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BANK OF COMMERCE BOYS P. E. I. BANK

Big Banking Deal by Which Canadian Bank of Commerce Buys the Merchants Bank of Prince Edward Island Was Ratified Yesterday.

CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I., April 11.—(Special)—At a meeting of the shareholders of the Merchants Bank of Prince Edward Island yesterday, it was almost unanimously decided to ratify the sale of this bank to the Canadian Bank of Commerce, the business to be taken over May 31.

LAND VALUES ARE SOARING TO AMEND THE ELECTION ACT

Moncton Real Estate Owners Have Jumped Value of Their Land in View of I. C. R. Extensions.

MONCTON, April 10.—The united chorus of the Presbyterian, Methodist, Baptist and Church of England have been rehearsing for two months for a concert to be given in St. John's church on Good Friday night.

Land owners in the west end of the city now think the extension of the location of the new I. C. R. shops has been decided in their favor and real estate in that section has accordingly taken a jump.

Home Constable, one of the discharged employees of the I. C. R. left tonight for Winnipeg where he will locate. He will remove his family to the west a little later.

Warden Gamble, of St. Joseph's, E. A. Charter, of Sussex, Com. A. E. Brown, of St. John, S. C. Charter, I. C. R. station agent at Point du Chene, are in the city today.

De. O. B. Price has returned from Chicago where he was attending the dental exhibition and where he exhibited some of his own inventions.

W. Allan Stoddard has returned from Dorchester where he was assisting Rev. H. B. Thomas the past week in conducting special revival services in the Baptist church.

WHERE IS ATKINSON? Young Drug Clerk Who Worked in St. John Has Disappeared From Charlottetown.

CHARLOTTETOWN, April 11.—The sudden disappearance of Edward Atkinson is causing some alarm among his friends in this city. Mr. Atkinson until last week was employed as a drug clerk with Johnson & Johnson of this city.

It is stated that he left there at 11.45 that night leaving all his belongings there and undisturbed. He may have gone to the country, but inquiry so far has failed to locate his whereabouts and nobody seems to have seen him out upon any of the trains or steamers.

Atkinson is a Scotchman and before coming to Charlottetown was employed in the drug business in Moncton and St. John.

N. Y. COTTON MARKET NEW YORK, April 11.—Cotton futures opened at steady prices. April 11.50; May 11.75; July 11.85; August 11.85; Oct. 11.95; Dec. 12.05; January 12.05.

CONFUSSAL SERPENT OF FIRE AND DESIRING OF COILED FROM VESUVIUS

F. Marion Crawford Writes Graphic Story of Devastation --Ottajano Left to its Fate--Another Town of 10,000 Reported Wiped Out.

NEW YORK, April 11.—The Times today prints an account of the eruption of Mount Vesuvius by F. Marion Crawford, the American novelist. His dispatch is dated Sant Agnello, Bay of Naples, Tuesday. After giving briefly a general sketch of the eruption he says: "Yesterday (Monday) I drove through Torre Del Annunziata to the point where the main stream of lava stopped on Sunday. The lava carried vast masses of burned stones and sulphur on its surface, like drops on melted lead, and nothing was visible toward Boscotrecase, but endless masses of dark smoke, broken here and there by the greenish cutting smoke of sulphur.

"At the point we reached a great stone pine tree torn up by its roots and turned to black charcoal, stuck out of the mass at a sharp angle. The air was almost unbearable, the heat intense. The faces of the people who crowded upon the edge of the arrested stream expressed present terror or exhaustion from recent pain.

"When the stream of the threatened Boscotrecase soldiers dug a wide ditch across its path and threw up a formidable barricade in the hope of diverting its course, but every effort was useless.

"The molten stone advanced like a colossal serpent of fire, bearing its head to the right and left as a snake does, but keeping its general direction toward the lava flow. It was not affected by the first house, sending up great showers of sparks, but the people finally fled for their lives, taking such belongings as they could carry in their arms or pile upon the crawling carts.

