

DEAF MUTES FOR POSTAL SERVICE

Sir William Mulock Decides to Give Them a Chance, and Places Will Be Found for Six Clerks Throughout Canada.

Ottawa, Oct. 4.—(Special).—The postmaster general has adopted a plan which is hoped will benefit an afflicted class of persons in Canada. Most avenues of employment are closed to deaf mutes and unfortunate individuals who have never hearing nor speech find it difficult to gain a livelihood. It is doubtful if any place in the public service of Canada has been found for them, though it seems incumbent upon the people of Canada, as a whole, to extend sympathetic treatment to them. Sir Wm. Mulock has determined to open places in city post offices to deaf and dumb persons. Six mutes are to be appointed to serve in city post offices throughout Canada. They will have to have sufficient education to sort ordinary mail matter and be under thirty years of age.

LIKELY FATAL ENDING TO A CARD PARTY

Charles Cole Lying at Death's Door With Bullet in His Groin

Wounded Man Followed Joseph Chamberlain and Sister to Their Home and Demanded Admission—Declining to Go Away He Was Shot from Within.

Grand Falls, N. B., Oct. 4.—(Special).—A shooting affray which may terminate fatally occurred in the parish of Drummond late Monday night.

It appears that a number of persons had gathered at the house of one Charles Cole in the evening for the purpose of playing cards for apples and a row occurred between Charles Cole's son, Charles, and one Joseph Chamberlain and his sister.

Chamberlain and his sister left Cole's house to go home when it is said young Cole followed them. After arriving at their home Chamberlain and his sister entered the house. Cole demanded entrance to the house, which was refused, and he attempted to gain an entrance by forcing open the door.

After making several attempts to gain admission and after being warned by Chamberlain to desist, Cole still persisted, when a shot was fired through the closed door, the contents of the gun lodging in Cole's groin.

He was seriously injured and it is now reported that he may not live. Two doctors are attending him.

WHIPPING SENTENCE OF CIRCUS EMPLOYE TO BE CARRIED OUT

Quebec, Oct. 4.—(Special).—Judge Larue rendered a decision in the habeas corpus proceeding entered by the friends of Goldberry, a Lemon Boy's circus employee condemned at Roberval two months ago by Magistrate Vallee to one year's imprisonment and in addition to be whipped the crime of criminal assault upon a young girl. The friends of Goldberry sought to save the prisoner from the lash but the judge set aside the habeas corpus proceeding and confirmed the magistrate's decision.

MILITIA EXPENSES TO GROW WITH REVENUE

Likely Will Be \$8,000,000 When Receipts Are \$100,000,000, Says Borden

Minister of Militia, in Article in the United Service Magazine, Defends His Department from Dundonald's Aspersions—Declares a Purely Volunteer Army is Not Effective Other Matters of Interest Discussed.

Montreal, Oct. 4.—(Special).—A special London cable says: Sir Frederick Borden's article in the United Service Magazine is regarded as his answer to Lord Dundonald's aspersions on the administration of the Canadian militia.

He enters upon an elaborate proof of the Canadian government fulfilling its promise to the British ministry of 1902 to relieve the British taxpayers from some of the burdens they now bear.

He stoutly contests the assertion, which by the way is the assertion of the British ministry, that the British army is the system of the exchange of officers being apparently the only remaining military association with Great Britain.



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FORGED MONCTON FIRM'S SIGNATURE ON TWO CHECKS

John W. Hartnett, Who is Said to Have Taken the Checks, Arrested.

Swindled Bank of Montreal at Kingston, Ont., and Then Fled to Watertown, New York, Where He is Taken and Brought Back—Sumner & Co. Don't Know the Man.

