MONTREAL CONCERN TAKES OVER CONTROL OF CORNWALL AND YORK COTTON MILLS

Individual Stock is Transferred and Deal, it is Believed, Has Practically Been Put Through—Work Here to Be Continued, Mr. Cudlip Says—Important Industries.

Saturday, July 29.

The control of the Cornwall and York Cotton Mills Company, Limited, has practically passed to interests allied with the Dominion Colored Cotton Mills Co., Ltd., of Montreal. For years the upper Canadian corporation has sought to secure possession of the local mills and they have at last succeeded. The fear that the transfer might mean that the mills would be closed down has been entertained in this city but the assurance is given that this will not follow and that the industry will be continued as before. It is even possible that the change may lead to the extension of the mills and the employment of a greater number of workers.

Rumors of the negotiations have been current on the streets for some time but it was only yesterday that official confirmation was given to the story. The transfer has been secured not by the sale of their entire property on the part of the company but by the purchase of the stock of individual shareholders.

Mr. Cudlip's Statement.

When asked for a statement regarding the situation yesterday, J. B. Cudlip, manager of the company, said: "Negotiations have been in progress for years but in the past the owners were not disposed to accept the terms offered. That transfers of stock have taken place may be taken as an indication that a price has been offered for the stock which was satisfactory to the holders. I understand that some of the members of the company have disposed of their interests and negotiations are being carried on with others. Whether enough stock has been purchased, or contracted for, to shift the control of the mills to persons outside of the city I am not in a position to say."

In reference to the rumors that the transfer would mean that the mills here were sought simply to destroy competition and that they would be shut down, Mr. Cudlip said: "I am positive that there is no danger that the city will lose this industry. It is too valuable an investment to be destroyed in that way. The mills and the equipment are in first class condition and are doing excellent work. The climate here is peculiarly suited for this industry and the geographical position possesses advantages which add to the value of the mills. I have heard nothing of any proposition to discontinue operations and I do not believe that there is any such possibility. The existence of the company is not affected by the transfer of stock from one party to another and the transfer does not necessarily affect the operations of the company."

It is understood that D. Morrice & Son, Quebec, are the controlling factors in the Dominion Colored Cotton Mills Co., Ltd., are on the friendliest terms with some of the leading shareholders and this lends weight to the presumption that the sale was not in any way a forced one.

Important Industries.

The cotton mills, giving steady employment to hundreds of operatives, hold an important place in the industrial life of the city and the rumors of the sale formed the chief topic of conversation around the city last night.

The mills have in the past been owned and controlled by citizens of St. John and it is but natural that some regrets should be expressed at their control passing into outside hands. As long as it does not affect their continuance, however, this is not regarded as a serious matter to the city.

First in Canada.

It is of interest to note that what is now known as the Cornwall mill, in Wall street, was the first cotton mill to be operated in Canada, and was erected by the late John H. Parks in 1860. In 1883 the second mill at the head of Courtenay Bay was built and since then both have been operated almost continuously. Ten years ago Messrs. Parks retired from the business after a succession of business reverses and soon afterwards the present company was organized by local capitalists who have continued in control until the present. Since taking over the property they have greatly improved the equipment and increased its capacity.

Owing to an unexplainable delay in the shipment of a consignment of cotton, now on the way from Norfolk to St. John, the mills were forced to shut down on Tuesday on account of the lack of raw material. The cotton is expected within a few days and as soon as it arrives operations will be resumed.

MISS AVIS COWAN DROWNED IN ST. JOHN RIVER SUNDAY

Companion Under Care of Physicians, and it is Not Known Just How Accident Occurred—Was Out in Canoe—Relatives and Friends in City Shocked by News.

Monday, July 31.

Miss Avis Cowan, of this city, was drowned while canoeing on the St. John river near Belyea's Point last evening. William Latham, who was with her at the time of the accident, was so overcome by the tragedy that up to a late hour last night he was still under the care of physicians.

The occurrence was not witnessed by anyone and the cause of the accident is, to a certain extent, shrouded in mystery.

