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LOCAL NEWS

KILLED IN WAR
Lieut. J. L. McPherson of West Royal, P. E. I., infantry, has been killed in action.

ON FURLOUGH
Lieutenant James B. Dever has been enjoying a fourteen day furlough in Paris and Nice, according to word received under date of Feb. 21.

DR. MELVIN'S ADDRESS
In the report of Dr. G. G. Melvin's address of last evening, printed on another page, he is quoted as saying there were nine deaths last year from scarlet fever. He did not say "nine," but "none."

THE LATE EDWARD G. COSGROVE
The funeral of Edward G. Cosgrove took place yesterday morning from his father's residence, 98-1-2 Main street, to St. Peter's church, where solemn requiem mass was celebrated. Rev. F. J. Coghlan, C. S. R., officiated and was assisted by Rev. Peter Costello, C. S. R., as deacon and Rev. G. A. Coffin, C. S. R., as subdeacon. Interment took place in the new Catholic cemetery. A large number of magnificent floral tributes were received in addition to many spiritual bouquets. Among the former were a beautiful floral cross from the members of the Y. M. C. I. bowling league, a wreath from the Sparrows, a team in the Y. M. C. I. League, of which Mr. Cosgrove is a member; a wreath from the boys of the Street Railway, and a wreath from the staff of the district freight department of the C. P. R.

BUSY AFTERNOON IN LEGISLATURE
Adjournment Then Until Monday Evening

HIGHWAY ACT TO MEMBERS
Printed Copies Distributed — J. M. Donovan a Vice President in Farmer's Parliament—Resolutions Rescinded

Fredericton, Mar. 15.—The legislature resumed at three o'clock this afternoon with the prospect for a busy afternoon on routine business, and then an adjournment until Monday evening. Printed copies of the new highways bill have been distributed, but it is probable that the debate on this measure will be postponed until next week, in order to give the members an opportunity to familiarize themselves with the provisions of the act.

The opposition again was in caucus this morning and the standing rules committee had another session.

The Farmers and Fishermen's Association met this morning at 10 o'clock. Addressed by President, C. M. A. Bernier, Edmundston recording secretary, C. M. Shaw, Hartland; corresponding secretary, A. R. Wetmore, Clifton; treasurer, H. H. Smith, Hoyt; County vice-presidents, Albert N. Patton, Hill; Carleton-Scott A. Shaw, Hartland; Charlotte-Stanley Wilson, St. Stephen; Kent-Simon Baskin, Buctouche; Kings—H. H. Sherwood, Upham; Madawaska—Elas Daigle, St. Helaire; Northumberland—S. Melanson, Seckville; Queens—Fred N. Fowler, Chipman; Restigouche—J. C. Cook, River Charles; St. John—M. D. Dumas, St. John; Sunbury—M. A. Smith, Hoyt; Victoria—Hans P. Hanson, Peterson; Westmorland—S. Melanson, Seckville; York-John Nich, Burtt's Corner; Gloucester—N. D. S. Doucet, Beresford.

M. A. McLeod, superintendent of agricultural societies for New Brunswick, led a general discussion on agricultural societies. He said that some new societies had been organized during the year and 186 were now in existence in this province. He made a strong plea for other new societies.

The association decided to rescind resolutions passed yesterday censuring the food controller and calling for a change in the regulations of the food controller's department explained that action already had been taken to force the millers to discontinue the practice of which complaint was made.

AT EIGHTY-THREE WRITES AS CLEARLY AS YOUTH

The older citizens of St. John will be interested in a letter received by Mrs. Edwin Stewart of this city from A. J. Fairweather of San Francisco, but formerly a resident of St. John. He is now eighty-three years old, but his handwriting is as smooth and clear as that of a boy. Acknowledging the receipt of a book entitled "Golden Thoughts," he writes:

"I have read them repeatedly and have been much impressed with the sentiment conveyed by those eminent authors such as Brooks, Emerson, Cardinal Newman and others. I was much pleased with one entitled 'The Footpath of Peace' by Henry Van Dyke, and thought if every one of us could see as the author does and feel as he does, how much suffering and misery might have been spared to all mankind through this horrid war."

Mr. Fairweather is a brother of the late Julian Fairweather of San Francisco, who was a brother-in-law of Edwin Stewart.

NEARLY TWO MILLION ACRES IN WEST FOR THE SOLDIERS

Winnipeg, Mar. 14.—Nearly two million acres have been set aside in the Peace River district for the soldiers' settlements scheme, says the Free Press Bulletin, and in addition all suitable farm lands within fifteen miles of the railway, located in the northern portions of the three prairie provinces, have been reserved for them.

