

LETON COUNTY FARMERS LONG FOR AMERICAN MARKET

atoes at Houlton \$1.80 a barrel Against 70 Cents at Woodstock.

Woodstock, Sept. 28.—There is no end in the potato situation and farmers every season sell from the field in preference to selling at a price in a barrel. Saturday dealers in potatoes were paying \$1.80 a barrel, and demand was brisk. There is some opinion as to the duty on potatoes under the new tariff, the general opinion being that it is 10 per cent. As dealers say the duty is 10 per cent on potatoes going into Canada, it is about 60 cents a barrel. In quantities are coming down the C. P. from northern sections in. A. C. special passed through Sunbury potatoes only.

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HON. ROBERT ROGERS CHECKS COL. HUGHES

Stops Construction of Drill Halls

Objects to Minister of Militia Invading His Preserves

Borden's "Purity" Manager Will Let Out Contracts with an Eye to Their Usefulness in Elections, Much to the Disgust of the Faithful.

Ottawa, Sept. 30.—Militarism and the political machine, as represented in the present government by Col. the Hon. Sam Hughes and Hon. Robert Rogers, are not pulling together very well at present.

Mr. Rogers is holding up some of Col. Hughes' large plans for drill hall construction this year. The minister of public works, while not at all averse to any governmental expenditure, is insisting on handling the funds as manipulating the politics of these expenditures himself.

Col. Hughes had plans prepared this summer for upgrading new drill halls and storerooms, to be scattered all over the dominion. In most instances the militia department went ahead and called for tenders as soon as plans were ready.

During Mr. Rogers' absence in the west in July and August, a considerable number of contracts for new drill halls were let. But upon the return of the minister of public works to the capital he raised objections to the course pursued by Col. Hughes, on the score that drill halls of this kind should be constructed only where they would be of use to the public works department.

In the appropriations of last session, the votes for drill halls, aggregating over \$2,000,000, were put under the estimate of the department of public works. The militia department was going ahead and spending the money freely when Hon. Robert Rogers stepped in.

He refused to hand over any more of the funds which parliament had voted to his department, although the expenditure was for military purposes. His department is now proceeding to hand out the drill halls only in cases where they are deemed to be politically necessary.

Several Conservative members of parliament have been trying to find out lately what is causing the delay in beginning the construction of drill halls in their constituencies, as promised and arranged for by Col. Hughes. They have found that Mr. Rogers is now the man to deal with and not Col. Hughes, and apparently Mr. Rogers thinks that it will be well to hold over a large number of the drill halls now promised until election year.

F. B. CARVELL, M.P. TO MAKE POLITICAL TOUR OF NOVA SCOTIA

The Hard Hitting Carleton County Member Will Speak at Many Places—Branch of Dominion Alliance Formed at Woodstock.

Woodstock, N. B., Sept. 30.—Chief Trenchard, of the Montreal law department, will be here tomorrow the guest of E. W. Mair. They will go to the Tobique on a ten days' hunting trip.

Mr. Carvell, M. P., left this evening for New Brunswick. He will be accompanied by Messrs. McDonald, Sinclair and Kite on a political speech-making tour that will include Canoe, Guysboro, Pictou, Wainwright and Halifax.

The principal in an interesting event tomorrow, was this evening presented with an oak chair and a case of silverware. Premier Fenning made the presentation on behalf of a number of friends. The pleasant function took place in the parlors of the Victoria Hotel.

Three thousand four hundred barrels of apples have been shipped from here this season and 1,000 barrels have been used by the Imperial Packing Company. A local branch of the Dominion Alliance was organized this afternoon at a conference in St. Luke's Parish Hall.

F. L. Moore was elected president; Rev. Frank Baird, secretary; Alex. Benn, treasurer. Three of the local clergymen were chosen vice-presidents. A mass temperance meeting this evening in Hayden-Gibson Theatre was addressed by Rev. R. H. Starnes, general secretary of the N. B. Alliance. Rev. A. J. Gould, of Debec, and F. S. Spence, of Wentworth.

