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TORIES DISGUSTED OVER THE PROTESTS

Blame Geo. W. Fowler for the Four Filed in New Brunswick

Kings-Albert, York and Both St. John Seats—Claimed Papers Were Filed Too Late—56 in All Dominion, of Which 35 Are in Quebec—None in Nova Scotia.

Fredericton, N. B., Dec. 6.—(Special)—Election protests against the return of O. S. Crocket, in York; Hon. Dr. Pugsley and Dr. J. W. Daniel, in St. John, and Dr. D. H. McAlister in Kings-Albert, were filed here yesterday afternoon with T. C. Allen, clerk of pleas. In each case the petition alleges bribery and corruption on the part of the member elect and his agents and asks for disqualification. The petitioners are William Graham, of Douglas, against Crocket; J. Milton Price, against Pugsley; J. D. Pollard Lewin against Daniel, and George W. Fowler against McAlister. A petition had been prepared against Col. McLean in Sunbury and Queens but, at the last moment, A. B. Wilmot, son of the Conservative candidate, who had the matter in hand, did not file the papers.

The protest against McAlister was filed by W. B. Jonah, of Sussex, at four minutes to 4 o'clock. Immediately afterwards Peter J. Hughes handed in the papers against Crocket and C. F. Sanford filed the protest against Daniel. The papers in the Pugsley case were filed at the same time by R. B. Hanson, acting for J. B. M. Baxter. In each case $1,000 in bills was deposited with the clerk of pleas. Dr. A. O. Earle is acting as counsel in the interests of the Liberal petitioners.

Under the terms of the order-in-council passed some time ago the office of the clerk of pleas closes at 1 o'clock on Saturday, but Mr. Allen kept open until 4 o'clock yesterday to accommodate the lawyers, who were here to file election protests.

It is probable that a preliminary objection will be raised against the petitions on this ground. While the petitions were being filed Dr. Earle drew attention to the fact that it was after 3 o'clock.

The respondents are allowed fifteen days after the serving of notices in which to file counter petitions.

Crocket and Daniel were very anxious to have the petitions sawed off; George W. Fowler insisted, however, on protesting McAlister, and although the telephone wires between this city and Sussex were kept hot during the day he positively refused to surrender. Crocket and Daniel, and those acting with them, put in a strenuous day here yesterday, trying to arrange a saw-off and they are mad as March hares over their failure. They lay the blame for the whole trouble upon the shoulders of Fowler and declare that they will have no further dealings with him. The filing of a petition against Crocket was a shock to local Tories and they are at a loss to know just what to do about it.

An Exciting Scene.

Amid a scene of considerable excitement and within four minutes of the time limit, petitions were filed in Fredericton on Saturday afternoon, against the election of Dr. J. W. Daniel, M. P. for St. John, O. S. Crocket, M. P. for York, Hon. William Pugsley, M. P. for St. John city and county, and Dr. D. H. McAlister, M. P. for Kings-Albert. The Conservatives were anxious that there should be no protests, and Geo. W. Fowler, of Sussex, is blamed by them for the filing of any. W. B. Jonah, who represented him in Fredericton on Saturday, held out against all urging and insisted on filing the protest against Dr. McAlister. Despite strenuous efforts throughout the day on the part of prominent Conservatives, including Premier Hazen, to call off Mr. Fowler, the ex-member for Kings-Albert, remained obdurate. His petition was filed with T. Carleton Allen, clerk of the pleas, at 3.56 p.m. The other protests followed as a matter of course. Under an order in council, the office of the clerk of the pleas is supposed to close at 1 o'clock on Saturday. As no petitions were filed at that hour Mr. Allen kept his office open until 4 p.m. Among those who took part in the proceedings were Dr. Daniel, Col. H. H. McLean, M. P., Dr. Allan O. Earle, J. D. Pollard Lewin, C. S. F. Sanford of St. John, James H. Crocket and O. S. Crocket of Fredericton and Mr. Jonah of Sussex.

Col. McLean Tells of the Proceedings.

Col. McLean, who returned to the city on Saturday evening, in an interview with a Telegraph reporter yesterday, gave a graphic account of exciting incidents which accompanied the filing of the petitions. "When Mr. Jonah appeared on the scene on Saturday morning with a protest against Dr. McAlister," said Col. McLean, "it was like a bolt from the blue for the Conservatives. It had been practically agreed among all parties that there should be no protests, and Mr. Fowler was understood to have been one of those who consented. The greatest consternation prevailed in the Conservative camp, and the wires to Sussex were kept hot in a continuous effort to induce Mr. Fowler to come into line. Every prominent Conservative in the province who could be reached was pressed into the service. Mr. Hazen and W. H. Thorne among others were called in to assist.

