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## QUICK HANDLING OF THE OVER-SEAS MAIL

C. P. R. Steamer Lost  
No Time

Trains Caught Her at North  
Sydney—Some Fast Time  
Made

SYDNEY, N. S., May 31.—The importance of North Sydney as a port of call for transatlantic mail steamers was never as well demonstrated as on the present trip of the C. P. R. liner Empress of Ireland, which arrived there about four o'clock this morning and for the first time came up the harbor opposite Prince Edward, where the transfer of mails and passengers was made with the usual facility. An important feature of the event was the arrival at North Sydney for the first time of the over-seas mail. Owing to a washout on the C. P. R. at Port Arthur the C. P. R. special carrying transatlantic mails was delayed. In the ordinary course of events the Empress would have been obliged to wait at Quebec until the arrival of this train, but instead of that she proceeded at the usual sailing hour. In the meantime the washout was repaired and the special proceeded right through to St. John, thence through to North Sydney, where it arrived only two hours behind the C. P. R. special with the Canadian transatlantic mails and the steamer was able to fulfil her over-seas mail contract. The I. C. R. train covered the distance between Point Tupper and North Sydney in two hours and three minutes, making a new record.

## FAMOUS POET DIED LAST NIGHT

MONTREAL, May 31.—Dr. Louis Frechette, the famous French-Canadian poet and well known all over the Dominion as a leading literary and personal friend of Victor Hugo, died this evening after a brief illness. Dr. Frechette formerly represented Lévis in the house of commons and was editor of La Patrie when that paper was conducted by the late Mayor Beauregard on advanced or radical lines. His series on the kings of France did more perhaps to destroy monarchism in the minds of young French-Canadians than any other writings. The late poet was also a member of the Royal Society of Canada.

Louis Honoré Frechette, poet and dramatist, belonged to one of Canada's oldest French families. He was born at Lévis, November 16, 1859, and received his education at Quebec and Nicolet. In 1884 he was called to the bar, but a year later took up a journalistic career in Chicago, where he subsequently became corresponding secretary of the Illinois Central Railway land department. In 1871 the poet now deceased returned to Quebec and took up the practice of law. Three years later he was returned in the Liberal interest as M. P. for Lévis. In 1878 and in 1882 he met defeat at the polls and after the latter date devoted himself to literature and journalism. As a journalist the late Mr. Frechette edited the Quebec Journal, Lévis Journal, L'Amérique de Chicago and La Patrie of Montreal. For his work as a poet he was honored by the French Academy, McGill, Queen's and Laval Universities gave him honorary degrees and in 1897 he was made C. M. G. In 1878 he married Emma, daughter of the late J. B. Beaudry of Montreal. His work in French prose and verse was numerous.

## CONSERVATIVES LOST THE COUNTRY \$200,000

Expensive Result of Interference With Dredging  
Contracts

OTTAWA, May 31.—The country will have to pay from a hundred and fifty to two hundred thousand dollars this year as the result of the Conservative attitude in regard to this year's declining contracts for dredging.

In March the Minister of Public Works had decided not to call for new tenders on certain dredging operations which had been begun the year before, but to extend the contracts at the same rates paid last year.

Hon. Dr. Pugsley said that there were two reasons for this decision. The first was that his engineers reported the rates on all the contracts as reasonable. The second reason was that it was desirable to hurry the work, particularly on some of the Georgian Bay ports where the Canadian Pacific, Canadian Northern and Grand Trunk Pacific railways wanted dredging work at terminal ports as soon as possible and it would be better to renew the contracts with men who had plants on the spot than to invite tenders and give other contractors time to get their dredges at the contract in case their bids were lowest.

Mr. Bennett, of Simcoe, the Conservative member, who makes supervision of dredging his specialty, protested against this and declared that extension of contracts without new tenders was a scandalous evidence of government corruption and graft.

Mr. Bennett was supported in his position by Mr. Borden and the whole Conservative following. They threatened to make this an excuse for the withholding of supplies. Dr. Pugsley announced that he would meet the wishes of the opposition and would cancel the order-in-council extending the Ontario and Quebec dredging contracts and would call for tenders and invite competition. This was accordingly done.

