

THE STAR, ST. JOHN, N. B. WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1907.

REPORT FALSE SAYS LAVERGNE

Sir Wilfrid Has Shown No
Animosity Towards Him

Is Still a Liberal, Although He May
at Times Disagree With
Government's Policy

OTTAWA, Feb. 5.—On motion to go into supply, Armand Lavergne rose to call attention to certain statements which, he said, had been circulated first in the province of Quebec and then in other provinces by an "over zealous and party press." He quoted from Le Soleil of Quebec, of January 28, a paragraph headed "Well deserved rebuff," which read as follows: "Armand Lavergne had an experience of a very disagreeable nature when he introduced to the Prime Minister a delegation composed of the most important Liberals of his country. The object of the delegation was to secure the construction of a wharf at St. Anne and concerning other works. It is reported that in answer to the representations the Right Hon. Sir Wilfrid Laurier told the delegates that he would be happy to listen to their request, but for the present he could not pay any attention to any demand coming from Mr. Lavergne, seeing that he was not a ministerial member. Mr. Lavergne, it is reported, made answer that he had always understood that among the principles of French Canadian Liberalism was the principle of liberty. In the course of a subsequent interview it is reported that Mr. Lavergne declared that he would resign his seat as a member for the county of Montmagny and run again, in order to test the feeling of his constituents."

Mr. Lavergne said that like many other stories which had appeared in the press there was not a word of truth in the whole matter, and then he proceeded to quote the Toronto Globe's account of what happened at the interview, adding that it was in general more correct. The story, he went on, had created some sensation in the press of the country, which had had spoken of his excommunication. The truth was that by decision of the leader of the house he was no longer a ministerial member, but he thought he could say that he was not elected as a government supporter. He was chosen and elected as a Liberal and nothing else. His political attitude when he was elected for Montmagny was that of an independent man, and that attitude he had maintained. When he was chosen he received a document from the government inviting him to declare that he approved of the acts of the government and that he was a ministerial candidate, but that document he refused to sign. He pledged himself to the elements to support Liberal principles, and he thought he had fulfilled that pledge. It was true that he had not always acted as a ministerial member, but he thought there was a difference between a Liberal and a ministerialist. (Opposition cheers.)