Bets were freely offered that the efforts to induce Mr. Fowler to withdraw would prove successful. As 4 o'clock approached, the legal representatives of the members interested, with the exception of Mr. Jonah, took their seats around the clerk's table, and sat watching each other, the Liberals ready to file a protest in response to any such move on the part of the Conservatives. When the hands of the office clock pointed to 4, there was a general request to Mr. Allen to close up, and his announcement that it was five minutes past, and that he would take the time by his own watch only, served to add to the excitement. A scout arrived with the news that no one was in sight, and everyone was congratulating everybody else that there would be no protests, when word was brought in that Mr. Jonah, pursued by several Conservative politicans in hot argument, had been seen hurrying down the street.

"Mr. Jonah dashed in exactly at four minutes to four and placed his petition and $1,000 in bills, in the clerk's hands. Then everyone else became busy, and the other three protests were filed. I understand," added Col. McLean, "that Mr. Jonah's watch was wrong, and he thought he had twenty minutes to spare." It was very exciting.

Conservatives Angry Over It.

"The Conservative friends of Dr. Daniel and Mr. Crocket," remarked Col. McLean, laughing, "are very angry with Mr. Fowler. James H. Crocket, Oswald Crocket and Dr. Daniel came down from Fredericton Saturday night, and I am informed, went through to Sussex to spend Sunday with him in earnest exhortation and to show him the error of his ways."

Speaking of the petition which had been filed against Dr. Pugsley's election, Col. McLean said an offer was made to Dr. Pugsley on Friday, not to protest his election if no petitions were filed against Dr. Daniel, but that he would not agree to the proposal. Dr. Pugsley took the ground that as the leader of the party, he must protect his supporters and that if any petitions were filed against a Liberal member in New Brunswick, protests against the return of Dr. Daniel and Mr. Crocket should be proceeded with. He insisted that his own convenience must not be consulted in a way that would sacrifice the interests of Dr. McAlister or any other Liberal member.

The Next Step.

With reference to the procedure which follows the filing of a petition, Col. McLean said the petitions had to be served on the protested members within ten days, after which they were given five days in which to file preliminary objections. It depended on the length of time taken in fighting over the objections when the trials would be held. It was not usual for such cases to be tried during a session of parliament, and there was, therefore, every probability that the members would enjoy their seats in peace during the next session. When the cases came for trial each would be taken in the county in respect to which a petition was filed and before two judges of the supreme court of New Brunswick.

The last election petition tried in this province was in 1900 when Rev. Dr. Joseph McLeod protested the election of Alexander Gibson, Jr., in York. Mr. Gibson was unseated and, offering himself for re-election, was again returned by a large majority.

Thirty-five Quebec Seats Protested.

Montreal, Dec. 6.—The outcome of yesterday's contestations in the province of Quebec shows that thirty-five seats have been petitioned against. The Conservatives have entered petitions against Rimouski, Temiscouata, Montmagny, Lotbiniere, Port Neuf, Quebec county, Quebec Centre, Montmorency and Bellechasse, in the Quebec district and Brome, Standstead, Drummond and Arthabaska in the Eastern Townships with Huntingdon, Chateauguay, St. Marys, St. Lawrence, St. James, Hochelaga, Maskinonge, Joliette, Montcalm, Berthier, Two Mountains and Beauharnois in the Montreal district.

The Liberals contest, Mr. Monk in Jacques Cartier, Mr. Doherty in St. Ann's, Ames in St. Antoine, Perley in Argenteuil, Col. Worthington in Sherbrooke, Mr. Price in Quebec West, Forget in Charlevoix, Blondin in Champlain, Dr. Lortie in Soulanges, Nantel in Terrebonne and Haquette in L'Islet.

Disqualification and the annulling of the election is asked in every case on both sides of the house, but the Conservatives have gone one better. By counter petition they ask for the personal disqualification of the three ministers, Hon. Messrs. Brodeur, Fisher and Lemieux as well as Hon. Mr. Taschereau, minister of public works in the Quebec government.

Two petitions were entered against the Conservative leader, F. D. Monk, M. P. for Jacques Cartier.

No Petitions Filed in Nova Scotia.

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 6.—There are to be no election protests in Nova Scotia. The two parties agreed on a "saw-off."

The Conservatives had prepared election petitions against E. M. MacDonald, in Pictou; W. S. Fielding, in Queens-Shelburne; Dr. Black in Hants, and S. W. Pickup in Annapolis.

The Liberals went two better and had papers prepared petitioning against the election of all the six Conservatives returned in Nova Scotia, including R. L. Borden and A. B. Crosby in Halifax.

