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## A PAGE OF NEWS ABOUT THE MARITIME

### MRS. PERRY MUST STAND TRIAL ON MURDER CHARGE

Mansfield Ross is Remanded by Court Until Next Monday for Hearing.

### MAGISTRATE ATTACKS NEWSPAPER REPORTS

Declares it is Unfair to Condemn Prisoner on Evidence of Coroner's Court.

Yarmouth, N. S., April 29.—Stipendiary Magistrate Chase, S. Pelton this morning committed Mrs. Clara Elizabeth Perry for trial next June on a charge of murdering her husband, the late Captain Geo. H. Perry, at his home on the night of Feb. 26 last. Mansfield Ross, fiancé of Mrs. Perry's daughter, Eleanor, was remanded for trial on the charge that "he, knowing that Clara Elizabeth Perry had committed such crime, did comfort, receive and assist her in escaping justice."

### Text of Judgment.

The text of the decision rendered by the magistrate is as follows: "The King vs. Clara Elizabeth Perry, decision of Stipendiary Magistrate on preliminary examination. "After carefully perusing the depositions of the witnesses taken before me on this preliminary examination and the cases submitted by the learned counsel for both Crown and accused, I have come to the conclusion that it is my duty to commit the accused for trial. I do not consider it my duty, and feel that it would be improper for me as a magistrate, to make any comment on the evidence adduced, except to say that I am doubtful in my own mind as to whether some of the evidence tendered is admissible. "This, however, is a matter for the trial judge to pass upon, and I think there is sufficient evidence, although circumstantial, to send the accused before the grand jury for its action."

### Against the Papers.

"I wish to express my regret that some of the newspapers of the province have seen fit to publish columns of reports in connection with the case which were largely idle gossip and hearsay evidence. All these things are, of course, inadmissible as evidence in a British court of justice, but a tremendous amount of harm may be done to an accused person, presumed to be innocent until convicted and found guilty, by the publication of such reports. I do not regret my connection with this case, or ever before having stood in this province, a case where an accused person was condemned in the eyes of the public by the publication of such reports. I am a magistrate, and I would respectfully suggest to the proper authorities that something should be done in the way of explanation, if necessary to prevent a recurrence of this mode of influencing the minds of a jury which has to decide a question of life or death, before the case is properly placed before it. I commit the accused, Clara Elizabeth Perry, for trial."

### (Signed)

"CHARLES S. PELTON, "Stipendiary Magistrate."

Mrs. Perry after Stipendiary Pelton completed the decision held a brief consultation with her solicitor, R. W. E. Landry. Action was then taken to bind over the witnesses for the trial, which will be held in June.

Ross' case will be continued on Monday morning, when several more witnesses are to be heard.

### PAVING MAY BE DELAYED

The paving of Douglas Avenue may be delayed some time possibly may not be done this season is the latest report. The New Brunswick Power Co. who agreed to lay a power line along the banks, it was reported at City Hall yesterday morning and the matter is being discussed by the powers that be. One view expressed is that this is a move to make the city come to time in regard to the distribution of the Musquash power. It is expected the matter will be further considered at meeting of the Power Co. on Monday.

Yigo, April 28.—Britannia, New York.

### Preacher Guilty of Crime Against Girl

On First Ballot on First Count Rev. Chas. Steeves' Jury Brings in Verdict.

Special to The Standard Woodstock, N. B., April 29.—The case of Rev. Charles Steeves, charged with having carnal knowledge of Edith Brooker, a girl under 14 years of age, was concluded at tonight's session and the court adjourned until tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock, when Judge Barry will sentence the prisoner, James McDonald and Charles Steeves.

The witnesses heard this afternoon for the defence were: Chas. Steeves, the prisoner; George Lloyd, Cecil Brooker and Miles Clarke. Edith Brooker, the father of Miss Brooker, was recalled.

