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PROMINENT BUSINESS MAN OF BRIDGETOWN PASSES AWAY

Mr. William A. Craig Dies in Hospital in Boston Following an Operation After a Week's Absence From Home.

Surprise, regret and sympathy followed the announcement on Friday morning last of the death of Mr. William A. Craig, Manager of the Bridgetown Foundry.

Although Mr. Craig has been in failing health for some years, only his closest associates were aware of the deep inroad disease had made upon his constitution, so regular and faithful had been his attendance upon his daily duties and attention to business interests.

With the hope that surgical treatment would arrest the rapid development of disease he was persuaded to go to a Massachusetts Hospital for that purpose, and accompanied by his son, Kenneth, he left for Boston on the 10th inst. One week from that day the family received the encouraging report that the operation was over and all was going well but on Friday evening a telegram informed them of his death.

Mr. Craig, who was a native of Kings County, came here nearly forty years ago. In partnership with Mr. Douglas he bought out the foundry business of James R. Hillis and later bought out the interest of his partner, conducting it alone until the foundry was destroyed by fire in 1885. A stock company was then formed with Mr. Craig as Manager, in which position he has since continued up to the present time.

As a citizen few would be more keenly missed. In his dealings with his fellowmen he was honest and straightforward, and took a lively interest in everything pertaining to the development or moral welfare of the town. He was a member of the Baptist Church and deeply interested in the progress of religion and tem-

perance. In politics he was a Conservative.

No needy person ever appealed to him in vain and he was ready to sacrifice his own comfort to contribute to that of others. Frequent instances of his kindness and generosity are quoted and the memory of his friendship will be a lasting one.

He is survived by his wife, four sons and a daughter, also three brothers, Edward Craig, of this town, and James and Thomas Craig, of Cambridge. His wife was a Miss Parker, of Cambridge.

The remains were brought home on Saturday by two of his sons. On Sunday the funeral service was held. After prayers at the house the funeral cortege proceeded to the church, where it is estimated a thousand people were assembled to pay their last tribute of respect. It was said to be one of the largest funeral concourses ever seen in the County.

Rev. A. S. Lewis, pastor of the church, conducted the services, and was assisted by Rev. A. J. MacDonald, of the Presbyterian Church, and Rev. H. H. Saunders, of the Paradise Baptist Church. An impressive sermon was delivered by the pastor. The hymns sung were, "The Christian's Good Night," "Asleep in Jesus," and "Servant of God, Well Done."

The pall-bearers were Deacons Rupert Woodbury, Zachues Phinney, Newcombe Marshall and B. D. Nelly. Among the floral pieces which rested upon the casket were a wreath from sons and daughter, wreath from nephew, A. B. McConnell, of Boston, besides pink and white carnations, primroses and lilies of the valley from relatives and friends.

Coal May Control Steel

Montreal, Feb. 16.—Following the decision of the privy council the directors of the Dominion Coal Company have been quietly working to bring their long dispute with the steel and iron people to an end, and it is now practically certain that this will be achieved within a few days, by the complete breakdown of the coal interests.

It was decided at a meeting this afternoon to make two offers to the president of the Steel company.

The first proposition is to carry out the old contract in its entirety both as to quantity and time, at the old rate, while the alternate proposition is to enter into a new contract, also at the original rate, but leaving the quantity and time to be determined by the steel directors.

There is scarcely any possible doubt that one or other of these propositions will be accepted by the Steel company. Several meetings of the coal board have been held of late, at which the opinion grew that the company had best get out of the difficulty as well as it could by accepting the inevitable and acknowledging defeat.

A special meeting of the board was held this afternoon, attended by Messrs. James Ross, R. B. Angus, W. D. Mathews, James Reid Wilson, F. L. Wanklyn, James Crathern, Senator Cox, W. B. Ross and J. K. Osborn, when the whole matter was canvassed.