Negotiations for the "saw-off" began about a week ago with the result that on Saturday, when the court closed, no petitions had been filed. The lawyers representing both parties were in court Saturday and remained watching each other till 1 o'clock, when the office closed.

Eight Protests in Ontario.

Toronto, Dec. 6—(Special)—Eight protests have been filed against the election of candidates in the recent federal elections for Ontario as follows:

West Peterborough—Jas. R. Stratton, Liberal; South Ontario—F. L. Fowke, Liberal; Nipissing—George Gordon, of Sturgeon Falls, Conservative; North Lanark—Wm. Thoburn, Conservative; Norfolk—Alexander McCall, Conservative; Ottawa—Sir Wilfrid Laurier; Centre York—Thos. G. Wallace, Conservative; Welland—Wm. M. German, Liberal.

Nine Protests in the West.

Winnipeg, Dec. 6—(Special)—The following petitions have been filed in Manitoba: Alex. Huggard, Winnipeg; Bradbury, Selkirk; Campbell, Dauphin; Sharpe, Lisgar; Roche, Marquette; Staples, MacDonald; Meighen, Portage La Prairie.

In British Columbia—C. H. Barnard, Victoria, and Ralph Smith, Nanaimo.

Only One Protest in P. E. Island.

Charlottetown, P. E. I., Dec. 6—(Special)—On Saturday last a petition from the office of Angus McDonald, of the law firm of Mathieson & McDonald, wherein Louis P. Tanton, of Charlottetown, is the petitioner, was filed in the supreme court here against the election and return of L. E. Prowse, Liberal candidate elected at the late dominion election.

The water shaft at Bridgeport, N. S., which was down last week for a short time as the result of an accident is running with excellent results this week. The mine is now almost pumped dry, the water being down to the old machine workings. The pumps will probably be stopped this week. An average of two million gallons per day is being pumped from the mine continually.

Herring and cod are still very plentiful around Cape Sable and some fine halibut are being caught.

FIERCE FIRE ON STEAMER BOSTON ON LAST TRIP

Crew Extinguished Flames After Hard Battle—Lady Sybil Nearly Foundered from Weight of Ice.

Boston, Dec. 6.—Two steamers plying between Boston and Halifax arrived in port late today, bringing tales of narrow escapes from watery graves.

The Boston, of the Dominion Atlantic line, caught fire in her hold on her way to Yarmouth last Friday when fifty miles out of Yarmouth. The fire raged about a cargo of oil and the crew extinguished the flames only after a terrible battle. The passengers became panic-stricken and Captain Simms made ready to abandon the ship if it became necessary.

The Plant line steamer Lady Sybil came into port decked with ice. The steamer left Halifax Friday morning and ran into a gale under a heavy drop in the mercury. The ice coated the bow and could not be removed owing to the rolling of the vessel and the increased weight threatened to sink her with every big wave. Captain Draydon stuck to the bridge through the trip and all but collapsed from exhaustion when the vessel was finally docked late today, twenty hours overdue.

THIRTY-HOURS' FIRE ON STMR. CORNISHMAN DROWNED OUT

Vessel is Much Damaged as Well as Cargo in Three of Her Holds.

Portland, Me., Dec. 5.—After burning thirty hours the fires in the three holds of the Dominion liner Cornishman, Capt. J. H. A. Thornton, were extinguished today and the work of pumping out the hundreds of thousands of gallons of water pumped into her in drowning out the fires was begun. The cargo in the fourth hold was believed to be intact.

The superstructure of the stern of the steamship is ruined, her life boats were burned and the paint on her steel superstructure was badly scorched. The forward superstructure was not damaged. The damage in the holds and to the steel plates cannot be determined until the cargo has been removed.

Of 63,550 bushels of wheat on board, probably not more than 16,000 bushels was saved. The loss on this alone was $47,550. Outside of the wheat the cargo on board as compiled at the Dominion line office today was as follows: 1,560 boxes of provisions, 110 barrels of provisions, 106 tierces of provisions, 450 bags of oatmeal, 961 sacks of flour, three cars of organs, eight cars of paper, 1,643 barrels of apples and 210 cases of canned goods.

Yesterday's estimates of an aggregate loss of half a million dollars remained unchanged today. The losses are all covered by insurance.

An investigation of the cause of the fire was started but nothing positive has been learned.

JOHN BEAMISH RECEIVES THE LONG-SERVICE MEDAL

Was Thirty Years a Letter Carrier in St. John.

John Beamish the veteran letter-carrier, who after thirty years' service, was superannuated last spring is the recipient of the Imperial Service Order medal for long service. The following letter accompanied the medal.