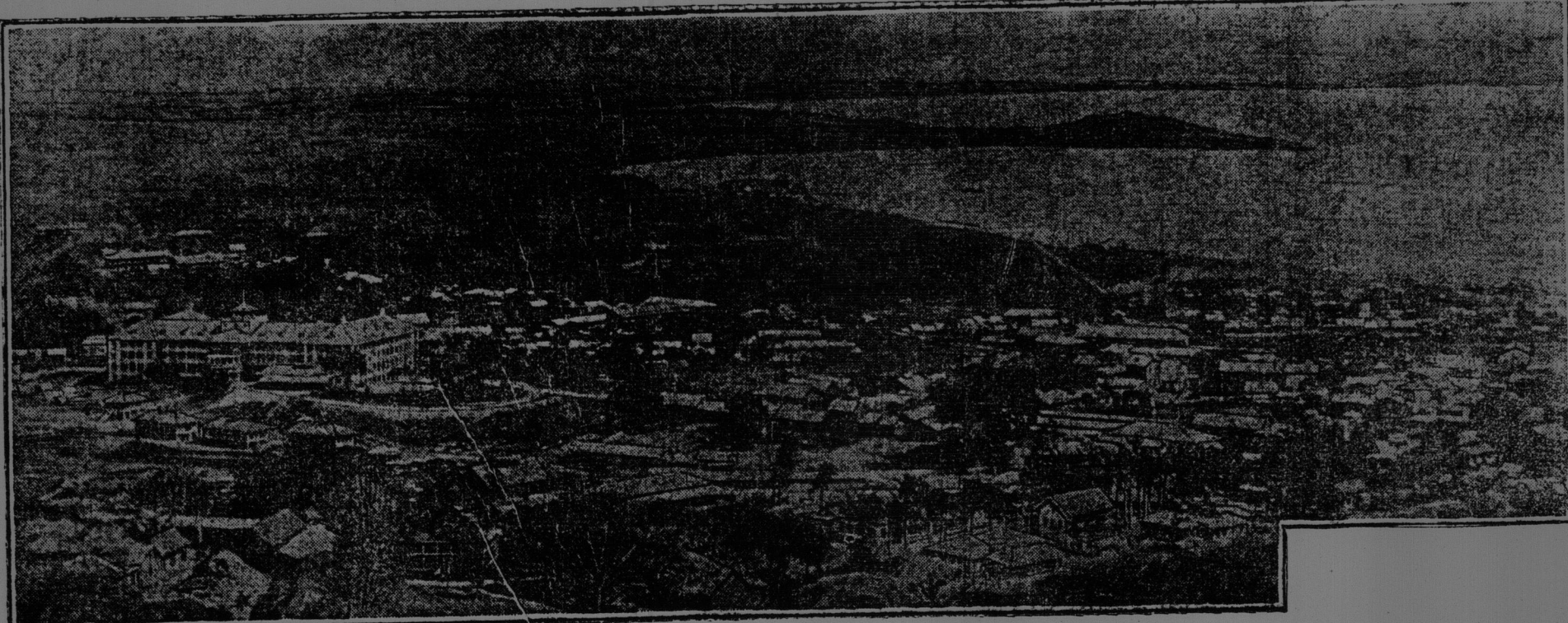
Mr. Lavergne proceeded to defend his action on four occasions on which he had voted against the government, namely on the Northwest school question, on the North Atlantic Trading Company immigration policy, on the Sunday bill, and recently on the question of printing the Revised Statutes in French as well as in English. He also claimed that he was justified in supporting Mr. Robitaille in Quebec county and the Liberal candidate, Mr. Ainsie, in Ste. Marie. As for the patronage of which he had been deprived, he maintained that he had administered it loyally and in the interests of the party. He was ready to meet the electors and discuss that question with them, and he was ready to meet any one the government chose to send against him. He thought the electors would support him, but even if he were defeated he would go out of public life as he had entered it, with clean hands and a clear conscience. In acting as he had done he claimed that he had acted as a true Liberal and on the principle that above party there was country.

On motion to go into supply Mr. McCarthy of Calgary offered an amendment to discuss the Southern Alberta Land Company's position. The lands were obtained by various interests in large areas for grazing purposes at very low rates, and had passed from one party to another at large profits, finally being merged in the Southern Alberta Land Company.

He would say nothing against the operations of the company, which was under heavy expense for promotion and irrigation expenses. The work and most of the land had been obtained under a closed lease by the Grand Forks Cattle Company, which had sold out to the Roblin Irrigation Company at a profit of about \$100,000. The government might as well have given a check for this amount from the treasury, so palpable were the prospective profits of the government.

Mr. McCarthy moved: "That this house, while favorable to every reasonable and legitimate undertaking for

STRICKEN KINGSTON. Governor Swettenham Appeals for Aid in Rebuilding the City --- Subscription List Re-opened.



A BIRD'S EYE VIEW.



Remains of one of Kingston's largest warehouses

KINGSTON RELIEF FUND REOPENED

Owing to the conflicting reports regarding the conditions in Kingston, Jamaica, The Star and The Sun, a few days ago suspended the collection of relief funds, pending the arrival of authoritative information. Yesterday a cable was received from Governor Swettenham, expressing deep gratitude for the offer of aid from the people of this province, and stating that money was preferred rather than supplies.

In view of this the fund will be reopened and the money received in addition to that already on hand, will be transmitted to Kingston by the Bank of Nova Scotia Saturday.