### The Jurymen

The following constitutes the jury: A. H. L. Bell, Stanley Hatfield, S. L. Lynd, James W. Gallagher, Harry Clover, Frank Everett, Edward Spence, Chas. McKinley, Frank Gallagher, Alfred Ball, H. B. Scott, W. S. Stone. The jury was addressed by Fred G. Sullivan for the prisoner, and R. L. Simms for the crown. At the evening session, Judge Barry addressed the jury, stating that this was a very serious charge, the punishment for life. He reviewed the evidence, and while perfectly fair to the prisoner, no prisoner ever was so severely dealt with in a judicial way in this county than was Rev. Charles Steeves. The jury on the first ballot within a few minutes after retirement voted Steeves guilty and reported to the court, through their foreman, Hazen B. Scott, a verdict of guilty in the first count, which reads: "Having carnal knowledge of a girl under 14 years of age."

### FRANCE READY TO GO ALONE AGAINST FOE

United States Still Hopeful of Ending Trouble by Negotiations.

(Continued from page 1.) Upon what administration officials based their hopefulness was not disclosed as they continued to maintain absolute silence as to the character of the informal exchanges with the Allied Governments, and also as to the views of the United States on the proposals. It became known, however, that neither Great Britain nor Italy had finally rejected as a basis for possible discussion the German offer. France and Belgium were understood to hold that the proposals as such were unacceptable, but apparently the informal replies to Mr. Hughes were on such a character as to cause officials here to believe that the door had not been closed to further consideration of a settlement by discussion. The impression gained from here tonight that the next formal move in the controversy would await the outcome of the meeting at London tomorrow of the Allied supreme council.

### No Word for Germany

It was made known officially that the United States Government had not communicated to Germany any request for a modification of the proposals, and that Germany had not approached the United States Government with any such request. The situation with which the United States is faced in the role in which it finds itself, is recognized as a delicate one. It is emphasized again that the United States is in no sense acting as an agent of Germany, that it is acting purely as an associate and friend of the Allied Governments, its former associates in the war against the common enemy.

### Chief Problem

The chief problem in the whole controversy, in the view here, is to determine how much Germany can pay and make her pay that sum. The United States made its position in this respect perfectly clear to Germany in its last memorandum to that government. On the other hand, it is alleged that anything that would prevent Germany's recuperation and taking of her proper place in the economic world is to be guarded against.

### Police Court CASES DEALT WITH

In the police court yesterday, Andrew Hackable of Minto was fined \$3 for drunkenness and for using profane language. He was advised to get steam up and beat it back to the coast fields.

A juvenile, charged with wandering about and falling to give a satisfactory account of himself was remanded. His father and step-mother are to be summoned to court to account for the young fellow's practices, which have come to the attention of the court on several occasions.

James Race pleaded not guilty to wandering about in Brussels street at an early hour in the morning and falling to give a satisfactory account of himself. He was remanded.

St. Michaels, April 28.—Canopic New York and Boston.

Hayre, April 27.—France, New York.

Genoa, April 26.—Gioseppe Verdi New York.

Cape Town, April 26.—Fantos, St. John.



### Improvement League To Be Incorporated

North End Citizens Transact Considerable Business at Meeting Held Last Evening

A playing ground suitable for the requirements of the people of the North End was assured by the energetic legislation enacted at a meeting of the North End Improvement League held in the Dufferin School, on Elm street, last night.

The following were appointed provisional directors ending the taking out of letters patent and the incorporating of the league, J. Fraser Gregory, R. P. Hamm, C. F. Stevens, W. H. Turner and M. P. Smith.

The grounds committee were empowered to go ahead with the work on the grounds and employ men to cross drain the land with a system of French drains. This is a system of drainage in which coarsely broken rock is filled into trenches and covered with cinders, and has been found very effective in draining swampy ground.

In addition to the draining of the outfield, a baseball diamond is to be prepared at once and a building erected on the grounds, the first unit of a series of future buildings.