Moncton, Oct. 3.—(Special).—The Sumner Company, of this city, have received the following communication, dated Kingston (Ont.), Sept. 29:

"This afternoon John W. Hartnett, who hailed from Nova Scotia, was brought over to the city from Watertown (N. Y.) by the Kingston police on a charge of forgery. During the temporary absence of the manager of the local branch of the Bank of Montreal Hartnett is alleged to have passed worthless checks on the bank amounting to \$100. When arrested he had Royal Bank checks on his person dated Sept. 4 and 14 signed by Sumner & Co. and amounting to \$250 each. He made good his escape and went to Watertown with his wife and three children. Word was received last night of his capture by the Watertown police and when the Kingston constable and bank officials went over to John Hartnett was recognized and as he waived extradition was brought over at once."

About six weeks ago Sumner & Co. received a cheque from Kingston (Ont.) for \$100 drawn by Sumner & Co. in favor of John W. Hartnett and was endorsed by the McLaughlin Carriage Company. The cheque was sent back by Sumner & Co. with the advice that it was a forgery.

About ten days ago another cheque arrived from the bank in Watertown (N. Y.) drawn on the Royal Bank of Canada for \$250 signed by Sumner & Co. per J. W. Hartnett. This was also sent back by the Moncton firm, who pronounced the cheque a forgery and advised the bank to get after the party who drew it.

It has been seen by the communication to the Sumner Company the banks did not know Hartnett is now in Kingston. Sumner & Co. do not know who Hartnett is or how he came to select their name to use in forging checks. The signature to the cheque is not the correct firm's name and shows no connection with the firm.

The case is full of mystery for the Moncton firm, who are at a loss to understand who Hartnett can be and how he came to select their name to use in forging checks. The signature to the cheque is not the correct firm's name and shows no connection with the firm.

It is interesting to note that the cheque was drawn on the Royal Bank of Canada, which is a branch of the Bank of Montreal, the same bank which was swindled by Hartnett.

The cheque was dated Sept. 4 and 14, which is the same date as the other forged cheque.

The cheque was for \$250 each, which is a large sum of money.

The cheque was signed by Sumner & Co., which is a well-known firm in Moncton.

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ISAAC BURPEE IS VINDICATED

St. John Man's Prosecution in the Yukon Was Caused by Spite

G. T. P. COMMISSION

Came Down From Woodstock Yesterday and Looked Frederick Over and Afterwards Left for St. John—Retinent About Location of Route—Other News of the Capital.

Fredericton, Oct. 3.—(Special).—The Herald tonight says: New Brunswick friends of Isaac Burpee will read with pleasure the extracts from a public elsewhere from the Yukon field, showing that that gentleman has been completely vindicated from the serious charges made against him by a former business partner, reports of which were published in the newspapers of this province last year. The man who caused Mr. Burpee's arrest and extradition makes ample explanation and apology for his act, doing tardy justice to Mr. Burpee, whose reputation was seriously injured in the first instance. The Herald congratulates Mr. Burpee on his vindication, and hopes that he may be able to hold responsible and punish the person who did him such a gross injury.

Members of the National Transcontinental Railway Commission composed of Hon. S. N. Parent, C. F. Melancon, C. Young and J. Reid, accompanied by Senators Donville, King and Thompson, arrived here from Woodstock, at 3:30 this afternoon on special over the Grand Trunk.

They boarded the train at the depot and spent an hour driving about the city, Senator Thompson pointing out the points of interest. The party took tea at the Queen Hotel, and this evening received calls from Mayor McNally and a number of leading citizens.

The members of the commission expressed themselves as being delighted with the city and the people, and were pleased with the appearance of the city.

Assistant Chief Engineer Duncan McPherson drove through from Woodstock and was accompanied by F. B. C. McNeil, M. P., and W. T. Whitehead, M. P.

H. A. McKee had an interview with the commissioners while here and arranged for a conference with the board of trade in St. John tomorrow morning. The party left for St. John by 9 o'clock train this evening.

Examined into the claim of the Alexander Gibson Manufacturing Company for \$17,000 of the purchase price of the Canada Eastern Railway, which was transferred to the Intercolonial, in progress here. Chief Accountant and Treasurer Williams, of the I. O. R., who is in charge of the transfer of the road to the Intercolonial, is in progress here.