Lower Woodstock Farm Sold. Lower Woodstock, Sept. 30.—A. W. Hay has sold his farm at this place to Mr. Napier, of Scotland, the purchase price being in the neighborhood of \$6,500. Mr. Napier took possession last week.

Another Alma Moose slain. Alma, N. B., Sept. 27.—Charles Dixon killed a fine moose today.

VIOLA REID NOT GUILTY, THE JURY FINDS

Twenty Year Old Girl Goes Free After Verdict is Announced—Leaves Court Room With Her Mother.

Viola Reid is free. Showing not the least trace of emotion on her face, seated however by the worry of the past seven months, the twenty-year-old Tracy girl, charged with the murder of her infant son, listened to the verdict as pronounced by the foreman of the petit jury yesterday.

Spoken a few words with her counsel, Attorney Guthrie, of Fredericton, turned and walked out of the dock in which she had sat for two days while two prosecuting attorneys attempted to fix upon her the evidence they were convinced they had collected. Without a backward glance at the set scene where the greatest drama of her life had been played, she left the court room with her aged mother, who had arisen out of a sick bed in order to give her the comfort of her presence at the trial.

The court room was crowded as Judge White slowly and firmly reviewed the evidence for the benefit of the jury. Now and again, as some important point in her favor or seemingly against her fell from the justice's lips, the prisoner at the bar turned dark, listless eyes on the jury, searching the faces of the twelve men in the box who held her life in their hands as though the drama was growing momentous and she no longer felt anxious as to the outcome.

The jury were out only an hour and fifteen minutes. When their verdict was pronounced the prisoner was dismissed by Judge White at the instance of Attorney General Grimmer.

THREW UP SPONGE IN TRESPASS CASE

Kings County Trial Came to An Abrupt End When Plaintiff's Lawyer Saw He Had No Case.

Hampton, N. B., Sept. 30.—The Kings County court met today with His Honor Mr. Justice McKeown on the bench. The only case on the docket was that of David A. Hatfield against the Riddle Robins Lumber Co., a question of alleged trespass in occupation of property at Hatfield's Point, Belleisle Bay. J. B. Baxter appeared for the plaintiff and C. W. Fowler, K. C., F. R. Taylor, E. C. Woyman and R. S. J. Eze for the defendant company. The jury is composed of G. H. Barnes, W. J. Devine, Harry DeForest, Drury Hasen, Forrest Cosman, R. Crawford and Harry Baird.

Mr. Baxter read the evidence of Jas. M. Somerville taken last June in chambers before Mr. Justice Landry, which was admitted. He also submitted deeds showing the transfer of the property to the plaintiff. G. G. Scott, Campbell Smith, James Case, Samuel H. Burns, J. A. Urquhart and Abram W. Hatfield gave evidence touching boundaries and possession.

The trial was resumed this afternoon, when David W. Hatfield was under cross-examination by Mr. Fowler for some time.

The plaintiff followed and stated that he relied on holding the property under a deed from his mother, or falling in that on possession for at least thirty-seven years. He placed the damages at \$8,000. He had never given any one the right or permission to enter on the premises, or use the land for any purpose whatever. In answer to Mr. Fowler, he said he had paid his mother \$100. He also said he had offered to sell all the property—house, mill and land, for \$8,200, which caused Mr. Fowler to remark that it was evident that the value of the property had increased since he had received it from his mother.

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Mr. Taylor moved that the case be dismissed on the ground that the deed upon which the plaintiff relied did not include the land in dispute, nor had the evidence disclosed anything to show that it was ever in the plaintiff's possession. His honor decided to proceed, and Mr. Weyman outlined the defence on the ground stated, and for nearly two hours put witness after witness on the stand to prove that they had been accustomed to pile logs on the land in controversy, having received permission to do so from the owner, the late Captain James Somerville, and later from Oliver Huggard, who had received payment from them for the right, and pointed out evidence which they made their brows.

