government and the municipality extended a formal welcome to their guest, after which Mr. Roosevelt and his son entered an automobile and were driven to the United States ambassador's residence, where Mrs. Roosevelt and Miss Ethel were awaiting them. This afternoon the official part of Mr. Roosevelt's programme consisted of calls upon President Fallieres and Foreign Minister Pichon, who immediately afterwards said return visits to the American embassy.

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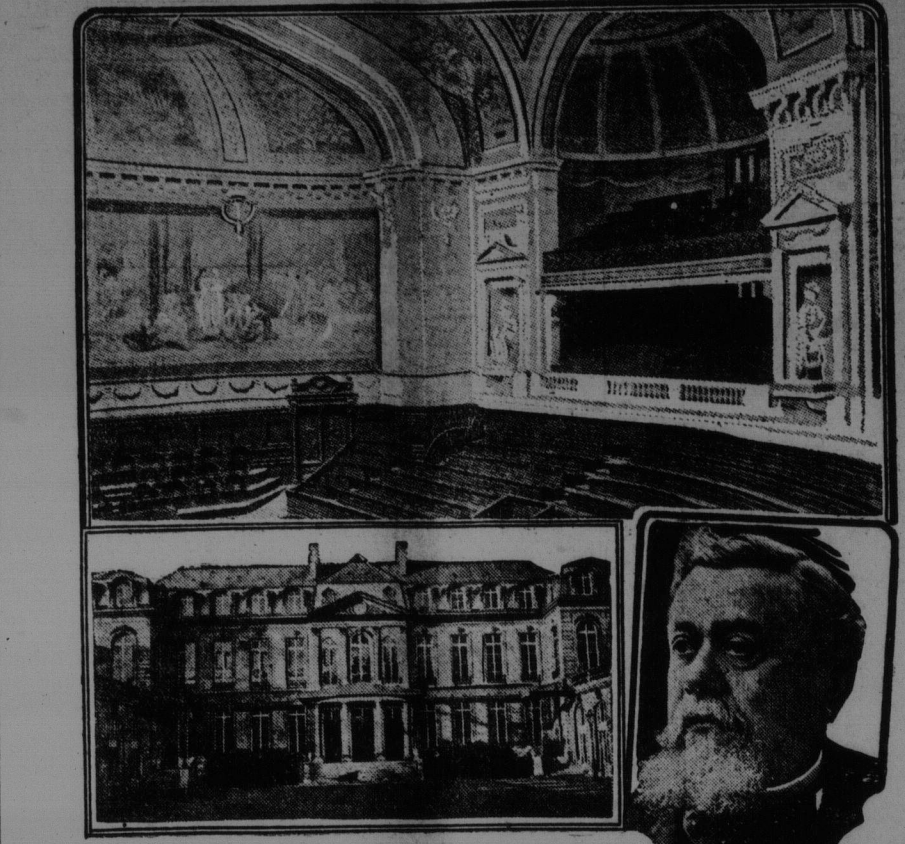
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K. OF C. HOLD BIG BANQUET

Visiting Knights Entertained By Local Council At Dinner Last Evening--Eloquent Addresses By Prominent Speakers.

Continued from page 1. Father Chapman spoke briefly and in closing counselled his hearers to be true to themselves, be true to God, true to their civic and national duties and their lives would reflect upon their mother church and they would receive the blessing of God.

Rev. Father Ryan referred to the great progress being made by the church in Canada and said that if Catholic young men would assume their rightful position in life and be true to the best principles of church and state they would receive the blessings of God.

The toast to the City of St. John was proposed by J. Murphy in a brief speech, in which he outlined the progress and development of St. John during the past 15 years.

The toast brought a response from Mr. Scully who welcomed the visiting knights and expressed the hope that they would carry away with them pleasant recollections of their visit. Referring to the work of the city council, Mr. Scully said that he thought St. John could compare favorably with any city in Canada as a well-governed city.

He referred to several reforms which he hoped would soon be brought about, and in closing, again expressed the hope that the visiting knights had enjoyed their visit to the city. Perhaps some of the visitors, he said, found it difficult to get acquainted with the fog as he believed that in Halifax they called it "haze."

A song by Matthew Morris was then rendered with fine effect.

The Legislature. The Legislature was then proposed by Dr. Thomas Lanney in a brief but eloquent speech, coupling with it the names of Hon. John Morrissy and Hon. F. J. Sweeney.

Mr. Morrissy in reply said that before starting to discuss the merits of the legislature, he wished to pay a

tribute to the visiting knights, who belonged to the Republic to the south, which in his opinion was one of the greatest countries in the world. Although Canadians were loyal to their home and motherland still they always extended the right hand of good fellowship to their brothers across the line.

