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News Summary

Three men for personation at the referendum voting in Toronto were fined \$50 or six months in jail.

The Crown Princess, of Saxony has mysteriously disappeared. She has been missing since Dec. 11, and no trace of her can be found.

Judge Deacon, of Pembroke, has been appointed to investigate the alleged stuffing of ballot boxes in the referendum vote at Ottawa.

Mr. W. M. Clark, who recently purchased the Frederickton Reporter from Mr. H. H. Pitts, announces its suspension after an existence of fifty-six years.

A deputation of railway employes waited on Sir Wm. Mulock at Toronto on Wednesday and presented their views on the compulsory arbitration act, to which they are to a large extent opposed.

The Montreal civic committee in charge of the fuel question had ordered thirty more cars of soft coal from Nova Scotia. This has been determined owing to the heavy demand for coal already ordered.

Timothy Hanifin, aged 50, a farmer of Tyendinaga township, Ont., was found frozen to death in ice in a ditch near Shannonville. He had been drinking and a half gallon jar of whiskey was found alongside his body.

McIntyre Bros., of Sussex, and William Howe, of Welford, have been awarded first and third prizes in a potato raising competition instituted by a potato bug destroying company. The first prize was \$100 and the third \$50.

The Quebec and New Brunswick Railway Company will apply to Parliament next session for the power to build a bridge over the St. John river and approaches near Conors Station or near the Winding Ledges on the line of the said railway.

A helper engine on the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton Railroad, got beyond control at Liberty, Ind., on Monday, made two wild runs between Connersville and that place, wrecked two freight trains, demolished four engines, killed two men and injured two others.

In interested circles in London it is thought that should the Canadian Pacific Railway Company enter shipping business on its own account instead of making arrangements with existing lines the severest struggle may be expected. The original proposal to establish a Canadian fast line has, it is believed been abandoned.

Wm. McBride, James Station and Matthew Landy, gasfitters, while examining a leaking gas main on Notre Dame street, St. Henri (Montreal), Friday night, were overcome by escaping gas. All three were found in an unconscious condition and taken to a hospital. McBride died before reaching the hospital, and the recovery of his companions is doubtful.

The quarantine against Connecticut on account of the epidemic of foot and mouth disease in New England was removed on Monday. The order takes immediate effect, and permits cattle, sheep and other live stock to be shipped out of the stock without restriction. The quarantine remains in full force as to the other states proscribed in the order issued Nov. 27 last.

Friday was the coldest of the season at Atlanta, Ga. The thermometer registered 18 above zero. Jacksonville, Fla., reported 38 above, and Savannah 34. Freezing temperature extends as far south as a line running east and west through the central portion of the cotton belt. Memphis thermometers registered 18 degrees Friday. At Nashville it was 13, and at Chattanooga 16 above zero. There was a light snow throughout Tennessee.

The MESSINGER AND VISITOR office had a narrow escape from being burned out on Monday night. A very serious fire occurred in the adjoining and closely connected building. We are thankful to say, however, that, apart from some slight inconvenience, we have not suffered from what has brought considerable loss and inconvenience to a number of our neighbors.

The thirtieth annual convention of the Commercial Travellers' Association of Canada met at Toronto on Friday. The directors' report shows a membership of 5,857, being 371 over last year. The financial statement shows a balance to permanent reserve fund of \$23,076. Mortuary benefits were \$42,175. The association decided to join hands with the Dominion Association in making an effort to have the tax upon commercial men in Prince Edward Island removed.

CHRISTIAN PATRIOTISM AND DEFENCE OF THE TRUTH.

Under the above headings Rev. J. Harry King of Tilsonburg, Ont., has recently issued a pamphlet containing six sermons. The discourses deal with Christian Patriotism; The Doctrine of Regeneration; Christian Baptism; Righteous Living; Scriptural Belief; and Contending for the Faith.

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