Following is the list of subscriptions to date:

Manchester Robertson Allison, (Limited),		\$200.00
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A. Friend,		2.00
M. M. Forbes,		2.00
Anders J. Jensen,		200.00
Sun and Star		2.00
Total		\$621.00

FREDERICTON CIVIC MATTERS DISCUSSED

No Light Will be Placed on Star
Line Wharf Where Many Accidents
Have Taken Place

FREDERICTON, Feb. 5.—The City Council met in regular monthly session tonight. By a vote of 6 to 4 the council decided against placing a light on the Star Line wharf where last summer so many fatal accidents occurred. The bills to be submitted to the legislature were stood over for a future meeting. The resignation of F. E. Murray as a member of the city Board of Health was accepted and J. H. Moore appointed in his place.

CURIOUS SANCTUARY FOR HARE

LONDON, Feb. 5.—A hare which was started by a motor-car, about a mile and a half out of Wimborne Minster, kept ahead of the car and ran into the town. Here several dogs, boys and men joined in the chase, but the hare was too nimble for them and sought sanctuary in the grounds of the Ursuline Convent.

OLD ROMAN COINS FOUND.

CARDIFF, Feb. 5.—Nearly 500 Roman coins, most of them bearing the effigy of Caracalla, were found on Saturday, near Llandudno. The police have taken possession of them, and a coroner's inquest will be held.

WHY NOT STOP WHITING?

LONDON, Feb. 5.—A new terror has been discovered by the Lancet. It declares that the dirty blotting pad is responsible for spreading disease germs, which are collected by the open ink pot. Its remedies are antiseptic ink and clean blotting pads daily.

GERMAN TO JUDGE WELSH MUSIC.

CARDIFF, Feb. 5.—The Langhai National Eisteddfod Musical Committee decided last night to secure a foreign musician to act as judge in the chief choral contests. Dr. Richard Strauss was selected.

BOOM COMPANY'S AFFAIRS IN COURT

Contending Interests Agree as to How
It Should be Carried on—Judgment Reserved

Yesterday afternoon before Chief Justice Tuck an application was made by J. J. F. Winslow and J. A. Winslow of Fredericton for a winding up order to wind up the Fredericton Boom Co. The petition was on Saturday last presented to the chief justice at Fredericton, but at the request of some of those interested the hearing was adjourned to take place yesterday in this city.

The application was made under the Dominion Winding Up Act, although the company had already begun proceedings to have the company wound up under the act of the local legislature.

After J. J. F. Winslow had read the petition and the affidavits in its support, J. H. Barry, K. C., of Fredericton, on behalf of the company, read affidavits of officials of the company and argued that sufficient grounds had not been shown for the making of the order and that the company, being neither a trading company nor insolvent, could not be wound up under the Dominion act but must be wound up under the local act.

A. P. Barnhill, K. C., on behalf of the lumbermen, stated that the company was not a trading company and therefore no winding up order could be made, that as no action of the company was alleged which the statute provided should be evidence of insolvency, the fact of insolvency would have to be proven and that the company having been created by act of the legislature with quasi public duties to be performed by the company until 1920 the property of the company could only be sold after the passage of an act by the legislature giving such permission, and therefore a winding up order would be useless for the purpose of sale.

Continuing his argument he said that the charter provides that the shareholders individually were responsible for any default or neglect of the company to the extent of the value of their present holdings in the company that is to the extent of a double liability, and therefore a winding up order ought not to be made to relieve them from responsibility in caring for the logs.

By the petition and affidavits in support as well as by a petition prepared by the company for an order under the provincial act, which was read by Mr.



Walls of Mormon Church cracked by shocks

Barry, it appeared that the company is indebted to the People's Bank for the sum of \$7,000, this being the amount for which the bank recently recovered a judgment on confession given by the company. Further it seems that by the winding up under the provincial act which the company claimed would be the cheapest process, it was proposed to be relieved from the provisions of the act and also to realize by sale of its plant sufficient to pay the indebtedness of the company.

MURDERER KILLED BY DYING VICTIM

Released Convict Has Revenge on Betrayer,
But at Forfeit of His Life.