Home Office, White Hall,
Nov. 9th, 1908.

Sir:—I am commissioned by the King to present to you herewith an Imperial Service medal in recognition of your long and meritorious service as officer in the Post Office department, and I request that you will acknowledge receipt of the decoration, and will sign the acknowledgment with your christian name, in full.

Yours truly,
R. F. REYNARD,
Secretary Imperial Service Order.

Needless to state Mr. Beamish is highly elated at the honor thus conferred on him.

NEW RULES ABOUT LIGHTING RAILWAY PASSENGER CARS

Ottawa, Dec. 4.—The board of railway commissioners has made an important order in regard to the lighting of passenger cars on Canadian railways. The order requires that henceforward all cars must be lighted by acetylene gas under the absorbent or commercial acetylene system, or by the Pintsch compressed oil gas system. The test pressure for the Pintsch system is 400 pounds, and for acetylene the test pressure is to be four times the working pressure.

There are elaborate rules for inspection. There are two exceptions. One permits the use of electricity for lighting, and the other declares the prohibition dos not apply to cars having installed lamps, using the mineral seal lamp oil. A penalty of $100 is fixed for each violation of the order by railroads and $20 for violation by employes.

Weddings.

Dykeman-Wallace.

At the Tabernacle parsonage at eight o'clock Wednesday evening Charles Dykeman and Mrs. Eliza Caroline Wallace were united in marriage by Rev. W. J. Kierstead. Mr. and Mrs. Dykeman will make their home in St. John west.

Sharp-McLellan.

A quiet wedding was solemnized at the home of the bride 221 Prince street, west side, Wednesday night when Mrs. Annie McLellan was united in marriage to Urbain Wilfred Sharp. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Jacob Heaney, B. A., at eight o'clock. Mr. and Mrs. Sharp will reside at 221 Prince street.

ANOTHER OUTRAGE ON A BRITISH CREW BY CASTRO'S GOVERNMENT

Captain Jewett and Men on Schooner Kensington Arrested and Their Vessel Sunk for No Known Reason.

St. Vincent, B. W. I., Dec. 3.—Captain Jewett, of the British trading schooner Lady Kensington, arrived here yesterday from Carupano, Venezuela. This schooner, with a cargo of live stock and vegetables for Trinidad, was seized some ten weeks ago by the Venezuelan authorities off Margherita, an island in the Caribbean Sea, belonging to Venezuela, and the crew and passengers were detained as prisoners. Captain Jewett said today that on November 26 the Venezuelan government sent the crew and passengers home by steamboat, via Colon, but that it kept the Lady Kensington. It is now reported that the schooner has been deliberately sunk by Venezuelan officials at Margherita. An inquiry into the whole occurrence is being conducted here and the statement of Captain Jewett has been taken down by the local administration.

No cause for the confiscation of the Lady Kensington and the imprisonment of her passengers and crew has been assigned.

OBITUARY

Thomas Burns.

The death of Thomas Burns occurred Friday at his residence, 119 Queen street, after a lingering illness. Mr. Burns, who was in his 68th year, had been a resident of St. John for 52 years, coming to this country from Ireland at the age of sixteen. He was a mason by trade, and one of the oldest in the city. He leaves one daughter, Miss Margaret, residing at home, and two sons, Thomas H. and Frederick W., in business in Boston. The former has been home for some time on account of his father's illness. Mr. Burns is also survived by one sister residing in this city. His wife predeceased him nine years.

Dr. Guilford S. Reed.

Dr. Guilford Shaw Reed, a prominent physician of Cambridge (Mass.), and a former resident of this city, died in Cambridge on the 2nd inst. He was a son of the late Granville Bevil Reed, of Annapolis, and was at one time a clerk with the late James I. Fellows, and afterwards conducted a drug business on his own account in Germain street. He married Miss Ella Berryman, a daughter of the late Dr. John Berryman, and sister of Dr. D. E. Berryman, Mrs. Prescott and Miss Berryman, of this city. His wife survives and Miss Helen Leah Reed, the well known authoress, is a daughter. Dr. D. E. Berryman has gone to Boston to attend the funeral.

Mrs. Fulton McDougall.

Moncton, N. B., Dec. 3—(Special)—After an illness of but four days, the death of Mrs. McDougall, wife of Fulton McDougall, manager of the Royal Bank of Canada here, occurred at half-past eight this morning at her home, Highfield street.