Justice Meredith, in the court below, declared the election void, but refused to give Sealey the seat. Mr. Sealey appealed to the Supreme Court, claiming the seat.

The court today discussed this appeal, but declared the election void.

In the Pictou, Cumberland and North Cape Breton cases, the sitting members, Mr. MacDonald, Logan and McKenzie, appealed against the decision of the judge in the court below not to permit evidence on the question of the election.

The court today decided in favor of the sitting members and the cases back for evidence to be taken against the petitioners.

The judgments are as follows: Shelburne and Queens election case, Appeal allowed with costs. Preliminary objections dismissed with costs. Case remitted for trial on the petition in the usual way. Hon. W. S. Fielding is the sitting member.

Wentworth, Ontario, appeal Sealey vs. Smith. Appeal dismissed with costs. Sedgewick and Ilderton dissenting; order declaring election void stands.

King's, N. S., appeal, Barker vs. Borden, appeal dismissed with costs, petition against the sitting member, Sir Frederick Borden stands dismissed.

The judgment in the Pictou, N. S., Cumberland (N. S.), and Cape Breton counties, for which Messrs. MacDonald Logan and McKenzie sit, as follows: Preliminary objections. The cases have been remitted judgment, dismissing the 10th preliminary. The cases have been remitted to take evidence on the objections which were that the petitioners Bell, Ripley and Ganong were guilty of corrupt practices. Evidence on the charge will be taken. In the case of the Cape Breton against the R. & O. Nav. company, the appeal is allowed and the R. & O. Nav. Canada held alone to be the cause of the collusion.

A decree is to be entered for the appellants on the action and the cross action, with costs in both courts, against the respondent. The case remitted to the exchequer court in the Quebec admiralty district for assessment in the usual course on the damages to be paid by respondents to the appellants. The case remitted to the motion by the respondents to strike out of the appellant's factum their commentaries on the wreck, commissioner's judgment was granted with costs.

New Postmaster at Hopewell Hill. Hopewell Hill, Oct. 3.—Geo. W. Newcomb, merchant of this place, has been appointed postmaster, succeeding Chas. L. Peck, who held the office for upwards of twenty years. The transfer was made today by W. C. Whitaker, assistant post office inspector. For the past ten or twelve years the duties of the office have been mainly attended to by the assistant, Miss A. R. Peck, who was an obliging and capable official.

Practical Preparation. (Detroit Free Press). "I'm surprised that you favor higher education," said the visitor to the village blacksmith. "Well, the colleges are improving," explained the man of brawn. "Time was when they didn't teach nothing but book learning, but now, by the time my son gets through the athletic course, he'll be fit for a first-class blacksmith!"

SPY THE FIRES ON MOUNTAINS

Maine Man's System of Protection Has Proved Its Value

SECTIONS MAPPED

When Fire is Discovered Warden of District is Notified and He Sends Fire Fighters There.

Squaw Mountain Observatory has become a necessity at a very small cost. From it watchmen catch the first flicker of a forest fire and, telephoning the news to the chief fire warden, snuff the flicker before it has destroyed much more than an acre of timber land.

There are three observatories in the lumber district which are the realization of the dreams of William J. Lannigan, lumber prospector of Waterville. The observatories are located on Squaw, Bigelow and Attean mountains.

The former mountain is at the foot of Moosehead Lake and rises nearly 4,000 feet above the sea level. Attean Mountain is on Attean township of the Moose river valley, about fifteen miles west of Jackman and overlooking the divide between Moose and Dead rivers. Bigelow Mountain rises to the north of Waterville, and tops a great stretch of forest land.

Mr. Lannigan knows the northwestern section of Maine as well as any man living. He knows how forest fires start, and how they progress until they cover townships and lay waste to millions of good money. He last year began correspondence with timber land owners over the proposition to build observatories on the mountains.