Referring to Halifax the speaker said that notwithstanding assertions to the contrary Halifax was all right, and Nova Scotia had a legislature second to none in the world excepting one--the government of New Brunswick (Laughter). He quoted the Hon. John V. Ellis, who had said that the present government was composed of honest, able and capable men--and he only wished to add that it was the best the province ever had. He was not alone in this opinion either; everyone in the province thought the same.

Referring to the Valley Railway, Mr. Morrissy foretold the time when it would be running into St. John and connecting with the great transcontinental lines. It was the duty, he said, of every man to take an interest in the government of the province. People of Irish nationality often complained that they were not receiving fair play. They did not stop to consider that if they were unfairly treated it was in a great many cases their own fault. They lived in a free country, where every man no matter what his creed or nationality was given an equal chance.

Hon. F. J. Sweeney when called upon remarked amid much laughter that he preferred not to pass any opinion upon the worth of the present pro-

CHARLES COOK BEYERLYN

Party to Brothers' Squabble Will Likely Recover--Salvation Army Wedding at Moncton--Outlook for Fishing.

Moncton, April 21.--Charles Cook, the Sackville man who was so badly injured in a quarrel with his brother a few days ago, continues to improve at a hospital. The operation relieved the pressure on the brain and Cook is now quite conscious, though he has not yet made any statement it is likely he will be able to give evidence at the adjourned hearing of the case against his brother, William, who is now in jail at Dorchester. William is said to have been almost as badly injured as Charles. Two or three of his ribs were broken and he was badly pounded otherwise. His plea will likely be self defence.

Brigadier Adby of St. John was in town last night officiating at a Salvation Army wedding, the principals being Mr. Sidney Morgan, late of Highgate, London, Eng., and Miss Howard of the same place. Mr. Morgan has been a resident of Moncton for a little over a year, while his bride only arrived a few days ago. They had been engaged in the city for some time. Trout fishing has opened unusually early this year and some fair catches have already been reported. Among the lucky ones is Mr. John Abrams, a veteran angler formerly of St. John, who got a fine string of sea trout at Notre Dame, Kent County. The stream there is one of the earliest in the province.

Another Gas Well Tapped. Moncton, April 21.--A report from Albert county late this afternoon is to the effect that still another natural gas well has been struck at a depth of 1050 feet, with a capacity of 800,000 feet daily. This is the second well struck during this season's operations and with three reported last fall give the company a supply of between two and three million feet every 24 hours or enough to supply a city a good deal larger than Moncton.

vincial government, and in deference to Mr. Morrissy would not touch upon the Valley railway. New Brunswick was progressive and took a leading place among the well governed provinces of the Dominion.

Referring to the resources of the province, the speaker said that the coal and iron deposits were becoming some of the chief factors in its development and these were the resources which had made Britain the most powerful nation in the world. The province has had many great legislatures and these were the present government was second to any which ever guided its destinies.

The Order. "The Order" was then proposed by R. O'Brien and brought an eloquent response from State Deputy W. J. Mahoney.

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Mahoney, who reviewed the work of the order since its organization in New Haven in 1882. He paid a tribute to the founders who realized the need of a Catholic organization to educate and uplift its young men, laid the foundation of the present Knights of Columbus. Since its organization the order had rapidly grown and today councils were instituted in every state in the Union, in the Philippines, in Cuba and in every city and province in Canada from Sydney to Vancouver.

The speaker said that he wished to state officially that the last thing the Knights of Columbus would do was to take any part in politics. He wished to portray what he believed to be a Knight of Columbus. They should find in their rank only strong, honest men--men who had a consideration for the weakness of their fellow men--men of civility, valor, and honesty, who would endeavor to attain the highest ideals. They possessed great heritage and was for them to live up to the best tradition handed down by their founders. "Let us be true members of our order," concluded Mr. Mahoney, "true members of Holy Mother Church. We are proud of the Knights of Columbus now and may we never have cause to be otherwise." (Applause.)

Our Visiting Knights was then proposed and was responded to in an eloquent speech by W. T. Whalen, past state deputy for Massachusetts.

The gathering was dispersed after singing Auld Lang Syne and God Save the King.

The remains of the late Samuel Nicholl were brought to the city on the Montreal express yesterday from St. Stephen. The service was conducted by Rabbi Anshur, and interment was made in Fernhill cemetery.

MARK TWAIN IS DEAD OF BROKEN HEART

Funeral Service of George R. Vincent

Rev. Dr. Flanders Made Eloquent Reference to deceased County Secretary--Many Floral Tributes.

A large number of friends gathered to pay a last tribute to the late George R. Vincent at the funeral which took place at his late residence, 16 Horsfield street, by Rev. Dr. C. R. Flanders, at 8 o'clock last evening.

Rev. Dr. Flanders paid an eloquent tribute to the worth of the deceased citizen and his interest in everything which made for the good of the community.