"I saw one woman lying on her back at 2 p. m. I can see nothing of Naples or of even of Ischia (an island in the Bay of Naples) 30 miles to the west of the volcano, for all is hidden by a lurid curtain that is not affected by the least easterly breeze. The ashes are a fine dark gray dust and are thick in my garden walks, on the terrace, and on all the plants. Even at a distance of 50 yards there is a slight film in the air."

An Awful Day NAPLES, April 11—9.10 a. m.—The morning opened with the atmosphere overcast and yellow, and a feeling of oppression regarding what the future may hold for the city. The volcano was completely hidden in a dense mass of black smoke, the first signs of activity being frequent and ever severe detonations and deep rumblings.

From a questioner comes reports of the accumulation of ashes, the flight of the terror-stricken inhabitants of towns and villages, the collapse of buildings, the insufficiency of the relief measures, hunger and discouragement.

It is no longer possible to reach the points which have suffered most severely. Even the soldiers detailed to guard the streets at Ottajano have been recalled, and the town has been left to its fate.

Deeds of Bravery The military forces have earned the gratitude and admiration of the people for their devotion to duty and bravery. Only a few are credited with many acts of heroism, but they have displayed untiring perseverance in searching for the living and the dead among the tottering walls assisting fugitives to reach places of safety, giving aid to the wounded and in burying the dead, and all this while fully exposed by the ash and cinders which were blown about by the wind.

Awful Catastrophe NAPLES, April 11—So widespread is the catastrophe caused by the eruption of Vesuvius, it is estimated that it will require an organized body of 100,000 men, and the expenditure of many millions of dollars to raise houses made unsafe for habitation by the accumulation of ashes and cinders on the roofs, erect temporary huts of refuge for the thousands who have been obliged to flee from their homes, clear the roofs of buildings that may be made to be worthy descendants of the late King Humbert, who in 1884 went to the assistance of the sufferers from the cholera epidemic, visiting the patients in the hospitals and in some cases remaining by the bedside of the dying until the end.

The papers unite today in urging the government to send General Beldone, who saved the situation after the crushing defeat of the Italians at Adowa, Abyssinia, in the spring of 1896, and in the opinion of the committee to be appointed to investigate the eruption of Vesuvius.

Great Destruction According to the Matino, fifty houses, three churches and the municipal building were destroyed in the eruption. The quantity of ashes being emitted is so great and the rumblings are less frequent, though ashes and cinders are still falling over the city. There are about four inches of ashes in the streets.

Naples in Darkness NAPLES, April 11.—The eruptions from Vesuvius increased during the night, and early today a coating of ashes and cinders to a depth of four inches covered the roofs and the roofs of buildings.

All railroad service out of the city is interrupted. The engineers have refused to take out their trains because of the darkness caused by the heavy fall of ashes.

NAPLES, April 11, 4 a. m.—There has been considerable diminution in the fall of red volcanic sand since midnight. The law themselves and counsel the liquor dealers to keep it also, or withhold licenses from them.

A meeting of the temperance delegation committee was held this morning, when plans were discussed relative to the action to be taken at the meeting in the afternoon. The members of the committee preferred not to discuss what their plans were at the meeting, but they were presented to the commissioners.

Among those who are expected to attend this afternoon's meeting are—Dr. W. P. Roberts, S. P. McAvour, E. A. Everett, Rev. Thos. Marshall, E. N. Stockford, Rev. C. W. Hamilton, H. Sprague, A. A. Graham, W. S. Pritchard, and D. Hutchinson.

THE PIONEER STEAMER. The Hesperus is the pioneer river steamer of the fleet to be used in the St. John river this spring. She left her wharf, Indianopolis, at 10 o'clock this morning with the intention of reaching Public Landing, if possible, but if she is still firm, Carter's Point would be the limit according to parties at Indianopolis. The Hesperus will return this afternoon. It is expected that the Elaine will make a trial trip tomorrow if she can be made ready in time.

DEEP SNOW IN CHATHAM CHATHAM, N. B., April 11 (Special)—About ten inches of snow fell here since last night, and it is still coming down thick and fast.