Previous to her death, Mrs. McDougall gave birth to a child. The deceased was forty-three years of age, and has been living in Moncton for the past three years, previous to which time she made her home in Sackville, the place of her birth. The deceased was a daughter of the late Joseph L. Black, of Sackville, and is survived by her husband, her mother, one sister and two brothers. The sister is Mrs. Edmund Burke, of Toronto. The brothers are, F. B. Black and J. Walter Black, of Sackville. She was a cousin of Governor Snowball of Chatham, also of Senator Thompson, of Fredericton. Her maiden name was Miss Jenny L. Black, of Sackville.

Mrs. Thomas Marry.

Mrs. Thomas Marry, one of the oldest residents of the North End, died suddenly in the home of her son-in-law, W. J. Dalton, on Saturday afternoon. She was eighty-six years old and was wonderfully active for her years. With the exception of weak spells, which occasionally attacked her, she enjoyed excellent health up to the time of her death. She retained most of her faculties unimpaired and could see to do fine sewing without the aid of spectacles. The cause of death was weakness due to old age.

Mrs. Marry will be much missed, as she enjoyed the esteem of a large circle of friends. She is survived by one son, Patrick Marry, of this city, and four daughters—Mrs. W. J. Dalton, of Main street; Mrs. William Evans, of Milford; Mrs. Mary Herbert, of Worcester (Mass.), and Sister Mary Bertha, of the Sisters of Charity, Buctouche.

Mrs. Elizabeth Runciman

Annapolis, N. S., Dec. 5.—The sudden death of Elizabeth, widow of John H. Runciman, occurred here this afternoon, aged about sixty-six years. She had been up around the house as usual all day and took suddenly ill and passed away in a short time, of heart failure. The deceased lady was a consistent member of St. Andrew's Presbterian church and highly respected and will be much missed in the church of which she was an active member, and in the home. Her husband predeceased her only a short time ago. A son, J. Herbert Runciman, in the dry goods business, one daughter, Ella, at home, a brother and sister, Mrs. Sargent, in Boston, and a sister, Mrs. J. L. Brittain, here, survive.

Kathleen Johnson

The friends of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Johnston, of Quispamsis, will be sorry to hear of the death of their daughter, Kathleen, which occurred late Sunday. She was in her 17th year and popular among her companions. She had been sick only about three weeks, but was in the city only a few days ago consulting a doctor.

Mrs. Susan O. Evans.

Mrs. Susan Craft Evans, one of the oldest residents of Carleton, died on Friday night, aged ninety-four years. Mrs. Evans was the daughter of James Moody Brittain. She lived in Carleton all her life. Her father was of Loyalist descent. Her husband, the late Evan Evans, was a well known resident of the west side. Two sisters of the deceased are still living, Mrs. James Lord, of Carleton, and Mrs. Harriet Lane, of Boston. Mrs. Evans is survived by four sons, one daughter, twenty-nine grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren. The sons are: James, of New York; Stephen, of Bangor; Samuel and George, of Carleton. The daughter is Mrs. George Sturks, of Boston.

Wesley Yankee of Kansas City (Mo.), is a claimant for the reward for the prize democratic family; he and his descendants cast twenty-three votes for Bryan.

LOCAL NEWS

Fred Magee of Port Elgin has on hand 4000 cases of lobsters.

Jonathan McNeill, the oldest coal trimmer at North Sydney, is dead at the age of 72.

Angus Macdonald, of St. Ann's, but for thirty years in Manitoba, is visiting his old home.

Miss Mary Cottrell of Sydney and John Murphy of River Hebert were married at Sydney on Tuesday.

The wedding of D. A. Camreon, barrister and Miss Margaret McDonald takes place at Sydney on Tuesday.

The Cumberland Coal and Railway Co. is shipping large quantities of coal to the coal depot of the C. P. R. at St. John.

Edward Kennedy, a miner, who was seriously injured on Monday at Sydney Mines in No. 3 colliery is reported to be improving.

Albert Murphy a truckman, whose hand was bitten by his horse recently, is suffering badly and the hand may be amputated.

It is rumored that a joint stock company is in formation at Sackville for the purpose of conducting a large retail grocery.

C. B. Fowler of Moncton while working in the I. C. R. yard was struck over the eye by a missile and rendered unconscious A nasty gash was inflicted.

F. E. Dalton, of the Reliance Loan and Savings Co., was in North Sydney this week and has expressed his intention of returning there to reside.

S. H. Jones, who has been on the island since September, has returned to Savreois, Que. During the past season he has handled 13,000 lambs, and over 6,000 gesse

Emerson Matthews, of Alberton, narrowly escaped drowning this week. His lobster boat capsized and sank in 12 feet of water. He clung to the spar until rescued.

On Monday night Seumas MacManus, the famous Irish author, lecturer and poet will lecture in St. Bernard's Hall at Moncton. His topic will be Irish fairy stories and folk lore.