News of the drowning was received in the city almost immediately and spread rapidly. The story was received with the deepest consternation and regret and sincere sympathy will be extended to the bereaved family.

A feature of the affair which somewhat lightens its tragic aspect is the providential escape of another young lady who had been in the canoe with the others and had landed only a short time before.

The party had been enjoying a quiet cruise in the canoe and as the afternoon drew to a close one of the young ladies landed and left the river bank to go to her supper. The last words of the others were that they would paddle along the shore for a little while before coming in.

Collapsed.

The shocking news that Miss Cowan had lost her life was announced by Mr. Latham, who reached the shore in an exhausted condition and, after gasping out the bare statement of the tragedy, collapsed. As the news spread the residents of the neighborhood and the summer visitors in the vicinity rushed to the shore to render what help they could. There was no sign of the girl and, although grappling parties were organized immediately, her body could not be found. The empty canoe drifted ashore soon afterwards. The fact that it showed no signs of having been overturned and that the cushions and a camera still remained in the bottom, indicated that the couple had been thrown out by a sudden lurch of the frail craft.

Mr. Latham was found to be in such a serious condition as the result of the shock that he had to be cared for by his friends and was taken to a neighboring house. Physicians were summoned but it was found impossible to restore him to a normal condition and at a late hour last night he was still unable to give a coherent account of the occurrence.

In the meantime the alarm was given and with what crude implements could be secured the search for the remains of the young lady was vigorously prosecuted. A telephone message was sent to Chief of Police Clark asking him to send assistance, for which he promptly arranged. Daniel and John McDermott, with grappling irons, and a diver, with his outfit, left Indiantown in a motor boat about 7 o'clock and on arriving at Belyea's Point undertook the search.

Fuller news of the accident was brought to the city by a steam yacht which was coming down the river at the time of the occurrence. Those on board were hailed and when told of what had happened left for the city at full speed to secure further assistance.

Miss Cowan, the victim of the accident, was a bright young lady about twenty-four years of age. She was a daughter of Mrs. Albert D. Cowan and resided with her mother at 97 Spring street. She also leaves two sisters, Miss Flossie, at home, and Mrs. Wm. E. Hopper; and two brothers, Clarence P., of Boston, and Harry, of this city. Miss Avis and Miss Flossie Cowan had gone up the river on Saturday to spend the week-end with some friends who were camping near Belyea's Point and her sister was one of the first to learn of Miss Cowan's death. Her mother did not learn of her bereavement for some time afterwards. Although the drowning happened about 6 o'clock Mrs. Cowan did not hear of it until after she returned from attending the evening service in Brussels street church.

Mrs. Hopper, who will leave for Montreal to join her husband in the fall, had been visiting friends at Loch Lomond and the telephone was brought into use to notify her of her sister's death. Mrs. Cowan was completely prostrated by the sad news and last evening was in a rather serious condition.

Up to a late hour the search for the body of the unfortunate young lady was still being prosecuted unsuccessfully.

Young Man Tells of Accident.

Tuesday, August 1.

William Latham, the companion of Miss Avis R. Cowan, the victim of Sunday's drowning, was able for the first time yesterday to give an account of what happened that afternoon. During yesterday afternoon the young man, who has been delerious since, showed signs of improvement and expressed a desire to be taken down to the shore. He talked with those with him, and to his brother Murray Latham gave an account of the accident, which the latter gave to The Telegraph last night. He said that Miss Cowan was in the forward part of the canoe and wanted some cakes lying in the bottom of the canoe. As she turned about to reach them, he said, he called to her to wait as he could get them from his position. She apparently did not understand, he said, for she turned and the canoe lurched and sent her into the water. Then, according to his statement, he jumped in after her. As she came to the surface he caught hold of her but she broke loose and sank. He was able to catch her the second time and turned over on his back to keep afloat. She broke away again, however, he says, and did not come up. After swimming around for a time he made for shore for assistance.

Latham took another bad turn last evening.