AUSTRALIA ASKS FOR PREFERENCE

Sir William Lyne, Australian Minister of Trade and Customs Coming to Meet Canadian Ministers--To Develop Canadian Iron Deposits by Bounty.

OTTAWA, Ont., April 11 (Special)—Sir William Lyne, minister of trade and customs, of Australia, is coming to Canada on the April steamer, and is desirous of meeting one of the Canadian ministers to talk over the question of preferential trade. Sir William is not in very good health, and is only coming as far as Banff. It is difficult to see how any of the ministers would be able to go and meet him on account of parliament sitting. There are some prospects of getting a trade arrangement with Australia. James Giesse has given notice of a resolution, and requesting the duty on coal to be confined to Canadian ore and iron, and steel produced therefrom, or ore from any British colony.

At present a bounty is paid on iron and steel produced by Canadian furnaces from foreign ore.

The object of the resolution is to develop Canadian iron deposits and to induce Canadian blast furnaces to use native ore exclusively.

About 80 per cent. of the manufactured metal produced in Canada is from foreign ore. The resolutions provide for the renewing of the bounty at the original figure, and requesting the duty on coal to be confined to Canadian ore and iron, and steel produced therefrom, or ore from any British colony.

TEMPERANCE MEN TO ATTEND THIS AFTERNOON'S SESSION OF THE LIQUOR LICENSE COMMISSIONERS PROMISES TO BE AN INTERESTING ONE.

At the meeting of the liquor license commissioners this afternoon the temperance people will be largely represented and will ask for a closer observation of the liquor license laws.

The meeting is called for 8 o'clock, in the office of Inspector John B. Jones, Prince William street, but in response to a request of the temperance people it is probable that an adjournment will be made to the rooms of the Sons of Temperance in the Market Building.

The temperance people will ask that the law regarding the granting of a sealed number of licenses in each ward be adhered to and will also protest against the granting of two wholesale licenses.

One of the leading temperance men said to the Times this morning that the liquor dealers were saying all the time that restrictions should be placed upon them rather than to urge for prohibition.

He said the liquor dealers, however, will not be restricted if they can help it, and scheme and plan to break the law, and yet evade the penalties as often as possible.

What the temperance people will ask, he added, is that the commission keep the law themselves and counsel the liquor dealers to keep it also, or withhold licenses from them.

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THE PINCH OF THE COAL STRIKE MRADYVILLE, Pa., April 11.—All departments of the Erie Railroad here were put on half time today on account of the coal strike.

Thos. Winchcombe, Brockton; John Frelund, Melrose; Frank Riley, Yarmouth; Joseph Gregan, Baltimore; and John P. Burgess, of Moncton, are guests at the New Victoria Hotel.

ELEN BRADY LOSES HER DOLLAR PER DAY

Economy on the I. C. R. Leads to Dismissal of Two Car Cleaners Who Have Been Respectively Thirty Five and Twenty Five Years in the Service.

There is considerable talk about the dismissal of certain employees of the I. C. R. here, and it is surmised by many that better judgment might have been used in deciding who should be let go.

Among those who were dismissed was Elen Brady, who has been employed as a car cleaner here for the past 35 years, and has always been a "hard" worker. For twenty-five years Mrs. Brady received only 60 cents a day for her services, but when the H. O. A. G. Blair was minister of railways the pay was raised to \$1.00 a day, at which it has since remained. Naturally Mrs. Brady has been unable to save much out of this remuneration to provide for her old age, and her outlook is not a pleasant one for her.

She remarked to a railway official that she was as able to do her work as she ever was, and can not see why she should be dismissed in this manner.

Another of the car cleaners who was dismissed had been in the service for 25 years. The feeling expressed by those who are familiar with the case is that the railway officials might have used better judgment in cutting down the wages, and let some of the more recent employees go rather than to cut off the heads of those who have grown old in the service and performed their duties faithfully.