J. S. Gregory has donated a 50 foot flag pole for the grounds, and Fred Heane, the twelve foot flag, which is to flourish at the lofty mast head.

It was reported that membership cards are being bought very freely, and the prospects of a fine playing field for one of the snappiest sporting aggregations in the city are rapidly looming up in the North End.

C. F. Stevens was the chairman, and T. A. Armour the secretary of last night's very optimistic and encouraging meeting.

### HIGH FREIGHT RATES KILLING THE MARITIME

Maritime Board of Trade, in Session at Moncton, Adopts Strong Resolutions.

WANT I. C. R. UNDER DEPT. OF RAILWAYS

Demand That Rates be in Accordance With Terms of Confederation.

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Moved by L. W. Simms, of St. John and J. S. Smiley, of Amherst; Whereas this meeting has been advised that it is in the interests of the Governments of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island to make representations to the Dominion Government in respect to the management and rates on what was formerly the Intercolonial Railway of Canada; Therefore, be it resolved that this meeting do request these Governments of the Maritime Provinces to convey the resolution in respect to the subject passed at a representative meeting held in Moncton, April 29, to the Government of Canada. And also resolved that the secretary of this meeting be asked to notify each of the commercial, labor and agricultural organizations in the Maritime Provinces to appoint delegates to accompany the government delegates on this mission.

### Want Special Probe

On motion of C. I. Martin of Amherst, seconded by Mr. W. J. Power of Amherst, it was resolved that each Maritime government be requested to appoint two members of a committee these six to appoint a chairman to act as a special committee to investigate the matter of best methods of advancing the commercial, agricultural and industrial interests of these provinces.

### IN FAIRVILLE COURT.

Both the afternoon and morning sessions of the Fairville police court were devoted yesterday to the case of Clarence Burke, James Somerville and his two sons, Alexander and William, who are charged with stealing a quantity of goods from G.P.R. cars in the Fairville yards. J. A. Barry appeared for the accused, and H. H. McLean, Jr., prosecuted for the G.P.R. After the evidence of a number of witnesses had been taken the case was adjourned by Magistrate Allingham.

### BODY 3,000 YEARS OLD

Copenhagen, April 29.—The mummified body of a woman who died 3,000 years ago was found recently buried in a field in the Jutland district of Denmark, and is being unwrapped by employees of the National Museum. Her coffin was the hollow trunk of an oak tree and the body was wrapped in a cowhide. She appears to have been a person of rank. Her garments included a short kilt with sleeves and a petticoat, and she wore two belts around her waist and two bronze bracelets on her arms.

### People Are Better Friends Than Books

Interesting Debate, Program and Sale Conducted by C. G. I. T. Girls at St. David's

A most pleasing entertainment was given in St. David's Church school this morning at which the Canadian Girls in Training at which the president, Miss Francis Campbell presided. A feature of the programme was a debate on the subject—"Resolved that books make better friends than people." On the affirmative side were Miss Elvira Pike; Miss Isabelle Somerville; Miss Bernice Somerville, while those on the negative were Miss Hazel Thompson, Miss Helen Clark, Miss Margaret Kier. The judges were Mrs. J. A. MacKeigan, Miss Helen MacMurray and Miss Helen Hannah. Excellent arguments were put forth by both sides of debaters and after some deliberation the judges decided in favor of the negative.

Other items on the programme were vocal solos by Miss Isabelle Jamieson, Miss Jean Aird, Reading, Miss Flora McDonald; Piano Selection, Miss Lilian Clark. A series of tableaux representing characters from books which proved very pleasing were given by the "Onaway" Group, C. G. I. T. At the close there was a sale of candy presided over by the "Skylark" Group; also a sale of ice cream and cake conducted by girls of other groups. A neat sum was realized and the proceeds will be devoted to the missionary fund.

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### Maritime Foundry Has Closed Down

Chatham Industry Has to Shut Down—Snowball Drive is Out.