The funeral of Miss Cowan will take place this afternoon at 2.30 from the summer home of her uncle, Dr. W. P. Bonnell, in Hillandale. Rev. Miles McCutcheon will conduct the funeral service, and interement will be at Ingleside.

The body of Miss Cowan was recovered yesterday morning at 7 o'clock about 100 yards from Belyea's Point. It was conveyed to the residence of Dr. Bonnell of Hillandale. Her three brothers, Harry Cowan, of Montreal, Fred Cowan, of New York, and Clarence Cowan, of Providence (R. I.), have been notified, but will be unable to attend.

A dainty calendar of Mount Allison Ladies' College has been sent out by the faculty. It contains a description of the work undertaken by the college in literature and science, the conservatory of music, the Massey Treble school of household science, and the Owens' museum of fine arts. The frontispice is an excellent photograph of the Charles Fawcett memorial hall erected in 1910 and presented to the Mount Allison institutions by Mrs. F. Ryan and Charles W. Fawcett. The faculty includes Rev. G. M. Campbell, D.D., of this city, who is acting principal and professor of physic.

OBITUARY

John U. Logie.

Friends of John U. Logie will regret to learn of his death at the Eastern Maine General Hospital, in Bangor (Me.), July 21, 1911. Mr. Logie, who was a specialist in optics, was well known, having traveled for the past eighteen years in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. Few men were better known, and being of a genial disposition, he made many friends. He leaves besides his wife, three daughters and one son. Mrs. E. M. Moor, Bangor; Roberta T., now in California, and Janet S., and W. Clyde, of Brewer.

The body was taken to Chatham for burial, where service was held at 2.30 p. m., on Tuesday at the home of his brother, Robert Logie.

Dr. L. J. Bellivau.

Shediac, N. B., July 27—Today, Shediac is mourning the loss of one of her most noble, loving and valuable citizens from every standpoint. In the death of the late Dr. L. J. Bellivau, which occurred at his residence, Main street east, at an early Tuesday morning, after a brief illness of a few days, Shediac loses a doctor of exceptionally brilliant ability and a man of highest type in every sense of the word.

Having practiced with marked success in the town for twenty-seven years it is now with deep and sincere regret the citizens of Shediac mourn their "Doctor." In hours of sadness, to alike rich and poor Dr. Bellivau was the clever physician and sympathizing friend. His practice extending many miles into the country in all directions.

Dr. Bellivau, who was a native of Memramcook, and educated at St. Joseph's College, taking his honors in medicine in Montreal, came in the first year of his professional career to Shediac and has remained in the town during the many intervening years.

During the past few years ill health was gradually overcoming the splendid physique of the doctor and in May of this year the doctor, in company with his wife, sought the climate and soil of England and France, returning but recently to succumb within a few days time to the disease from which he was suffering. Death, however, was merciful in its approach and the doctor died peacefully at 8 o'clock on Tuesday morning, having been unconscious for the greater part of his illness.

Dr. Bellivau is survived by his wife, formerly Miss Frances Lyons, of Moncton, one little daughter, Miss Margaret; a sister, Mrs. Gawn, of Rimouski, and two brothers, Andrew, of Memramcook, and Rev. Father Bellivau, of New York.

The funeral, which took place at 10.30 this morning was the most largely attended funeral ever held in Shediac. A special train conveyed a very large number of citizens over from Moncton, while the county council, of which Dr. Bellivau was a valued member for a large number of years, attended the funeral in a body. Flags were at half-mast and the Assumption Band, of which the doctor was president, accompanied the body to St. Joseph's church and cemetery, where interment took place. The floral tributes were most magnificent, and of great number. Conspicuous among the tributes were very handsome pieces from the band and county council. A special carriage conveyed the flowers to the grave.

At the church high mass was celebrated, a number of priests from out of town being present.