Stephen Daley, the I. C. R. shunter, who was arrested on the charge of robbery a short time ago, and let go on suspended sentence, has been reinstated.

SUPREME COURT Several Cases Taken up at This Morning's Session.

FREDERICTON, April 11.—(Special)—The following cases on the motion paper were taken up in the supreme court this morning:

The City of Moncton vs. Hannah Gallagher. M. G. Teed, K. C. moves for judgment as in a case of nonsuit for non-prosecution to trial. Claveller, K. C. contra. Rule refused with costs against the plaintiff on his undertaking that the case will be tried at the next Westmorland circuit.

Lani vs. Kennedy. Mr. Sipp moves for the application for an order for a review of the decision of the court in the case of Lani vs. Kennedy. Claveller, K. C. contra. Alexander Macaulay, Beverley Macaulay and B. L. Gerow apply for the return of money deposited by Ida Jacobson in lieu of bail. Mr. Irving contra. Case is now before the court.

Girarde Kane will decide today whether or not he will leave the Victoria grounds for the coming season. Should he decide to do so, the baseball league, consisting of teams from St. Joseph's, St. Peter's, St. Rose's and the Father Mathew Societies will probably rent them from him.

OBITUARY James Clarkins

The death of James Clarkins occurred yesterday at his home on White street, after a lingering illness.

Decayed was a young man who was employed, previous to his becoming ill, by the firm of Macaulay, Rose, and was highly respected by all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance.

Mr. Clarkins was an esteemed member of the St. Joseph's society, and that society will meet this evening to make arrangements for the funeral in a body.

Roy Campbell Roy Campbell, a son of William John Campbell, died suddenly at his home, Prince street, at 4.30 a. m. The young man was 17 years old and has been subject to epileptic fits. Much sympathy is felt for the family. The funeral will take place on Thursday afternoon.

S. S. de Forest, who was nominated yesterday as alderman for Dokes ward, wishes to withdraw from the contest. He said he did not authorize the use of his name, and if not too late would like to retire. He had been asked to run and in a joking way said "yes," not thinking it was meant seriously.

THE TIMES NEW REPORTER

WHAT DID PETER MEAN? "Now isn't that a hot bunch?" The above remark dropped from the lips of Mr. Peter Binks the other day when he had scanned the list of mayoralty and aldermanic candidates.

The aforesaid candidates are wondering what Mr. Binks meant by the remark, but as a matter of fact quite a number of them have cold feet.

There is something wrong with the weather bureau. Yesterday's snowstorm was scheduled to arrive next Tuesday, and how it got here a week ahead of time is greatly puzzling the mind of Director Hutchinson. It is now too late to get an apology for next Tuesday, and there is a fear that the day will prove commonplace.

ALMOST A RIOT The Times new reporter is not in good odor with the other members of the staff today. He clipped out of another paper a dispatch about the town of Laccia, N. H., having a lovely girl as tax collector, and he wanted to print it. The rest of the staff fell upon the young man and called him names. They can dodge a tax collector who has whiskers and rheumatism, but if a lovely female came along they would be minus several months' salary before they realized what it meant. And they threatened to lay rude hands on the new reporter unless he destroyed the item. He did so.

It would be difficult to express the disappointment of his friends that Mr. James Jones at the last moment declined nomination for the office of alderman. The reason he gave was that he feared he would be overwhelmed by the prestige of the other candidates. James is very sensitive.

ANOTHER BRD-SONG A young man who has read of the charms of the lovely Birdie McWhat, and is also enamored of tales of joust and tourney, and the brave knights of the olden days, has entered the lists to rhyme for the maiden's favor. He sings: I am a true and trusty knight I never shirk a goodly fight But spur straight in, with buckler bright, Thou Birdie.

Thy heart is a stronghold fit to see; Perchance, 'tis a problem to find thee. Thy mayhap, the fender will be me, Oh Birdie.

For at the journey of yesterday Thy glance on me, I ween, did stray, Thy deelines love can't but repay, My Birdie.

The author of this verse is yelped Sir William de Baynstone.