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The Transportation Commission.

The Royal Transportation Commission reached here on Friday evening last and had a sitting for the taking of evidence in the City Council Chamber Saturday forenoon. The members of the Commission are Messrs. Robert Redford, of Montreal, and J. Ashdown, of Winnipeg. The honorary Secretary is Mr. C. N. Bell, of Winnipeg, and the official stenographer is E. E. Horton. The sitting continued from 10 o'clock a. m. to 1:30 p. m. During this time the Commission was addressed by Mr. W. F. Tidmarsh, Nelson Kattenburg, A. B. Warberton, Geo. E. Full, A. J. McPadyen, Jas. E. Birch, J. W. Turner, Thomas Kieckhafer, Captain Joseph Reid and Donald Nicholson. These gentlemen furnished much valuable information regarding transportation affairs, and several of them enunciated their particular opinions and preferences as to the methods that should be adopted in order to overcome the disadvantages under which we labor in the matter of transportation and communication with the mainland.

All this is well, as far as it goes; but it does seem to us that the work of the Commission in this city was attended by anomalies and peculiarities. We are bound to assume, that these Commissioners act in a judicial capacity, and that their special function is to hear evidence and acquire all possible information on the different phases of the transportation question. Another fact that everyone living in this Island must always bear in mind is that the question of transportation is a matter of paramount importance to our Province. There is no other question upon which the prosperity and progress of this Province depends so much as upon improved transportation facilities with the mainland. Bearing these facts in mind it must appear to a great many that the visit to this city of the Transportation Commission was not just what they had anticipated. It does seem that the enquiry did not go as far as might have been expected; that the time devoted thereto was altogether too short, and the number of those who gave evidence was limited. It is possible that some whose testimony would be worth listening to did not find it convenient to attend on Saturday forenoon, and would have been glad to come at some other time. This possibility was not the fault of the Commissioners; but whoever is responsible for it there is no denying the fact that the whole business bore the appearance of undue haste. It would almost seem as if the desire was to close up the affair before it was fully known that the enquiry was going on. The evidence, for the most part, seems to have been in the form of prepared addresses setting forth the peculiar ideas of the speakers. Another feature of the matter that seems somewhat anomalous is the expression of opinion by members of the Commission. It is expected that these Commissioners will make an official report of their enquiries, and until that is published we could scarcely expect to know what the opinions of any commissioner might be. But we find Mr. Ashdown, one of the commissioners, freely expressing his opinions and his judgment on matters discussed before him in his judicial capacity. This, at least, is what the Patriot tells us. It is unusual for judges to make known their decision in any particular case until they deliver judgment in that case. These are a few anomalies that seem to attach to the sitting of the Transportation Commission at Charlottetown.

The Liberal party in British Columbia has experienced a setback in the Alberta election, for the vacancy in the Legislature created by the appointment of McInnes to the position of commissioner of the Yukon. Manson, the candidate of the McBride government, has been elected by a substantial majority, a gain of one seat, equal to two on division. The significance of the Conservative victory arises from the fact that the full strength of the federal government was concentrated on the constituency in order to ensure the election of the liberal candidate. Sloan, M. P., and Ralph Smith, were hustled home and told to get busy. They stumped the constituency on behalf of the

the Laurier administration, and the electors of Alberta have given their answer.

The Russian and Japanese peace envoys are all now in America and the formal opening of the peace conference is expected to take place at Portsmouth, N. H., on Monday next. While active preparations are going on for the opening and carrying on of these peace negotiations, the Emperor of Russia has promulgated a martial message that has greatly pleased the war party. Herein he expresses his determination never to conclude a peace dishonorable to Russia or unworthy of her greatness. This of course does not imply that the envoys of the two countries may not be able to arrive at a basis of peace mutually agreeable; but it leaves room for the war party to make the negotiations more difficult perhaps.

Several witnesses called in the scrip scandal case have sworn that they were approached by Macdonald and offered sums of money for scrip that had not yet been issued. At that time no public announcement had been made that the government policy in respect to this scrip had been changed. According to the evidence of applicants Macdonald told them that he was working to get the scrip for them, and they could not expect to get it except through him. He explained that it would cost him a good deal to get what they wanted from the government and he could not afford to pay more than the sums mentioned. The men signed the transfer to Macdonald who easily obtained the title to the land. It is said that Macdonald's profits are between \$100,000 and \$200,000 on the investment of \$25,000 or \$30,000.—St. John Sun.