Dr. Bellivau, who was the town's first mayor, after incorporation, has left an indelible stamp upon the community which future years most ever continue to strengthen and never efface. Deep and heartfelt sympathy is extended the mourners in the extremely heavy loss they have sustained. Among those from out of town were Senator McSweeney, Senator Wood, Judge Wells, Messrs Frank W. Black, P. J. Mahony, F. W. Sumner, W. F. Humphrey, Mayor Reilly, Moncton; F. C. Robinson, W. H. Price, J. J. Bourgeois, J. Friel, Hon. A. D. Richard, M. McDade, J. Lyons, Dr. Gaudet, James Sherry, C. A. Steeves, H. S. Bell, E. C. Cole, Drs. F. J. White, L. Harris, Myers and McDonald, and a very large number of other citizens from neighboring towns.

Thomas Emmack.

Andover, July 28—The death of Thomas Emmack took place on the 25th inst., at his home in this village. The deceased was seventy-two years old and was one of the oldest residents of Andover, who saw the place grow year by year and who took an active part in his younger days in all movements for the general good. He leaves three sons and a daughter. His body was taken to Gibson on this morning's train, to be interred by the side of his wife who died two years ago. The Rev. Mr. Hopkins officiated at a service at the house, which was largely attended by his friends and neighbors.

Much sympathy is expressed for Miss Emmack who so lovingly ministered to her father's wants in his last illness.

Mrs. Charles McGahey.

Hopewell Hill, N. B., July 30—(Special)—Mrs. Charles McGahey, of Montreal, who was taken ill at Albert a little over a week ago and subsequently underwent a critical surgical operation, succumbed to her attack yesterday, her death occurring at 2 o'clock in the afternoon at the Waverly Hotel, where she had been stopping.

The deceased, who was only twenty-eight years of age, came to Albert with her husband two weeks ago for a few weeks' stay, her husband being representative of an artist firm. A serious illness developed a few days after her arrival, and an operation was decided on by the doctor as affording the only possible chance of her recovery. It, however, failed to have the hoped for results. The unfortunate woman's mother, who was sent for, reached her daughter's bedside a few hours before her death. The body was taken to Moncton last night, where it will be embalmed before being forwarded to Montreal for interment.

Miss Helen Cantley.

New Glasgow, N. S., July 31.—(Special)—After an illness of a week, following an operation for appendicitis, Miss Helen Cantley, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Cantley, died this morning in the Aberdeen Hospital. Miss Cantley, who previously had been in the best of health, was taken ill at her father's summer home in Rustico on Sunday week. She was removed to Aberdeen Hospital next day, where an operation was performed. Good hopes were entertained for her recovery until a few days ago when complications set in, necessitating another operation, from which the patient never fully recovered. Miss Cantley, who was in her twentieth year, was a general favorite. Mrs. Cantley and the young ladies' brother are at present in Europe.

Sheriff Ritchie.

Tuesday, August 1.

News that will come as a great shock to the city is the announcement that High Sheriff Robert R. Ritchie died yesterday morning at 9.30 in the General Public Hospital. Mr. Ritchie sustained a serious fall at his residence on Sunday evening, resulting in a fracture of the skull. Medical aid was summoned at once, and a consultation of physicians followed his removal to the hospital, but it was soon apparent that there was no hope. Mr. Ritchie remained unconscious from the first, and yesterday morning he passed quietly away.

The news has everywhere caused a feeling of sorrow. To a host of personal friends the news was a heavy blow, unexpected and crushing.

Robert Rankine Ritchie was a son of the late Chief Justice Sir William Ritchie and was born here fifty-five years ago. He received his early education at a private school conducted by Dr. Coster, later going to Bishop's College, Lennoxville, Quebec.

From Lennoxville he went to Toronto University and graduated, entering Harvard Law School where he graduated in law. He passed as attorney October 13th, 1883 and was admitted a barrister October 18th, 1884. Immediately following his admission to the bar he entered into partnership with J. Twining Hartt.

On the death of Sheriff H. L. Sturdee, on Sept. 26, 1901, he was appointed to succeed the late sheriff and has filled the post most acceptably since that time. Quiet but genial, he numbered hosts of friends.