Ben Robinson, of New Aberdeen, rolled under the fender of a street car one night recently at Glace Bay. When the car was stopped a front wheel was two inches from his head.

At midnight on Tuesday the dwelling and outbuildings of Amos and William Ripley at Fenwick near Amherst were totally destroyed by fire together with their domestic birds and produce

On Thursday morning a team driven by a Dartmouth expressman was struck by a shunting engine in the I. C. R. yard at Halifax. The wagon was broken but the horse and driver escaped uninjured.

Shipping is tied up at Charlottetown owing to the storm and fears are entertained that navigation may close with the vessels in port marooned for the winter. Ice is forming around the wharves and shore.

Rev. Father Maloney, C.S.S.R, of St. Peter's church, St. John, conducted the services in the Catholic church at St. George last Sunday. Father Maloney whiled many boyhood days away in the town.

W. L. McMillan, of Cambridge, Mass., and a native of Wood Islands, P. E. I., saved a man from drowning in the Charles River the first of the week. The man had fallen from Harvard Bridge and his rescuer plunged into the icy water after him. McMillan is a young man.

It is said that William Monaghan, a young man, who fell between the cars at Jackman, Me., recently, and died in the Sherbrooke, Que., hospital several days afterward, was buried without notifying his relatives on the island, where he belonged.

A man named Dan Cameron lost his pocketbook on Thursday morning on the line from Halifax to Moncton and wired to the conductor of the train at St. John of his predicament and the conductor found the purse on the train, restoring it to the owner.

Mrs. B. O'Hadley of Lousburg has taken action against Magistrate Skinner and Inspector Levatte alleging exaction of excessive costs in a liquor violation case. The amount which is deemed to be exorbitant is $7.75. Judgment will be given at Sydney on Monday.

Sydney has another bigamy case. On Wednesday night Harry Starr, a Jew, was arrested at Truro in response to a telegram from Stipendiary McLean of Sydney. His second wife alleges that Starr has a wife in Chicago. He married his second wife last February in Russia.

James Cunliffe was reunited with a sister whom he had not heard of for sixteen years recently at Lowell, Mass., through the notice of the death of Cunliffe's wife at North Sydney, which appeared in a Cape Breton paper. The long lost sister saw the notice and correspondence ensued.

Alleging that he was persecuted by the town council and liquor license inspector, Alexander McKay, proprietor of the best hotel in Sydney Mines, has closed the doors of his hostelry and dismissed his employes. A huge placard on the deserted building announces that the owner was compelled to suspend business.

In the county court at Halifax on Thursday Samuel Lambell, charged with inflicting grevious bodily harm, was found guilty of common assault and sentenced to one month in the county jail. Wm. D. Stewart, charged with "robbery and violence," pleaded not guilty, his trial being set down for Thursday next.

P. Blake, a Sydney storekeeper, anxious to be rid of a mongrel dog that had become a nuisance about the premises, made a present of the animal to a captain of a Newfoundland schooner. The craft sailed early Tuesday morning for Louisburg and arrived at that port with the dog aboard. Monday afternoon the dog walked into Mr. Blake's store with a rope end dangling from his neck. The mystery is, how did the dog find his way home over 24 miles of strange road.

A very neat station building has been built on the Shore Line at Oak Bay by Messrs. Wells and Belyea of St. John. The platform is 50 feet long to which is added an elevation for freight. Mails will be delivered at this point, as it is within a stone's throw of the post office. Hitherto passengers had to walk a mile to the platform only to find the road blocked with snow, or knee-deep with mud. Doubtless a siding will be put in, and a telephone for railway business added.

The wharf at Beaver Harbor will be built by James Kane, of St. John west.

Accommodation will be enlarged at the Mt. Allison institutions.

A flock of wild geese passed over the city, flying south, on Saturday afternoon.

Frank J. Moore of Sydney and Miss Leila H. Weatherbee were married at Camden, Me., recently.

At Sydney on Wednesday three liquor men were sentenced each to a month in jail for fourth offences.

Lea Newcombe, of Canning, and Miss Nellie Robinson, of Black Rock, were married in Boston on Nov. 20.

P. L. Naismith formerly of Sydney is general manager of the Alberta Railway and Irrigation Co., at Lethbridge, Alta.

At the Glace Bay police court on Thursday, a young girl was fined $40 or three months for vagrancy.

The deposits in the savings bank here last month were $52,589.76, and the withdrawals $92,175.01.

Connors Bros., the canning firm at Black's Harbor, have erected an amusement hall to provide entertainment for their employes.

Rev. J. H. A. Anderson, B. D., will be inducted into the pastorate of St. John Presbyterian church on Wednesday evening, Dec. 30.