His plan was to build camps and structures on the mountain tops, where men could remain with comfort during the dry season. From these stations by telephone, fire wardens would be kept advised of the location of fires many hours before the information could be obtained in the old way of waiting until the sun was darkened by clouds of smoke.

Mr. Lannigan received little encouragement at first, but after the state had decided to appoint fire wardens, Mr. Lannigan went after the timber land owners again with better success.

In May of this year the three stations were established, and the last of June saw a man at each station. The observatories are supplied with instruments, charts and range finders.

As the artillery officer maps out effective zones in circles of squares, so does the fire warden map out the section he is to protect. As the artillery officer drops a shell here and there by the use of his range finder, so does the observer square the section and locate a fire.

The observer on Squaw Mountain has a range of 15 miles. The observer on Bigelow, while to the east and west is forty miles. Recently he discovered a fire thirty-five miles away and reported to the chief fire warden. The observer on Attean, while to the east and west is forty miles. Recently he discovered a fire thirty-five miles away and reported to the chief fire warden.

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TRAIN'S SPEED TOO FAST AND CROSSING VERY DANGEROUS

Such the Finding of Coroner's Jury at Inquest on Floyd Brothers, Killed at Bloomfield—Conflicting Evidence Whether Engine's Bell Was Ringing Before the Accident Occurred Many Witnesses Examined.

Bloomfield, Kings Co., Oct. 4.—At 1.30 this afternoon, Coroner Peter Campbell opened his court to inquire into the circumstances attending the death of Corey and Stanley Floyd, the two young men who were killed by the C. P. R. train at the railway crossing here on Saturday last, September 29. The jurors were George Raymond (foreman), W. E. S. Weathers, F. L. Triton, John Burnett, F. H. Chapman, James Huggison, and Joseph Titus.

After hearing the evidence the jury rendered the following verdict: We, the jury, empaneled to investigate the accident on Saturday, September 29, 1905, report that having said the evidence and examined the crossing over the verdict is that Corey Floyd came to his death by being struck by train No. 26, and that said train was running faster than schedule time, and without sufficient warning, in the absence of any protection at the crossing.

In view of the two recent accidents in which four people were killed and the numerous hair-breadth escapes, we beg to call the attention of the railway officials to the dangerous position of the crossing at Bloomfield station.

(Signed) GEORGE RAYMOND, Foreman. W. E. S. WEATHERS, F. L. TRITON, JOHN BURNETT, F. H. CHAPMAN, JAMES HUGGISON, JOSEPH TITUS.

PETER CAMPBELL, Coroner. R. A. Brown, Station Agent.

Station Agent R. A. Brown, the first witness sworn, said that on Saturday afternoon he was in his office looking out of the window and saw a double-horse sloop approaching the track at a distance of about ten feet, at which time the train was about fifty feet from the crossing, going at about thirty miles an hour, or a little more.

The engine struck the team between the horses and sloop. Corey Floyd, who was driving, rose to his feet as the horses shied from the rushing train, but was not fully up when the train struck the team. On going out Stanley and Corey Floyd were found in the culvert close together, about twenty feet from the crossing. Corey was dead and Stanley insensible. The latter was removed to the ladies' waiting room, where he was examined by Dr. Stewart, of Halifax, who was a passenger on the train. He said the man was in a very critical condition. Dr. Smith was brought by a special train from Hampton, who dressed the wounds and accompanied the young man to the General Hospital at St. John.

The body of Corey Floyd was taken to the freight house, washed and laid out, and then taken to his home.

He did not hear the whistle at the 800 yards signal mark, nor the bell on approaching the station, although both might have been sounded. Teams approaching the track as near as they were could not see an approaching train but a very short distance, being hidden by a milk house. A gravel train of twenty-five cars, running west, was on the siding before the crossing.

He knew of no regulations as to reducing speed when passing stations where they did not stop.

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FELL FROM WIFE AND SON'S GRASP TO HIS DEATH

New York Bank Cashier Faints and Tumbles Through Window—Frantic Efforts to Hold Him Off No Avail.

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