As a result this evening a letter was sent to the President of the Steel company containing the two offers, which will not only end the trouble, but prevent the coal people being held in heavy damages. The Coal company will, of course, return to the Steel people the two millions paid by them since the beginning of the trouble in excess of the original contract price for the coal, and it is understood that most of this sum will go to the Bank of Montreal and the Canadian Bank of Commerce.

An interesting sidelight upon this settlement is thrown by the statement that the coal people are in a reach or inspection of man. That it

position to control the Steel company. It is stated that during the past few days interests friendly to the coal people have been busy buying up immense blocks of steel stock, and have secured control of nearly one hundred thousand shares of common. While James Ross and his associates were imagined by the street to be unloading steel they were really buying it in secretly, and those on the inside state that they will soon be in control of the situation.

No Bounty

POSITIVELY NO BOUNTY WILL BE PAID FOR BROWN TAILED MOTH NESTS IN NOVA SCOTIA.

As mentioned in the columns of this paper a few days ago, the Department of Agriculture has employed the services of Mr. H. G. Payne, of Granville Ferry, to inspect those parts of Digby, Annapolis and Yarmouth Counties in which the Brown Tailed Moths have been discovered. For various reasons, which cannot but appeal to the public, the Department has decided to discontinue the giving of bounties. It transpires that a number of people in the sections which have been infested with the Brown Tailed Moth have collected nests and are holding them with a view to obtaining the bounty. If bounty were to be paid, we would be out in sympathy with these people but as it has been definitely decided not to pay a bounty, we hope that these people will see it that the nests of these pernicious insects are immediately destroyed.

Up to February 13th, Mr. Payne secured and destroyed 168 Brown Tailed Moth nests. It is to be sincerely hoped that, with the hearty co-operation of the citizens throughout the sections of the country infested, he will be successful in getting and destroying almost, if not all the Brown Tailed Moth nests there are.

M. CUMMING, Secretary for Agriculture.

Sunday-School Association

To the Sunday School Workers:—The new Field Secretary, Dr. J. Brown, will be in the County from March 15th to 25th, to assist all the District Conventions.

Mrs. G. W. Whitman, Provincial Superintendent of Elementary Department, will also be present at the different meetings, addressing the Convention on the work in this department.

At the afternoon sessions Dr. Brown will conduct a round table on "Adult Classes."

We trust that all Sunday School workers will aim to be present at these meetings.

Attend your District Convention both for the benefit you will receive, and the help you will give.

Large meetings are encouraging.

Dates fixed for the different districts as follows:—

Clements District, March 15th.
Annapolis District, March 16th.
Granville District, March 17th.
Bridgetown District, March 18th.

Lawrencetown District, March 19th.
Nictaux District, March 22nd.
Springfield District, March 23rd.
Middleton District, March 25th.

Amount received since Oct. 25, 1908:
Nictaux Centre, Bapt. \$1.50
Deep Brook, Bapt. 3.00

Per Col. Card, Victoria Vale, .50
collected by Miss Jessie Bowby, 1.08
Per Col. Card, Parker's Cove, .50
Yours in the work,

A. E. YOUNG,
Secretary-Treasurer.

Lawrencetown, Feb. 22nd.

Apples Scarce in Halifax Market

The Halifax Chronicle's trade report of Saturday says:—Dealers report business in these lines improving steadily and see quite an advance with respect to January's trade. Outside towns, for instance, are ordering more freely than usual at this time of year. This is considered by the wholesalers a good indication of business prospects for early spring trade.

Apples continue very scarce, in fact it is about impossible to get any first quality stock of any kind, only odd lots of Spies, Baldwins, Ben Davis, and an occasional small lot of Ribston Pippins, but not sufficient of any one variety to be worth talking about, and practically no number 1 stock available. Oranges, on the contrary, are good stock and in good demand, filling to a large extent the place usually held by apples in the market. When good quality oranges can be had for \$4.50 to \$5.00 a bbl. repacked, they are much better value than the best apples at today's prices.