The new tenders, with the exception of those from one or two minor places, were all higher than the rates on the contracts which it was proposed to extend. The increases ranged from one or two to twenty-five cents a yard higher than last year's rates.

The losses at the various ports as the result of Mr. Bennett's activity in the interest of public economy are as follows:

**WILL OF LATE SURVEYOR-GENERAL PROBATED**

FREDERICTON, N. B., May 31.—The will of one of Canada's oldest French families, W. P. Flewelling was probated yesterday afternoon. The document bears date of March 5th last and was witnessed by Col. T. G. Loggie and Miss Frances J. Tibbitts. It consists of only a few lines, the entire property being left to the widow of the deceased. No executor is named. The estate was sworn at \$4,000, of which \$5,000 is real and comprises the residence on St. John street, the personal of \$3,000, is made up of the camp and furniture at Springhill, steam launches, etc., and \$1,000 life insurance. Mrs. Flewelling renounced the right of administration, and the court appointed J. H. Barry, K. C., administrator, cum testamentary annexo. All the property is unencumbered.

## SERIOUS WRECK ON THE INTERCOLONIAL

Mail Special Jumped  
Track Into Ditch

Locomotive Turned Completely Over, but Crew Escaped  
—Cause Unknown

CAMPBELLTON, N. B., May 30.—The fast running special train bearing the English mails for the Maritime Provinces jumped the track two miles north of Campbellton this morning, the locomotive and the whole train crashing over the ditch. The injured are: Driver Gallan, severely scalded; Brakeman J. Berube, cut about the head and face and arm broken; P. E. Gilbert, North Sydney, passenger, cut on leg. There were four passengers on the train, but Gilbert was the only one receiving injuries. The train was running along at a fast clip when the locomotive left the rails, followed quickly by the remainder of the train, which consisted of two baggage cars and a first class passenger coach. There was a deep ditch in one side of track, and into this the locomotive crashed, turning over with the wheels in the air. The cars had no sooner left the rails when they too tipped over, but crawled from the ditched cars and with the crew started for the engine, which was enveloped in hissing steam with no sign of the engine crew. It was expected that both engine men had gone to their death in the wreck of the locomotive, but as the steam cleared away the driver and fireman crawled out, both badly scalded but able to get about. There were general congratulations that so serious a wreck had not resulted in a fatality.

The mails are being transferred to another train. The track suffered considerably through the wreck, the rails and sleepers being torn and twisted a distance of a hundred yards. This cause of the wreck is not yet ascertained.

**ACCOUNTS OF THE WRECK.**

MONTREAL, May 31.—A special train passed through Saturday afternoon with the English mails, transferred from the Montreal special wrecked two miles west of Campbellton Saturday morning. There were four passengers on the train who had passed through the wreck, two being ladies, who were fortunate enough to escape with only a slight shaking up, while the other two were slightly hurt. It was evident from their stories that the smash up was of an even and serious nature, that at first reported. The train was running at about thirty miles an hour when the accident happened. At the point where the derailment took place the track is built up on a fifteen foot embankment and the rails for nearly a hundred yards the locomotive broke away from the cars which toppled over and fell on their sides in the ditch on the side of the track opposite the locomotive. Joseph Beaulieu of Quebec, a mail clerk, who had two broken fingers in the smash up, said he was standing in the mail car talking to Brakeman Berube, who was the driver of the car striking on the sleepers. But before he could make a move he was pitched forward and he had two broken fingers. When he regained his senses he was lying beneath the car but was not able to get out. He sustained painful bruises and had a bad shaking up in addition to the broken fingers, but was thankful he said to escape with his life. Beaulieu said that Brakeman Berube had a jaw and arm broken besides being otherwise badly injured. Injuries to Driver Gallan and Fireman Connel were of a very painful nature, and how they escaped death is a mystery. The train was broken up and the engine overturned before reaching the bottom. The engine was scalded by the escaping steam and hot water.

**BIG DECREASE IN  
CUSTOMS REVENUE**

OTTAWA, May 31.—The customs revenue for May, amounting to \$8,588,891, represents a very large decrease of \$1,764,562 from the corresponding month of last year. The customs revenue of April and May together shows a shrinkage of \$2,788,008 from last year.