At Kentville, last week, Judge Wallace sentenced a young man to a term of two years in Dorchester penitentiary for beating his mother.

W. B. Fawcett, of Sackville, returned recently from Alberta, where he is engaged in cattle ranching. Hereafter horses will be bred exclusively on the ranch.

Engineer Bennett, of the Public Works Dept., has been in St. George inspecting the work on the new public wharf. He also visited L'Etete, where dredging work is in progress.

It is probable that a basketball league may be formed in Nova Scotia with teams from Halifax, Dartmouth, Truro, Bridgetown, Windsor and Kentville comprising it.

The pasteboard box and its contents were returned to the worthy postmaster and finally transferred to a servant of the Elkins family, who called for it with a cheque for $4.36.

George McSweeney, of Moncton, has the distinction of being the first to send a shipment over the Grand Trunk Pacific in this section. On Thursday he shipped two horses from Moncton to Canaan.

It is understood that R. H. McKay, of Westville, will be the Liberal nominee for the provincial house for the vacancy in Pictou county. Charles E. Tanner will, it is understood, be the Conservative candidate again.

Solomon Hann, a Newfoundland student at Mt. Allison University, received a message on Tuesday informing him of the death of his father, off Port Mulgrave. He was a captain of a schooner, and was knocked into the sea by a boom.

The dredge New Dominion is working at Matthew's Cove, L'Etete. A narrow passage, opposite the steamboat wharf, made it extremely difficult at times for boats to get in, this passage is being made wider and when the work is completed boats and steamers can enter without difficulty.

Rev. Geo. Irving, son of D. P. Irving, M. P. P., of Vernon River Bridge, was married on Nov. 24 to Miss Christine King at Claremont, California. The groom is assistant pastor of the Claremont Congregational church and was formerly secretary of the International Y. M. C. A.

But there is a dark and disturbing suggestion that the secret service men have coined out of their minds. It is that the Duke of the Abruzzi did send a $5,000 ruby ring to Miss Elukins, and that the real ruby was abstracted and the nine cents' worth of red glass substituted for it.

It is stated that Contractor Reid, who constructed the breakwater at North Head, Grand Manan, has been awarded the contract for the erection of the Seal Cove breakwater, the Welchpool wharf and one of the Deer Island wharves. The Saint Andrews wharf contract has not yet been awarded.

That the alleged betrothal gift of Luigi Amede Joseph Ferdinand Francois, Duc de Abuzzes, fourth in line of succession to the throne of Italy, to Miss Katherine Elkins, of Elkins, W. Va., was a plain gold ring, unusually broad, evidencing considerable wear and containing a setting of just plain, ordinary everyday red glass worth about nine cents or less, the whole subject to a duty of $4.36 under the laws of appraisement.

Samuel Dorst a workman who began work for W J. McManus & Co., contractors at Chipman on Thursday morning was killed only an hour after commencing his labors. He and another employe were riding on a push car on the rails when struck by a locomotive. Dorst was struck on the head and death was instantaneous. His fellow workman escaped without a scratch. Dorst belonged to hipman where he leaves a wife and child. He was 50 years old.

Those who are actively promoting this campaign within the party ranks have nothing against Mr. Borden. His only offence is that he has failed to win and although he did better at the last election than in 1904, the improvement in the position of the party was so slight that assuming it to go on at the same ration in the next half dozen general elections, a quarter of a century would elapse before the party could hope to get into power. Such was the reason given for the movement by several prominent Conservatives who talked over the subject with a Herald representative at the Windsor. This it was explained, was why Sir Hibbert Tupper had been approached on the subject.

H. B. Pickings, of the Mines Office, Halifax, has just returned from an inspection trip to several of the eastern mineral deposits, and has as a souvenir a particularly attractive specimen of mispickel showing gold freely, and obtained from the working of the Great Bras d'Or Gold Mining Co. at Wagamatkook, C. B. It has long been a contention that one of the most important sources of gold in Nova Scotia will be found in similar deposits, and there are few districts in province in which there are not one or more important deposits of this mineral, and they have invariably been found to carry high values in gold. Of course, the matter of separating and saving the gold is not as simple or direct as free milling quartz, but as an offset to this there are the higher values and more even distribution of the precious material. The gold in the specimen referred to is easily visible, coarse and apparently free.

Butter is selling in Summerside at twenty-two and twenty-three cents, eggs twenty-one to twenty-two cents.

Hon. Prescott M. Pirington died at Calais on Monday night, aged 73. For years he was engaged in the manufacture of doors at Milltown, N. B.