Esther Cleveland Married.

London, Mar. 15.—The Daily Graphic says that Esther Cleveland, daughter of the late Grover Cleveland, president of the United States, was married on Thursday in Westminster Abbey to Captain W. S. B. Bosanquet, D. S. O., of the Coldstream Guards, and son of Sir Albert Bosanquet.

F. R. TAYLOR MAKES STATEMENT AS TO LOAN OF \$50,000

Proceedings in Power Company Matter This Morning

Says Transaction Was Simple Borrowing of Sum from Company at Request of Latter's Manager—Gas Plant Question Gave Issue

At a meeting of the Public Utilities Commission in connection with the New Brunswick Power Company's petition in the government courts, Prince William street, this morning, F. R. Taylor, K.C., indignantly refuted any implication of dishonesty attributed to the MacIntyre report, and made an explanation. The \$50,000, he said, was a loan which he had taken from the Power Company at their request, and on which he paid the regular rate of interest.

The first matter brought before the commission was a statement from President Otty in relation to an anonymous letter received by him, suggesting a line of inquiry as to gas prices. "From every point of view," said Mr. Otty, "it is to my mind a highly improper action to send anonymous letters to any court. At the same time I am prepared to say that if the writer of this letter should come before us, even though he do come as the writer, an opportunity will be given him to examine Mr. Hopper, and if he will then send his suggestions to the committee, over his signature, we will give them every consideration and act on them if they are at all useful."

Statement by Mr. Taylor

Mr. Taylor asked the time of the commission for an explanation of what seemed to him to be a most unfair accusation of dishonesty implied in the MacIntyre report as to an item of \$50,000 which was given to Mr. Taylor. Mr. Taylor went fully into his private affairs in the matter. At that time, he said, he had been negotiating large loans from various banks, including the Bank of Nova Scotia, in order to enable him to carry out certain private investments. The interest then paid was five per cent. Mr. Hopper went to him, he said, and asked on behalf of the Power Company, that \$50,000 in loans be taken from the company instead of the banks. To this Mr. Taylor agreed, and with the money he paid off \$50,000 of his debt to the Bank of Nova Scotia. He took the loan as the request of the company and paid them 5 1/2 per cent. The only advantage was that he was a large shareholder in the company and would benefit along with other shareholders by the interest paid.

"At no time," Mr. Taylor said, "during the months before or after the transaction, did I pay any stock of the New Brunswick Company. It seemed that Mr. MacIntyre desired for some reason to impair the reputation of the company, and the no other reason."

President Otty, addressing Mr. Taylor, said that the commission was perfectly satisfied that there was nothing dishonest about the transaction.

Commissioner Connell said that he thought Mr. Taylor had gone satisfactorily into the matter, and that it had not been necessary. Through the fault of one of the newspapers, he said, the auditor's statement seemed more serious than was really the case.

Mr. Taylor said that Mr. MacIntyre seemed to be chosen his absence in which to imply dishonest actions on his part. Mr. Taylor objected to Mr. MacIntyre's charging a time when he was thousands of miles away to make the accusation.

The Gas Plant

Mr. Otty referred to Mr. Waterman's report which had been sent in some time ago on the gas part of the Power Company's business.

Dr. J. B. M. Baxter questioned the gas expert first and ascertained that he had had considerable experience. He said that he could not act at the moment as to what the value was on which the public ought to pay in connection with the gas plant. He said it would be somewhere between the cost, \$235,000, and the minimum value, \$150,000.

Q.—Would there be anything in your report on which this commission could base a finding?

A.—What time would it take you to analyze the value of the plant from the report?

A.—I would prefer to wait a day or so and take care of them carefully.

President Otty.—Would ordinary maintenance be included in the expense on which the public is charged?

No, sir.

Q.—Well, how about rehabilitation?

A.—There are certain things which have been neglected in the plant and were not for this the plant would be worth its cost value.

Mr. Taylor.—The average earnings a year, by the report, are about \$45,000 only. The company could not afford to pay for repairs on those earnings.

Mr. Otty.—By the report the company valued the plant to get in very poor condition. You say they could not pay for repairs. All this would have to be proved and justified with difficulty.

Mr. Waterman.—In my opinion rehabilitation in this case should be charged in depreciation, and all new apparatus to capitalization.

Dr. Wallace said that he had no questions to ask.

Dr. Taylor suggested that all questions be deferred for the present and President Otty adjourned the commission until tonight at 8.30.

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