PARIS, Feb. 5.—There was a savage fight between two Apaches last night in the Rue de Grenelle, in the course of which they were both killed.

Alphonse Bouille came out of prison yesterday, after two years of hard labor, and forthwith began to hunt over Paris for his intimate friend, Leon Jouvenin, who had betrayed him to the police. He met him in the Rue de Grenelle, and at once shot him mortally.

Two policemen arrested the murderer, but while they were struggling with him the dying man crawled on his hands and knees behind them and stabbed Bouille five times in the back, breaking his blade off in the wound as he fell back, dead, in the gutter.

DRUNKARDS GOOD FIGHTERS.

CAPE TOWN, Feb. 5.—Roger Peacock, founder of the Legion of Frontiersmen, made the remarkable statement at Bristol that hopeless drunkards were the best fighting men because of their high nervous development.

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS IN NOVA SCOTIA

Mayors and Councilors Were Elected
In Thirty-two Incorporated Towns
Yesterday

HALIFAX, N. S., Feb. 5.—In municipal elections for mayors and councilors in 32 incorporated towns of Nova Scotia, today, there were several very keen contests for mayor, notably in Amherst, Glace Bay, Kentville, Lunenburg, New Glasgow and Yarmouth; in Amherst, ex-Mayor Thomas Plowher defeated George W. Cole by eleven votes. In Glace Bay, Mayor D. M. Burchess was again returned by a large majority over John C. Douglas. In Kentville, Mayor W. E. Ross was re-elected over E. H. Dodge. In Lunenburg, Mayor A. R. Morash was returned for a sixth term. In New Glasgow, Mayor George MacDougall defeated Dr. F. W. Wright after a bitter and strenuous contest. In Yarmouth, Mayor S. C. Hood was given a second term, defeating Councillor Eakins. In Truro, Mayor Murray was returned by a rousing vote, his colored opponent polling only forty-seven votes.

Other mayors elected were: Annapolis, J. M. Owen; Antigonish, Prof. A. G. McEwen; Bridgewater, W. W. Hoyt; Bridgewater, Dr. D. Macintosh; Canoe, E. C. Whitman; Dartmouth, E. F. Williams; Digby, W. W. Hayden; Hantsport, Capt. Faulkner; Inverness, Mayor McIsaac; Kentville, W. E. Ross; Liverpool, A. W. Hendry; Louisbourg, W. W. Lewis; North Sydney, W. Hackett; Oxford, Alex. Ross; Parrsboro, F. A. Rand; Pictou, M. J. Smith; Port Hood, D. F. McLean; Springhill, A. B. Wilson; St. John's, J. Mahoney; Sydney Mines, A. Stewart; Westville, R. H. MacKay; Windsor, A. F. Armstrong; Wolfville, W. M. Black; Stewiacke, Alfred Dickie.

GLACE BAY, Feb. 15.—Election here resulted as follows: For mayor, D. M. Burchell, 1,312; J. C. Douglas, 842.

For councillor: Total, 1,392. J. J. McNeill, 890. R. D. Anderson, 937. R. Wilton, 854. J. E. McKee, 825. P. Ogilvie, 784. A. McKegan, 764. E. C. MacDonald, 763. W. R. Todd, 456. D. McIntosh, 291. The first four are elected.

OFFICER BELVEA'S NARROW ESCAPE

Knocked Down by the Street Ry.
Sweeper

Reported That His Accident Was Due
to Intoxication—Chief Clerk
Will Investigate

Pedestrians who were fighting their way homewards along King street through the snow storm about half-past six last night were witnesses of the unusual spectacle of a policeman being taken in charge by two small boys and led up to central station.

The officer in question was W. S. Belyea, who was on his way to the central to report before going off duty at the end of his day's work as patrolman.

The attention of the passerby was first attracted by shouting, the sudden stopping of the large snow plow of the Street Railway, which was making its way down King street.