None of the European sovereigns seems so active and so much in the public eye, just now, as the German Emperor. A few days ago he was in conference with the Russian Emperor and now he is at Copenhagen visiting King Christian of Sweden. These activities of Emperor William are watched by the neighboring powers and giving rise to no end of conjecture. One surmise is that he is desirous, in consequence of Norway's termination of her union with Sweden, of bringing about an alliance between Germany, Denmark, Sweden and Norway. Perhaps there is nothing in this; but we may be sure the Kaiser has something in view in these visits to his brother crowned heads. Advice from Paris indicate uneasiness there regarding Germany's conduct in the Moroccan situation. It has been agreed to hold a conference between these two powers regarding the matters in dispute in Morocco. In the meantime, pending the meeting of this conference, German agents and officials are reported to be doing their utmost to extract commercial concessions from the Sultan. These movements are looked upon by the French as decidedly at variance with the conditions underlying the conference agreed upon, and are doubtless intended to strengthen the position of the Germans therein. The Kaiser seems to be giving the other powers about all they can do to watch him.

THE SCOTTISH GATHERING.

The annual Scottish Gathering, under the auspices of the Caledonian Club of P. E. Island, held at the athletic grounds last Wednesday, was well attended and much enjoyed. The members of the Club in Highland costume and plaid and bonnet, and the Boys' Highland Brigade, to the music of pipes and band, marched from the club rooms to the grounds about eleven o'clock. The procession presented a fine appearance and was viewed by a very large number of spectators. The weather was fine, and the attendance large. The grand stand was filled and many were standing around the ropes. The games were keenly contested and in some events were most interesting. Following is the prize list: Putting Light stone—1, Wm. Beston, Church Road, Lot 40, 36 ft. 2 in.; 2, John McPherson, Montague, 35 ft. 11 in.; 3, D. P. McPherson, Montague, 34 ft. 10 in. Running High Leap—1, D. P. McPherson, Montague, 5 ft. 4 in.; 2, John McPherson, do 5 ft. 5 in.; 3, P. A. Ledwell, Souris 5 ft. 2 in. Boys' Race 150 yards—1, Arthur McLeod, city; 2, James Gillis, do; 3, Thomas Fullerton, do. Time 19 1/2 seconds. Throwing Light Hammer—1, Wm. McLean, De Gros Marsh, 104 ft. 4 in.; 2, D. J. McDonald, Charlottetown 97 ft. 11 in.; 3, Wm. Beston, Church Road, Lot 40 96 ft. 11 in. Boys' Race Highland Brigade, 150 yards—1, Wm. McLeod, 2, Roy Crosby, 3, J. J. Gillis, city. Time 19 seconds. 220 yards, amateur, all comers—1, F. Lukeman, Montreal (scratch); 2, H. Harley, (12 yards) Charlottetown; 3, R. A. Donahoe, (scratch) Roseneath. Time 23 1/5 seconds. 120 Yards Race—1, John McPherson; 2, D. P. McPherson, 3, P. A. Ledwell. Time 13 seconds. In the 220 yards the competitors were—F. Lukeman, scratch, R. A. Donahoe, do; Michael Tulle,

Notes and Remarks.

The Teaparty at St. Margaret's took place, as advertised, on Thursday last. The day was very uncomfortable for such a gathering, rain falling heavily until after twelve o'clock. But as the clouds cleared away, the attendance steadily increased; the special trains from Charlottetown and Souris brought quite a number of passengers, and many drove to the grounds from the surrounding districts. The Souris Band was present and greatly enlivened the occasion with well chosen music. Despite the unfavorable conditions, upwards of \$500.00 was netted.

The marriage took place at St. Alex's Church, Belle Bay, on Tuesday last of Mr. Daniel E. McDonald, of Selkirk, to Miss Flora McDonald, of Rollo Bay. Miss Annie McDonald acted as bridesmaid and Mr. Michael McIntyre did the honors for the groom. After the marriage ceremony the party drove to the home of Mr. McDonald where a very enjoyable evening was spent. We join in wishing Mr. and Mrs. McDonald many happy years of wedded life.