Chatham, April 29.—The Maritime Foundry closes down today. The dullness of milling and pulp business is assigned as the cause. About twenty men are thrown out of employment. The management hope to resume operations in a short time, however.

### Has Sold Tug.

Mr. Charles Reimsborough has sold his powerful little tug, Sir Douglas, and two scows to Mr. Jerome Savoy of Neguac. Men are at work putting the boat in shape for launching. She will be used for towing, principally pulp wood, during the coming season.

### Snowball Drive Out.

The J. B. Snowball Co. drive on the Tabusintac is out. The company's output this year is all on that stream and is about one-sixth of the usual season's output.

The Miramichi Lumber Co.'s drive is coming along nicely with plenty of water, but as in the case of the Snowball Co., very little lumber is being driven.

### Pneumonia Attacks Mr. W. S. Loggie, M. P.

Special to The Standard Chatham, N. B., April 29.—The condition of W. S. Loggie, M.P., is reported tonight as showing no material change. He had a fairly good night last night and seemed somewhat improved during the day. Pneumonia having developed, Mr. Loggie's condition is considered critical, though hopes are still entertained for his recovery.

### CONTRACTS AWARDED

Fredericton, N. B., April 29.—M. Hill, chief highway engineer announced this morning that contracts for construction of two stretches of highway under federal aid provision had been awarded and work would begin as soon as possible. The contract for the construction of 4.5 miles from Spruce Lake to Musquash has been awarded to Whitman Brewer of Devon, W. H. Maxwell of Fredericton, and A. Brewer of Devon. The price is about \$28,000 and the road is to be of improved gravel type. The work will be on the St. John-St. Stephen trunk road and will be entirely within St. John County. The contract for 2.2 miles of highway from Shaw Bridge to Dalhousie has been awarded to J. E. McIntyre and Herman Giron of Charlottetown. The price is in the vicinity of \$15,000. The road is also to be of gravel construction.

### HONOR MOUNT ALLISON.

London, Ont., April 29.—Ray L. Allen, a graduate of Mount Allison University, New Brunswick, and now on the staff of Brandon College, Manitoba, has been appointed junior instructor in physics at the Western University here.

### CRERAR CONFERS WITH LIBERALS AT FREDERICTON

Endeavoring to Form Working Agreement With Them for By-Election.

### ADDRESS TWO MORE MEETINGS IN RIDING

Good Attendance to Hear Head of United Farmers on Politics.

Special to The Standard Fredericton, N. B., April 29.—Hon. T. A. Crerar, leader of the Farmers, or National Progressive Party, spoke at two meetings this evening in the York-Sunbury Federal by-election campaign. The first meeting was at Marysville, a manufacturing town, where Canadian Cottons, Ltd., have one of the largest textile mills in Canada, which is now operating only four days a week, and the second meeting was at Nashwaakia, a village three miles from Fredericton.

The meetings were unique in that both were held in places which never before had been honored by the leader of a Federal party, because the people from these places have always attended the big political meetings of the past in Fredericton. Tomorrow afternoon Mr. Crerar will speak at a meeting at the Farmers' campaign headquarters, where it is expected there will be a good many people in attendance from various parts of the two counties, who will be in town for the week-end market.

### Confers With Liberals

One of the most significant figures of Mr. Crerar's visit here has been the conference he has held with delegations of Liberals, including individuals, and a party of four or five, who are said to be representatives of the Liberal executive for York-Sunbury. The Liberals have not nominated a candidate for the by-election, and after a meeting of the executive some time ago, A. H. VanWart, the chairman, announced that they had determined to ask the Liberals of the constituency to throw their support in with the Farmers' candidates. This announcement was afterwards repudiated by other Liberals of the Unionist wing of the party, who said that the executive had no authority to take such a step and that they should have called a convention of the party. Mr. Crerar's conference with these Liberal delegations is said to have been regarding a working arrangement between the two executives for the purposes of co-ordination and co-operation.

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