The late Sheriff Ritchie was fond of sport, was a fine wing shot, and an ardent fisherman, a great lover of nature, and in his early days was an enthusiast in football, cricket and aquatics, being an oarsman of some note. He was also a well-known golfer, being a prominent member of the St. John Golf Club. He was a member also of the Union Club.

Surviving are five sisters and five brothers. The brothers are Owen and John Almon Ritchie, barristers of Ottawa; Hazen Ritchie, of Peterboro, Ontario and William and Vernon Ritchie, residing in the west. The sisters are Mrs. Hodgins, of London; Mrs. McNaughton, of Calgary; Mrs. James Shelley, of Ottawa, and Misses Grace and Elsie Ritchie, also of Ottawa. Lady Ritchie died at Ottawa in April last.

COLONEL McLEAN SOLID, HE SAYS

Dr. Hay Thinks It Will Be Difficult to Get a Candidate to Oppose Him in Queens-Sunbury.

Dr. H. B. Hay, of Chipman, is at the Royal, and last evening he had some encouraging things to say of the conditions in Queens county, of which the practice of his profession gives him an opportunity to be well informed.

He says the crops of his section were progressing with promise of an abundant harvest. He has harvested twenty-five tons of hay on a field of ten acres. The hay crop is better than the average, but not up to the level of last year. The grain crops were injured by the drought, but the recent showery weather has changed the outlook.

As the people of Queens and Sunbury are interested in an enlarged market in agricultural products, reciprocity will sweep the constituency, Dr. Hay says. The restricted markets of the maritime provinces have hindered the prosperity of the farming community. A sure and steady market is better than an occasional high price. Water communication will place the lake section of Queens county in an equal footing with Aroostook for the American potato market.

Dr. Hay thinks the Conservatives will have difficulty to place a candidate in the field in opposition to Colonel McLean. "He has more than fulfilled every election promise and won the general approval and popularity of the electorate."

HOPEWELL HILL NEWS

Hopewell Hill, July 30.—A party of about twenty Boy Scouts from Dorchester, in charge of Rev. Mr. Hatt, their scout master, are spending a couple of weeks at Hopewell Cape, in the vicinity of the "Rocks" at Cape Demoiselle. Rev. Mr. Hatt today occupied the different churches on the Hopewell field, Rev. Mr. Love, the pastor, being still in the hospital.

Dr. Baxter was called to the steamer Catalone, at the Island, recently to attend twin babies of the wife of the captain of the vessel who were ill.

Henry Duncan, who has been in the States for the past year and a half, is spending a while with his sister, Mrs. Peter O'Boyle.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Steeves, who have been living in Boston a year or so, are visiting their old home in Hillsboro.

Mrs. Jennie E. Rogers and her daughter, Miss Nellie Rogers, left yesterday on a visit to Mrs. Rogers' brother, J. D. Moore, at Dorchester (Mass.)

Dampen a scorched spot and rub it well with a lump of starch. Repeat the process until all the yellow is gone.

A Few More Days For Shoe Bargains

All the Remnants, Odd Pairs and Samples Must Go.

Men's Gun Metal Oxford Ties, Kido last. $3.00 per pair. Reduced from $5.00.

Men's Patent Colt Oxford Ties, Capital, Kido and Chancellor lasts. $2.75, $3.00 and $3.50 per pair. Reduced from $3.50, $4.00 and $4.50.

Women's Colored Oxford Shoes greatly reduced, selling at $1.50, $2.00 and $2.50. All sizes.

Francis & Vaughan

19 KING STREET.

LOST HEAVILY IN COTTON MARKET

Statement Regarding Local Business Man Shows That Some Rumors Were Exaggerated—Jones Brewery Will Be All Right—Much Regret Expressed.

Monday, July 31.

The sensational nature of the rumors regarding the recent financial reverses of one of St. John's leading citizens, and the fact that the names of other business men and establishments have been included in the stories, led The Telegraph to secure an authoritative statement regarding the matter last evening.

While it is understood that Colonel George West Jones has suffered the complete loss of his personal fortune, it is declared that he bears the loss alone and that there is no foundation for the stories that other individuals and institutions are seriously involved.