None of the witnesses had ever asked or received permission from the plaintiff, nor any other Hatfield. These witnesses were: Thos. King, Ernest Myers, Edward Neill, John C. McLaughlin, Paul Sprague and Wm. Foster. Frank Burns also told of hearing the plaintiff ask Oliver Huggard for permission to build a runway from his mill over a strip of land where it has been customary for logs to be piled, and which permission had been given by Huggard rather than have waste accumulate on his property. That was in 1907, the track was laid and has been continued ever since.

On the close of this testimony, Mr. Baxter withdrew his case, asking permission to have judgment entered for the defendant with costs, which was granted by defendant's counsel, and so decreed by the court, which immediately adjourned.

GREAT TRUNK MAY MAKE ST. JOHN ITS TERMINUS

Montreal Report That Railway Will Drop Portland As Winter Port

President Chamberlin to Visit This City Soon and Look Over the Situation—Mayor Frink Interviews G. T. P. Officials and Intimates That the Outlook Is Bright For Great Development Here By G. T. Pacific—Has Satisfactory Talk With C. P. R. Officials Also.

Montreal, Sept. 30.—The transportation of the terminals and offices of the Grand Trunk and Grand Trunk Pacific railways from Boston and Portland to St. John (N. B.), an enormous engineering and financial operation which would take at least three years to consummate, is under the serious consideration of the Grand Trunk executive officials, and Mayor J. H. Frink, of St. John, is in Montreal today in conference with them.

E. J. Chamberlin, President of the Grand Trunk, is out of the city and will be away for two or three weeks, but it was intimated to Mr. Frink in the course of a long conference with other officials this morning, that Mr. Chamberlin is to make a visit of personal inspection to St. John in the near future with a view to considering the maritime city as the site for the Grand Trunk terminals.

"The chief part of the business which was done in the conference," Dr. Frink told a representative of the Montreal Star, "was of a semi-private nature, and I am not at liberty to disclose the details until I have reported to my colleagues in the St. John City Council."

"I may say, however, that the prospects for securing the terminals for St. John never looked brighter, and Mr. Chamberlin's promise of a visit to our city within, probably, the next two months, is a step which has given me much encouragement."

"I am confident, and most of my conferees in St. John are confident, that it will only need a careful and minute inspection of the advantages which our city offers the transcontinental railway, to convince the president of the G. T. and G. T. P. that St. John is the future city of Eastern Canada, and as such the logical terminal for a Canadian railway."

The improvements which are now under way in the port are such as to provide greatly additional facilities for shipping, and the public and city government of St. John have always been, and are ready to lend whatever aid they can to new industries coming to the city.

"That the Grand Trunk will be of great advantage to the city and the whole extent of the Maritime Provinces is, of course, indubitable, and I think we will be able to convince Grand Trunk officials just as surely that the advantage will be returned to them in kind."

Dr. Frink also had a short conference today with officials of the C. P. R., and stated that the attitude of that company was very favorable to St. John. He is accompanied on his trip by Mrs. Frink, who will return with him tonight to St. John.

THE FIFTH RECTOR OF KINGSTON IN 129 YEARS

Rev. C. Gordon Lawrence Inducted Monday—His Lordship Bishop Richardson Officiates—An Interesting Parish With an Interesting History.

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MISSIONARIES HELD FOR RANSOM BY BANDITS

Nine in the Hands of Notorious Chinese Brigand

Belief That Their Lives Are Not in Danger at Present—Troops Sent to Effect Their Rescue—Yuan Shi Kai Brings On the Elections.

Hankow, Sept. 30.—Five American missionaries and four Norwegian missionaries are in the hands of Chinese bandits, who on Friday captured the town of Tsao-yang, in the northern part of the province of Hu-Peh. The American prisoners are reported to be Mr. and Mrs. Holmes and child, and Mr. and Mrs. Fauske.