Lord Northcliffe, while in Newfoundland, stated that activity would be commenced in the spring on recently acquired coal areas at Campbellton, C. B.

Ten deaths took place in St. John last week from the following causes: marasmus, consumption, diphtheria, carditis, heart disease, cholera infantum, senile gangrene, mitral embolism, carcinoma of the liver.

Friends on the border have received letters from Rev. H. M. Clark, of St. Stephen, who is doing missionary work in China, explaining the intricacies of Thibet, which region he has lately traversed.

From January 1st to December 1st $8,000 in fines have been collected from Sydney liquor violators. For November alone, of twenty informations which were laid and fifteen convictions rendered, 35 was paid into the civic treasury in fines.

At the inquest into the death of Michael Dock McDonald, aged 21 years, who was fatally injured in the rollers at the steel mill of the Steel Company in Sydney on Friday, a verdict of accidental death was returned.

T. F. Courtney, and wife of Halifax were among those who had narrow escapes from death in the railroad wreck at South Boston last Saturday. They had left the last car, which was telescoped shortly afterwards, and took seats in another car.

The thoroughbred horse which was detained by the customs officials at Halifax on account of the order from Ottawa forbidding the importation of United States stock into Canada, owing to the prevalence of foot and mouth disease there, was transferred to the steamer Lady Sybel this morning, to be returned to Boston.

Capt. R. Maxwell, with his crew of three men were almost drowned on Thursday while returning from the fishing grounds to Shelburne. In a heavy sea a lurch threw the crates of fish to the leeward and submerged the craft. She was righted in time to save her from going down.

Seymour Gregory appeared at the police court, Charlottetown, on Tuesday, on the prosecution of Arthur J. B. Melish on a charge of forging the name of John W. Gregory on the back of a cheque dated the 27th of November, 1908, drawn by Arthur J. B. Melish on the Bank of New Brunswick for $187.50, and payable to the order of John W. Gregory.

Despatches received in North Sydney from St. Pierre indicate that peace has been restored in the French colony. The French warship, Admiral Auke, which arrived several days ago, landed 150 marines, who will remain on the island for some time. The new governor has caused the arrest of some of the ringleaders. The two most prominent in the agitation have escaped. One of the men, John Legasse, is in Halifax and the other a merchant, is supposed to be in Newfoundland.

The steamer Ashanti, which was libelled at North Sydney in the sum of $10,000 on Tuesday at the instance of the steamer Wegadisk on account of damage sustained at North Sydney in the recent collision, was released upon bonds furnished by the American Surety Co., for the amount of the claim. The Ashanti, which is lumber laden from Gaspe for Brow Head, Ireland for orders, is being repaired by R. Murray Grave & Son, North Sydney and will probably be ready to sail for her destination on Saturday. The Wegadisk, laden with iron ore, is due to arrive at Philadelphia shortly.

New York, Oct. 4—Charles W. Morse was convicted of violation of Federal banking laws while an officer of the National Bank of North America and now is in the Tombs prison in this city on a stay of the execution of his sentence of 15 years in the Federal jail in Atlanta, Ga., was granted and extension until near February, Thursday when a writ of error granted by the circuit court of appeals expired. Morse's attorneys asked for the extension for the sake of drawing up a more complete bill of exceptions than has been possible in the thirty days that have been at their disposal and U. S. District Attorney Stimson acceded to the request.

TWO LITTLE GIRLS BREAK THROUGH ICE AND DROWN

North Easton, Mass., Dec. 6—In attempting to skate on thin ice today, two young girls, Ethel, aged eleven, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Anderson and Martha, aged ten, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Anderson, broke through and were drowned. With the girls were Harold and Aubrey Fenwick, aged ten and eight years respectively. All, with the exception of Aubrey, broke through while they were but a short distance from the shore.

Aubrey shouted for help and several men ran to the rescue. Among them was A. Montgomery, who secured a plank and with the aid of others pulled out Martha Anderson and Harold Fenwick. Meanwhile young Aubrey, in his excitement had ventured too near the edge of the thin ice and had also fallen in. He was rescued and was taken with the other two to the home of Officer Patrick Costello where four physicians worked over the unconscious forms. Both the boys were eventually revived, but the efforts to resuscitate the girl were unsuccessful. Ethel's body was recovered.

BOY DROWNS THROUGH ICE TRYING TO SAVE HIS BROTHER

Methuen, Mass., Dec. 6—George Slack, aged thirteen, son of George Slack, of this town, fell through the ice and was drowned on Mystic pond today. Young Slack lost his life through his efforts to save his younger brother, Arthur, aged eleven, who had fallen into the water while playing on the ice. Arthur was rescued by John May. The body of the drowned boy was recovered.