A gentleman who is in possession of the facts of the case and who was in a position to do so, consented last night to talk for publication.

The first thing which he wanted to make clear was that Colonel Jones himself would be practically the only one involved in the losses.

The story that the brewery business of Simeon Jones, Ltd., would be affected, was declared utterly groundless, although it was true that some of those connected with that business had endorsed paper which would, however, be taken up when due.

The losses said to have been sustained by the banks were also declared fictitious. The Bank of New Brunswick has been freely credited with having lost heavily, but The Telegraph's informant said that he believed that when the matter is fully settled the bank would have a surplus rather than a deficit. The Bank of British North America, also mentioned freely in connection with the affair, was said to be in an equally good position.

Regarding the extent of the losses nothing definite could be said except that $300,000, the amount most frequently mentioned on the streets, is in excess of the actual figures. The rumors of an assignment are also incorrect, as matters will be adjusted without recourse to such a step.

The trouble was due to the uncertainty of the cotton market and the recent severe slump which included a drop of forty-one points in one day, was the final blow. All over the city very great regret is expressed over the affair, particularly as the chief loser is a public spirited and popular citizen with a host of friends.

LOCAL NEWS

Correspondents who send letters to The Semi-Weekly Telegraph and who wish to have them returned if they are not printed, must send stamps for return postage.

Rev. G. T. Spriggs has been registered to solemnize marriages in the province.

Rev. C. W. Townsend, of this city, is in Newcastle, assisting Rev. Mr. Worden, of that place, in a series of revival meetings being held there.

The bank clearings for the week ending July 27 shows a decrease of $47,705.00 from the corresponding week in last year. The figures are:—Week ending July 27, 1911, $487,619.00; week ending July 27, 1910, $535,324.00; decrease of $47,705.00.

It was said at the office of the Gordon Nail Works Thursday that the plant will be removed to Calgary in the fall. Buildings are being erected there now, and work on them is being rushed. They will be of wood and of substantial size.

Before Judge McKeown Thursday an application was made by S. P. Gerow to wind up the affairs of the Francis Kerr Co. for the release of his equity of redemption. The creditors, Murray & Gregory, and T. McAvity & Sons consented. John Kerr appeared for the applicants, and J. K. Kelley for the company. The application was granted.

The certificates authorizing the use of B. C. L. after their names as graduates of the St. John Law school reached the city yesterday, for the graduates of this year's class, namely: L. A. Conlon, B. S. Robb, C. S. Clark, H. A. Porter, C. H. McLean, and J. F. H. Teed. They were received by J. R. Campbell, and will be given to the graduates today.

As is the case nearly every summer an increase in the number of deaths reported at the board of health offices, due to cholera infantum, was noted last week, when six were registered. There were fourteen deaths in total, from the following causes: Cholera infantum 6, heart disease 3, pneumonia 2, and inanition, asthemia, and paralysis, fall, cerebral softening, one each.

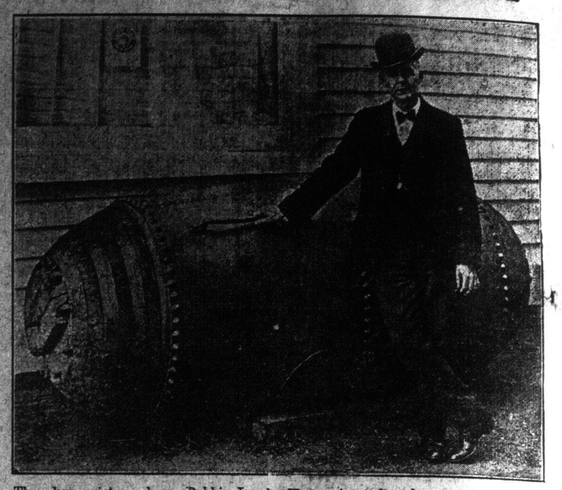
Captain W. S. Hooper, of Seaside Park, Harborville, arrived in the city on Monday and is registered at the Royal. Captain Hooper is a nephew of Lord Halsbury, the Unionist leader in England, who was tendered a big banquet by the Unionists in London on Wednesday evening. He has been stationed in India for eleven years with the 33rd Bengares regiment. He came to Canada for the purpose of locating here, and will very likely go west in the near future. He is accompanied by his wife, who is a Halifax lady. They left India in March last and are summering at Harborville. In reply to a Times enquiry Capt. Hooper said he had retired from active service. They had come to St. John to do some shopping, and liked St. John shops very much. As to Lord Halsbury, he had not seen his lordship since 1904.