The Rev. G. Stockdale, of the Hughes Norwegian mission, telegraphs from Fan Cheng, that on Saturday Mr. Fauske, who is attached to the Lutheran brethren mission, was still held in Tsao-yang for ransom, but was separated from his wife, who, with the other foreigners, was held prisoners in another part of the city.

The notorious bandit, "White Wolf," whom the government has been fighting for several months, is the leader. Orders have been issued for the Chinese troops surrounding the district to advance towards Tsao-yang and exterminate the bandits.

General Li Yun Heng, vice-president of the republic, told J. Paul Jameson, acting American consul at Hankow, yesterday, that he believed the foreigners would not be harmed, and would not be taken away.

Washington, Sept. 30.—The American legation at Peking called the state department today that the government and opposition parties of the new Chinese republic which have been decimated for a long time since the question of presidential succession, have practically agreed to the immediate election of a president without awaiting the adoption of a new constitution.

The election question is now being arranged and the election of Yuan Shi Kai as permanent president is expected to take place in time for the first inauguration of a temporary elected president to be held Oct. 10, the first anniversary of the uprising at Wu Chang which resulted in the overthrowing of the Manchu dynasty.

While these things are going on in Peking, serious disturbances are threatened in the boundary between China and Mongolia. The legation reports that 4,000 Mongolians with twenty machine guns are ten miles north of Kalgan, a city in the province of Chihli, only 120 miles northwest of Peking. A large force of Chinese troops is at Kalgan, and it is believed that an engagement is imminent. Friction is developing between various provinces and the American consul at Chung King has telegraphed that friction is likely to occur there at any moment.

The Chinese foreign office has dispatched troops to the mission town of Tsao-yang, recently attacked by bandits.

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GREAT MAJORITY FOR TARIFF BILL

NORTH SHORE MAN ACCIDENTALLY SHOT TO DEATH

Reverend John Blain Was Handing to Companion in Carriage Discharged Bullet Into Him With Fatal Effect.

Chatham, N. B., Sept. 28.—A fatal hunting accident occurred late last night near the Grand Downs, whereby John Blaine, aged twenty-one years, the only son of his widowed mother, Mrs. Annie Blaine, of Ferrville, lost his life. He was with William Currie in a team, and while passing a revolver to his companion it was discharged. He died before his companion could bring him home. The deceased, who was a most estimable young man, is survived by his mother and two sisters, Miss Jean Blaine, of Monmouth's studio, and Miss Mildred Blaine, of the Newcastle exchange.

Currie himself very near collapse, says that they went driving and had across any small game. As John handed the gun over to Currie, he held the butt first, so that the barrel pointed at his own body. As Currie took the gun it is thought that he accidentally pressed upon Blaine's index finger which was in front of the trigger. The hammer had been left suspended.

Blaine at first did not lose consciousness and asked Currie to drive him to his own or Currie's home. Once on the way Currie asked him how he was and young Blaine replied that he was not hurt much, but felt certain he was going to die and wanted to reach Currie's home first.

When about opposite Bartheleme he said that he felt cold, and young Currie placed his own coat around him. He said nothing more and in a short time must have passed away. He was dead before young Currie could reach his home. The accident happened about half past ten o'clock last night.

NEW TARIFF OF GREAT BENEFIT TO CARLETON

F. B. Carvell, M. P., Refers to Prosperity of People in His Constituency—Valley Railway Troubles.

"Although it will not be of as much value to us as the proposed reciprocity bill would be, Carleton county will benefit greatly by the reductions provided for in the new United States tariff," said F. B. Carvell, M. P., of Woodstock, who was in the city yesterday.

"We have one of the finest farming countries in the world," he continued, "and all that we need is the market. Now that the reductions in the customs tariff make it possible for the New Brunswick farmers to sell their produce across the line a new era of prosperity will commence. I fully expect to see the value of farm lands in Carleton county increase to at least double within the next two or three years, and I know of no better investment in Canada today than farm lands in our own province."

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