The floral tributes were very beautiful. The officers and crew of the steamer Elaine sent a handsome wreath and the following were also represented: Officers of St. John River Steamship Co.; Court La Tour, I. O. F.; Dominion Lodge, L. O. A.; Pioneer Lodge, I. O. O. F.; Dr. L. A. Currey, Mr. R. Kettle Jones and many others.

Representatives of the various orders of which Mr. Vincent was a member besides a large number of personal friends will accompany the body to Brown's Flats this morning on the steamer Elaine. The Church of England service will be read at the grave.

John Condon. The funeral of John Condon took place at 2:30 yesterday afternoon from his late residence, Brussels street.

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son on Mr. Carvell's face, Mr. Borden added: "He smiles assent."

Mr. Carvell: "Anyone would smile at that."

Mr. Borden: "Does my hon. friend smile at judicial fairness being imputed to him?"

And Mr. Carvell forebore while the Conservatives shouted with delight.

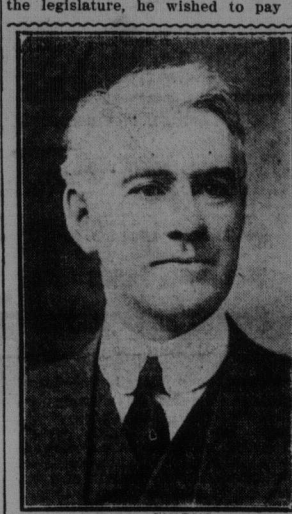
A Censure. Touching on Mr. Pugsley's letter of the 13th of January to Mr. Stead inquiring into the excessive price Mr. Borden said that it had fully served the purpose for which it had been written. It was an undelivered document. It was ostensibly a censure on Mr. Stead. He had been visited with condign punishment, his salary having been increased by the statutory increase and a special additional increase of \$200.

Mr. Borden then ran over the story told by Mr. Murray of the negotiations, pointing out its weakness and pointing out that he got the money in five and ten dollar bills. That meant that he got 750 bills, 500 fives and 250 tens. Then he gave \$2,000 in several hundred bills, to a campaign manager in payment of a debt the particulars of which he could not give. The story was incredible, and the Conservatives gave a derisive cheer to Mr. Leblanc, the man to whom the sale "was important," when he rose to vote. The Liberals cheered Mr. Pugsley vigorously.

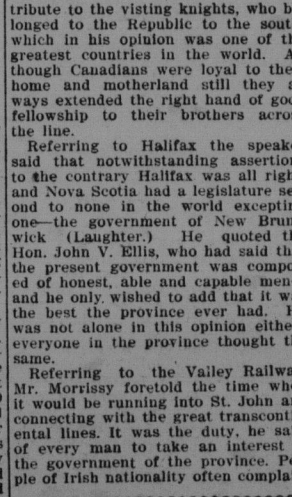
House in Supply. The House went into supply. Here a sharp discussion rose over a time-honored practice. It long has been the custom when a member of Parliament is prevented by illness or business from attending to grant him his full indemnity by aye vote. The supplementary estimates this year have an item of \$1130 for indemnities for Messrs. Allard, Ames, Broden, Foster, Monk and Paterson, but it was blocked for the time at least, by J. D. Taylor, of New Westminster and E. A. Lancaster, of Lincoln.

Mr. Taylor argued that this appropriation involved discrimination and might affect the independence of Parliament. If allowances of this sort were to be made it should be done by amending the general act rather than having members dependent on ministerial action at the end of the session. No discrimination was possible, Mr. Fielding replied.

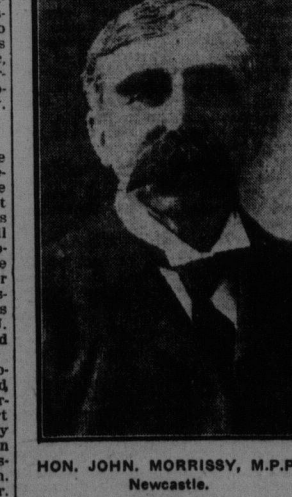
Mr. Lancaster took the same view as Mr. Taylor, while Col. Hughes and Mr. Henderson supported the vote. Mr. Fielding said that the matter had been discussed with Mr. George Taylor, names of several members had been considered and the members concerned probably knew nothing about it. After some further discussion the item stood over, Mr. Fielding saying that he was surprised at the resistance offered to the motion.



C. A. OWENS, Grand Knight St. John Council.



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HON. JOHN MORRISSEY, M.P.P., Newcaste.

D. r. Slattery, ex-Priest, will speak in Prentice Boys Hall, Guildford St., West End, Friday evening to men only, on the Confessional at 8 p. m. Friday afternoon at 2.30 Dr. Mary E. Slattery formerly a sister in a convent will speak to ladies only on Convent Life. Admission 25 cents. 31-April.