WEDDINGS

Connell Phelan.

Chatham, July 31—The marriage took place this morning in the pro-Cathedral of Miss Margaret J. Phelan and Frederick L. Connell. Nuptial mass was celebrated by Rev. Father Hartt and the contracting parties were attended by Miss Mary Murdoch, of Loggieville, and Thomas Phelan. The bride was very handsomely dressed in champagne colored eolienne with velvet trimmings and wore champagne colored hat with willow plumes. She carried a white prayer book. The bridesmaid looked very pretty in a dress of blue poplin with all over trimmings and wore a white hat. The groom's gift to the bride was a gold brooch and a $50 gold piece, and to the bridesmaid he gave a pretty gold brooch. The bride received many handsome gifts in gold and silver and from her pupils in Wellington street school she received a mahogany rocker and an address. Mr. and Mrs. Connell left at 10.20 for Boston and other cities and after two weeks' trip will return to Chatham to reside.

BOBBIE LEACH AND HIS BARREL



The above picture shows Bobbie Leach, of Niagara Falls, and the barrel in which he went over the falls Tuesday afternoon. It is taken from a picture secured at Niagara Falls last year by Michael Bohan, 85 Hazen street, by whose courtesy The Telegraph is able to make the reproduction. At the time Mr. Bohan got the picture Leach had just made a successful trip through the rapids below the falls.

LIBERALS WILL SWEEP THE COUNTRY, HE SAYS

Hon. John Morrisy, Commissioner of Public Works in New Brunswick, Declares Opposition in Ottawa Must Be Made Up of Different Class of Men Before Country Will Support It—Province Strong for Reciprocity.

Saturday, July 29.

That, in the event of a dominion election in the fall with reciprocity as the issue, the Liberals would sweep the country, was the opinion expressed by Hon. John Morrisy, M. P. P., commissioner of public works, who was in the city yesterday afternoon attending a meeting of the local government. Northumberland, his own constituency, he said, in speaking to a reporter for The Telegraph, would go strong Liberal and, with the exception of York county, he expected that every county in the province would go likewise. He said he would also be surprised to see St. John city return a Conservative in the event of an election being held.

"I tell you," he remarked, "the opposition in Ottawa will have to be made up of a different class of men than it is at present before the country will rally to its support."

At the meeting of the provincial government which was held in the government rooms, Church street, yesterday afternoon, chiefly routine business was transacted. Applications were received from several agricultural societies seeking incorporation and a few minor appointments were made. Those present at the meeting were: Acting Premier Flemming, Hon. John Morrisey, Hon. H. F. McLeod, Hon. W. C. H. Grimmer, Hon. Dr. Landry and Hon. Robert Maxwell. The construction of a new bridge across the falls was discussed, and Mr. Snyder, a prominent engineer who yesterday morning in company with Hon. Mr. Morrisy, Hon. Robert Maxwell and A. R. Wetmore, provincial engineer, made an inspection of the site proposed for the new bridge, was present. Mr. Snyder said he would submit complete plans for the proposed bridge within the near future. The site selected is between the Suspension and Cantilever bridges. The plans for the triple bridge proposed some time ago providing opportunity for railway, street car, and traffic, have been abandoned. The proposed share of the Canadian Pacific Railway in the bridge has been eliminated owing to the "danger due to the proximity of the steam and team traffic." When the plans have been finally prepared they will be submited to the St. John Street Railway Company and a consultation will be held.