**STUDY SOCIAL CONDITIONS.**

Uptown Matron (to agitated footman)—James, what means this intrusion? Who are these vulgar people?

James—Don't blame me, ma'am. They rushed in by me at the door, and I had to let them in. They said they were settlement workers, men, and studying social conditions!

## BARNEY OLDFIELD LOST CONTROL OF HIS MACHINE, OCCUPANTS INJURED

LOWELL, Mass., May 31.—Barney Oldfield, the well known automobile racer, while trying out the race course on the boulevard to the north of the city late tonight, lost control of his racing car while going at great speed, and ran into a tree. The machine flew up and a woman who was riding with Oldfield was seriously, if not fatally, injured, and was taken to a hospital. Oldfield was not seriously injured.

**THE GOLD SUPPLY.**

The following is believed to be a fairly accurate record of the gold production of the world to date, says the Banker and Investor.

Country	Gold Production (in millions of dollars)
United States	\$3,040,000,000
Australia	2,730,000,000
Russia (with Siberia)	1,590,000,000
Colombia	950,000,000
Africa	950,000,000
Brazil	800,000,000
Mexico	800,000,000
Canada	280,000,000
Bolivia	220,000,000
Peru	220,000,000
India	130,000,000
Other countries	220,000,000
Ancient production	100,000,000
Total	\$11,400,000,000

The director of the United States Mint estimates the total of the world's supply of gold as about \$9,000,000,000. The inference is that nearly half the gold mineral has gone into jewellery or the arts, or is hoarded or lost. We do not know that about two-thirds of the annual production of \$400,000,000 now goes into coin. As the quantity increases every year, it is apparent that in less than ten years the total of gold money will increase from six to over nine billion dollars.

## SPORTING MATTERS

ATHLETIC MEET SHOULD  
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THE first interscholastic athletic meet ever held in this province takes place on the Every Day Club's grounds Wednesday, June 3rd, at 2 o'clock. The track teams from Rouses Bay College, St. John, Fredericton and Moncton High schools will compete for the beautiful trophy presented by the Rouses Bay Amateur Athletic Association. This cup is of silver, about seventeen inches in height and two large, thick handles. It is to be the property of the team winning it three years.

This meet marks the beginning of a new era in sport in the provinces. The result will be seen when the graduates of these schools take their place in the track of the clubs and colleges of New Brunswick.

Every sport loving man or woman in St. John should attend these sports on Wednesday and encourage the boys in their new venture, an interscholastic athletic meet.

**BASEBALL**

National League Games.

At St. Louis—Chicago, 11; St. Louis, 2.

At Pittsburgh—Pittsburg, 4; Cincinnati, 1.

At Brooklyn—New York-Brooklyn game postponed, rain.

At Chicago (first game)—Chicago, 6; Pittsburg, 3. Second game, Chicago, 3; Pittsburg, 13.

At Cincinnati—Cincinnati, 5; St. Louis, 4 (2 innings).

National League Games Today.

New York at Boston.

Philadelphia at Brooklyn.

Pittsburg at Chicago.

St. Louis at Cincinnati.

**American League Standing.**

Team	Won	Lost	P.C.
Chicago	22	13	.629
Cincinnati	19	15	.559
Philadelphia	17	14	.548
New York	15	18	.459
Pittsburg	17	16	.515
Boston	17	19	.472
St. Louis	15	24	.385
Brooklyn	13	21	.382

**American League Games.**

Saturday.

At New York—New York-Philadelphia game postponed, rain.

At St. Louis—St. Louis, 3; Cleveland, 2.

At Boston—Washington, 7; Boston, 4.

Sunday.

At Chicago (first game)—Chicago, 1; Detroit, 6. Second game—Chicago, 1; Detroit, 2.

**American League Games Today.**

Chicago at St. Louis.

Cleveland at Detroit.

| Washington at Philadelphia. |  |
| Boston at New York. |  |

**American League Standing.**

Team	Won	Lost	P.C.
New York	19	15	.559
Chicago	19	16	.543
Detroit	18	16	.529
St. Louis	19	18	.515
Philadelphia	17	17	.500
Washington	17	17	.500
Boston	14	24	.368

**Eastern League Games Saturday.**

At Providence—First game: Baltimore, 6; Providence, 2. Second game: Baltimore, 4; Providence, 4 (called at end of the ninth inning—rain).