The officer who had collected found that Officer Belyea had been thrown down by the sweeper and had had a narrow escape from death.

The officer staggered to his feet and started up the street, followed by a curious mob of men and boys. When he reached the square, instead of making his way along the path, the officer started in a zig-zag direction through the snow, grasping one tree after another.

Two boys, one of whom is employed in the shoe shining shop at the head of King street, took hold of the officer and gently led him to his destination. Arriving at the vestibule they placed him on the floor and one of the boys rushed in and broke the news to Chief Clark, who at once ordered that the police officer be brought into the station.

It is further said that the officer while stepping out of a pool room on Mill street about six o'clock fell on the sidewalk. He then started to crawl along on his hands and knees until some men from the pool room came out to assist him. They took him into the pool room, from which he emerged some minutes later.

Chief Clark said last night that he would investigate the matter today. He was informed that the officer was hurt by the car and would require a doctor's services.

POLICE RELIEF AND AID ASSOCIATION

Officer Finley Elected President of
Majority of One

The election of officers for the coming year of the Police Relief and Aid Society resulted as follows: President, W. J. Finley, who was elected by a majority of one over Sgt. Geo. Baxter; vice-president, J. H. Ross; recording secretary, F. Lucas; general secretary, W. S. Belyea; trustees, F. W. Jenkins, W. Walker Clark, J. Ross, Thomas Caples; sick committee, Henry Kilpatrick; O. C. W. J. H. Gossline; financial and audit committee, C. H. Rankine, Thomas Sullivan, George Corbett; investment committee, Henry Kilpatrick; O. C. Ward, J. McCollum; past president, James Semple.

A committee consisting of President Finley, Sgt. Kilpatrick, Sgt. Baxter, Deputy Chief Jenkins and Officer Crawford was appointed to make arrangements for holding ice sports. The committee will meet this afternoon to discuss the matter.

Natural History Society

The regular monthly meeting of the Natural History Society was held last evening. Dr. Geo. F. Matthews in the chair.

John G. McKinnon, G. Clowes Carman and W. R. Shanklin were elected ordinary members and Mrs. A. Puddington, Miss Edith R. Naeve, Mrs. A. Woodman, Mrs. M. E. Best, Mrs. Wm. Greer, Miss French, Mrs. Geo. McAvity, Mrs. Snider, Miss Alice Isaac, Mrs. J. W. Rachee, Miss Belle Morrison, Miss M. Robertson, Miss Grace A. Estey, Mrs. A. O. Skinner, Mrs. M. V. Paddock, Mrs. Geo. W. Noble, Miss Annie J. Shanklin associate members.

There were presented to the museum by Mrs. Freeman Lake 8 knob kerries, a killing stick for game used by the Zulus, and a gun bucket for butt of gun used by the Boers; specimens of caplin by Mr. Addy; fossils from the Nerepis valley by A. Gordon Leavitt; specimens of meteorites from Toluca, Mexico, Puttuck, Poland, and Ehrenham, Kansas, by W. F. Burditt.

A hearty vote of thanks was ordered to be conveyed to the donors. W. F. Burditt read a paper entitled "Messengers from Outer Space and What They Have to Tell Us. Mr. Burditt in a most entertaining and instructive way described the composition of the various meteorites which have fortunately fallen into hands where they have received the careful study which they deserve. The differences between comets and meteors were shown and the several theories regarding the origin of the latter given and enlarged upon.

With the aid of the reflectoscope operated by Wm. McIntosh many views of celebrated meteorites were shown, among them the three kinds, Siderites, Ekenolites and Aerolites. The lecturer after sifting out all the points in connection with the various theories regarding the origin of meteorites declared that they had probably originally been part of the earth, then thrown up by volcanic or other force, wandered through space for an indefinite time and finally returned to mother earth.

The lecture was discussed by Dr. Matthews, Dr. Hay and Dr. Addy and a hearty vote of thanks tendered the lecturer.

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