Messrs. Langhlin McDonald, East Point, John D. McIsaac, Clear Springs, John Sutherland, Goose River, Henry McDonald and Vincent Sutherland, Glenora, were among those attending the Scottish Gathering on Wednesday last.

Mrs. Duncan McLennan, North Lake, is visiting friends at Selkirk during the past few days.

Mrs. John Carey, and her sister, Miss Cassie McPhee, of Boston, are spending a few weeks at Selkirk with their parents Mr. and Mrs. Archibald McPhee.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred McIntyre and child, South Framingham, are spending their vacation with Mrs. McIntyre's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Angus McCormack, Selkirk. Mr. McIntyre is a native of Antigonish, but has spent the last few years in South Framingham, where he holds a good position with the New England Telephone Company. M. A.

The Regatta.

The regatta in Charlottetown harbor on Thursday forenoon was a very interesting affair, and the entries of boats was unusually large. It was most decidedly pretty to see the harbor covered with the sails of the numerous boats of the different classes. There were three classes of sail boats and three classes of row boats. The signal gun was in all cases fired from the Dominion steamer Fensel off Peake's No. 1 Wharf. For the yacht race six boats entered, no less than sixteen entered for the lobster boat race. In the small boats there were six entries. The Zephyr, Harry McLean, Souris, led from the start in the Yacht race and finished over seven minutes ahead of her closest competitor, the Mionas. The Mayflower, Ernest McLellan, Charlottetown, won in the lobster boat. In the small boats the Flirt, James Houston, was the winner. The double scull race was won by P. Murray and D. Sullivan. The four-oared scull was won by Pranght, Murray, Sullivan and Murray. The water was pretty choppy, and two of the shells in the double scull race filed and threw the rowers into the water. They were picked up by a tug and a row boat.

The Prices.

Table listing various goods and their prices, including Butter, Eggs, Flour, and other commodities.

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Disastrous Flood.

Loss of life and immense damage to property followed the bursting of reservoirs north of Bridgeport, Conn., as a result of the unprecedented fall of rain early last Sunday. There was no warning to the people who lived on the banks of what is usually a small water course. The house occupied by Joseph Lesco, his wife and several children, were picked up by the flood and carried a mile below. The Lesco family were asleep at the time, but all were rescued after a perilous journey. A house occupied by Michael Moran was hurled against the Berkshire bridge and smashed to kindling wood, and it is believed that Moran was drowned. Police and firemen went to the rescue and saved several lives. Inside of an hour the great body of water which had been sweeping down from Easton had reached North Bridgeport and was pouring down under the Berkshire bridge, which were moored just below the bridge, unprepared, and several hawseers gave way under the strain. The barge Clara, owned by McCaffery & Sons of New York, was torn away from a dock and carried against the East Washington avenue bridge and later under it. The family of Captain Kennally of the barge was rescued, but Captain Kennally was knocked overboard and later was rescued from a pile. While the barge Clara was drifting down the stream the three-masted schooner Hope Haynes, from Bangor, Me., was torn from her moorings at Millers Rocks, and being driven down stream in the wake of the Clara. She struck up against the Congress street bridge and drove her jibboom through the structural work and tore down the electric lights. The escape of currents from the wires and the flashes as the live ends touched the pavement set fire to the gas which was escaping from a broken main. This brought an explosion which shook up the entire neighborhood and brought out the fire company from a nearby department house. The fire communicated to the schooner and schr. Hope Haynes, but her crew let go her anchors, which held fast. The barges Marion E. Bally and Margaret Hart also were torn from their moorings and drifted down stream. The former struck the draw on the Stratford avenue bridge and caused it to open, the barge going through and being carried down the harbor out into the Sound, narrowly escaping a collision with the steamer Allen Joy. Capt. Robert Meyers, his wife and two children were rescued by the tug Senator Rice.

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Silk Waists At Startling Reductions. We've altogether too many Silk and Lustre Waists. We've determined on a special reduction sale. Nearly all the waists mentioned below have the "full wrist" sleeve—a style which is most, may be easily and quickly remedied. In every other respect the waists are in perfect condition, the product of the best skill, material and workmanship. Waists of finest Silk, attractively made and perfect fitting, offered at less than actual cost of making.

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