It was stated after the meeting that the Valley Railway did not come up for discussion.

TEN MEN WENT DOWN WITH CAPE BRETON COLLIER

Mate, the Only Survivor of the Steamer John Irwin, Tells Thrilling Story of Vessel Foundering in Storm—Got Cook on Raft, But Couldn't Save Him.

Halifax, July 28—The steamer John Irwin, yesterday reported overdue on a trip from Port Morien to Halifax, foundered, and of her crew of eleven, ten perished.

The only man saved is W. L. McLeod, the mate, who, on reaching Sherbrooke today, told the harrowing story to your correspondent.

"The steamer John Irwin, owned by the Port Hood Coal Company, sailed for Halifax from Port Morien on Monday, coal laden. Next morning at 5.15 o'clock she foundered six or seven miles off Beaver Light. At the time the sea was running mountains high with a heavy off shore gale. In the gale the cargo shifted badly, the ship listed, the water sweeping over everything tore away the hatches and in a moment it was evident the ship was doomed.

"The captain ordered the boats cleared away, but before the covers could be cut away the steamer plunged under head first, carrying all hands down with her. The second engineer, I believe, was still below and could not have reached the deck."

McLeod went on to say that when he (the mate) came to the surface he secured a cork fender, a moment later one of the hatches, and then part of a bulk head, out of which he constructed a raft. He picked up the cook and shared his raft with him.

He saw the chief engineer on another of the hatches and spoke to him, also saw Alex. McIntosh, one of the firemen, on some wreckage, but they soon disappeared.

The terrible battering of the storm soon told on the cook, and he lost heart and despite Mr. McLeod's repeated rescues, recovering him on the tiny raft when he would slip off, he was unable to save him, the unfortunate man dying of exposure that evening.

McLeod drifted ashore at eastern Red Head, at the entrance to Liscombe Harbor between 6 and 7 o'clock on Wednesday night in a state of utter exhaustion. He slept under a tree all night and in the morning managed to make his way over the broken country to Abram Fancy's, at Marie Joseph, where he was cared for and on the arrival of the Dufferin he came to Sherbrooke. Asked for further details, McLeod replied:

"It was all too sudden to leave much to tell. The cargo shifted and she went down within a minute. McLeod did not know the names of all the members of the crew, who number eleven all told, but as he knew them they were, besides himself: William Heater, captain, Halifax; George Paine, chief engineer, Port Hawkesbury; Samuel Lisk, second engineer, Lockeport; Courtney Josey, cook, Spry Bay; Percy Spence, seaman, Halifax, known as "Scotty," a native of Scotland; Bob Gabarus; one Scotch and one Irish fireman. Alex. McIntosh, Port Hawkesbury, fireman.

LUMBER USED BY FURNITURE AND CAR MANUFACTURERS IN CANADA, 1910

Statistics of the lumber purchased by furniture and car manufacturers in Canada in 1910, have been compiled by the forestry branch of the department of the interior: 117,893,000 board feet of timber were used, worth $2,987,210, at an average value of $25.35 per thousand; of this 65 p.c. was native wood at $20.82 per thousand while the imported wood cost $33.86 per thousand. Ontario was the principal consumer, using over 50 p.c. of the total amount. About one-third was used in Quebec and the remaining 15 p.c. was consumed in Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island used a negligible quantity. The timber used in Ontario, both native and imported, was more expensive than in the other provinces, while Nova Scotia is a particularly cheap lumber province.

Yellow pine and oak are the most important species used by these industries, forming over one-third of the total consumption. It is regrettable that all of the yellow pine and 95 p.c. of the oak has to be imported from the United States. Great credit will be due to any manufacturer who supplants these two species with native wood. However, the next ten species in importance—maple, birch, spruce, pine, basswood, elm, ash, beech, douglas fir and hemlock are native woods and practically make up the remaining two-thirds of total consumption. Thirteen other species are used in small quantities. Statistics of various industries thus collected are expected to be a benefit to private owner, timber seller and manufacturer by giving a better understanding of volume of business done.

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