At Newark—Jersey City-Newark game postponed, rain. Second game: Jersey City, 4; Newark, 2.

Eastern League Games Today.

Montreal at Rochester.

Toronto at Buffalo.

Providence at Baltimore.

Newark at Jersey City.

**Eastern League Standing.**

Team	Won	Lost	P.C.
Buffalo	15	9	.625
Montreal	15	12	.558
Baltimore	15	12	.558
Canada	13	16	.447
Toronto	14	15	.483
Rochester	12	14	.462
Jersey City	11	14	.440
Providence	9	15	.375

About 300 people witnessed a good exhibition of baseball on the Victoria grounds Saturday afternoon, when the Clippers defeated the champion Marathons team by a score of six to five.

**MAINE STATE BASEBALL LEAGUE ORGANIZED.**

LEWISTON, Me., May 31.—The Maine State League of professional baseball clubs was formed here today. I. B. Isaacson, of Lewiston, was elected president, and C. H. Thomas, also of this city, secretary and treasurer. The league will include Lewiston, Portland, South Portland and Bangor. The season will open June 10 and close September 12. Four games a week will be played.

**CORNELL WINS TRACK MEET.**

PHILADELPHIA, May 30.—Under weather conditions that were almost as bad as could be imagined for a track meet, the stout hearted athletes of Cornell University today on Franklin field won the intercollegiate championship, the premier college athletic event of the year, by a margin of 4-1-2 points. The total points scored by the Ithaca was 34. Pennsylvania was second with 29-1-2; Yale third, 22; Harvard fourth, 17-1-2 and Dartmouth, fifth, 17.

Michigan and Swarthmore each made six points. Princeton and Columbia four each, and Syracuse 5. No records were broken.

**MOTOR CYCLE DOES MILE IN RECORD TIME.**

PROVIDENCE, R. I., May 30.—An exhibition mile done in 1 minute and 4 seconds by R. A. Svenson, of Providence, was a notable feature of the motor cycle meet held at Narragansett Park today, under the sanction of the Federation of American Motor Cyclists, by the Providence Motor Club. Many prominent riders took part in the meet, and the racing was very successful, although because of a heavy shower, it was necessary to postpone the last two events on the schedule.

**SHOE POLISH FILLS EVERYBODY'S SHOES.**

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TWO SPOON MATCHES  
HELD ON SATURDAY

Marksmen of 62nd and Rifle Club Turn Out for Weekly Shoot

The 62nd Rifle Association held its spoon match on Saturday afternoon, there being a large number of marksmen. The following are the winners in the different classes:

Class	Winner	Points
Class A.	Col. Sergt. Wetmore, spoon	59
Class B.	Ensign Bentley, spoon	52
Class C.	Col. Sergt. Dorman, spoon	73
Class D.	Capt. Fleetwood, spoon	63

The St. John Rifle Club held its regular weekly spoon match on the local rifle range Saturday afternoon. There was a large attendance of marksmen, but a strong and tricky wind somewhat hampered some of the best shots. The following are the scores of the winners in the various classes:

Class	Winner	Points
A Class.	Sgt. Jas. Sullivan	200 500 600: 71
B Class.	H. Sullivan	33 28 25 87
C Class.	D. Conley	22 27 24 83
D Class.	Jas. Donnelly	27 21 27 83
E Class.	H. N. Sharp	31 25 30 86
F Class.	F. Bowers	22 30 22 73
G Class.	G. P. Fletcher	24 24 25 73

The club will shoot the first league match on next Saturday afternoon. There will be three prizes given in connection with this match, viz., a sterling silver table spoon for the highest, a sterling silver desert spoon for the second and a sterling silver tea spoon for the third. A handsome carving set will be given to the member making the highest aggregate score in the four league matches. This set is the prize donated by Herman Sullivan, a member of the club.

The weather during the past week has been unfavorable to baseball and owing to this, several games were postponed. Tonight the All-Collegians will play the Wanderers in the minor league and on Wednesday night the Trillies and All-Collegians will come together. On Friday night the All-Collegians will meet the Wanderers. Players are requested to be on the grounds sharp at 7 p. m.

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