N. S. cranberries, which have been quoted at \$5.50 a bbl. so far for this season, have advanced to \$7.00, due to their increasing scarcity and the fact that there have been no Cape Cod fruit in the market this season, owing to their excessive price. Canadian onions are quoted this week at \$1.00 per bag.

Money is reported fairly easy, dealers making no complaint on the score of collections.

REASON ENTHRONED.

Because meats are so tasty they are consumed in great excess. This leads to stomach troubles, biliousness and constipation. Revise your diet, let reason and not a pampered appetite control, then take a few doses of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets and you will soon be well again. Try it. For sale at W. A. WARREN'S, BRIDGETOWN; A. E. ATLEE'S, ANNAPOLIS ROYAL, and BEAR RIVER'S DRUG STORE. Samples free.

TANNER DEFEATED IN PICTOU.

Pictou, Feb. 16.—The Liberal Party won a notable victory in Pictou County today, when Mr. R. H. McKay, of Westville, Liberal, defeated Mr. Charles D. Tanner, leader of the Conservative Party in provincial politics by a majority of close on two hundred in the bye-election for the local house made, necessary by Mr. Tanner's resignation to contest the seat for the Federal House against Mr. E. M. Macdonald in the recent general election.

Victims of Accident Disregarded Rules

The Outlook gives details of the accident at the Mines referred to in the Monitor last week by which the Sarty Bros. lost their lives, as follows:—

At the time of the accident the men were employed in the No. 2 shaft, at construction work. The skip had been up to the surface for materials and the men took the opportunity to go up with it. Ralph Sarty and Nathaniel Sarty were riding in the skip and Foreman John Hopkins and Lewis Weagle were riding on the lip or nose of the cage. The weight of these men in front

tended to overbalance the skip, but the overhanging wall of the shaft kept it plumb until it reached shaft No. 3 level, when with the resistance from above relieved, it turned turtle and precipitated the two Sarty's head foremost into the shaft, a distance of between two and three hundred feet, and were instantly killed. A very capable man, named Waterman, was in charge of the engine at the time and at the first commotion of the rope stopped the skip. Had he lost his head for an instant, Hopkins and Weagle would have shared the fate of their unfortunate companions. As it was, the gang of men on the level below came at once to the rescue and extricated the injured men. Weagle escaped with a broken leg and Hopkins was severely crushed in the region of the hips.

Accidents have been very infrequent at Torbrook and this unfortunate affair has thrown a particular gloom over the place.

No one appears to have been very much to blame for the sad affair. It was against the rules of the company for men to ride on the skip and a notice had been posted forbidding its use for this purpose. In construction work, however, where the men are frequently called to the surface they could scarcely be blamed if they should choose to be hoisted rather than take the toilsome climb up the ladders which are provided for their use. There is also a general thing very little danger from riding in the skip except, as in this case, when pressure is thoughtlessly put on the lip.

The deceased were sober and industrious young men and much esteemed by their fellow workman. Their remains were sent by the H. & S. W. to the home of their parents at Hebb's Farm, Lunenburg County.

On Tuesday Dr. S. N. Miller, coroner, impanelled a jury. Mr. A. L. Davidson attended to watch the interests of the company. The verdict was that the Sarty brothers came to their death through the neglect of the company to enforce their regulations.

BIG SUMMER HOTEL FOR ARGYLE.

(Yarmouth Telegram.)

Several weeks ago we alluded to the fact that a company of Boston gentlemen, connected by family ties, who were annual visitors to Yarmouth, had decided upon erecting a large summer residence for themselves at Lower Argyle. The contract for this building, which will be practically, so far as dimensions and equipment are concerned, a hotel, has been secured by Messrs. Rhodes, Curry & Co., of Amherst, who will at once begin operations. It will be in a form of a bungalow and is to cost \$30,000.

The representative of the syndicate Mr. Cox, has bought a tract of some 200 acres of land and proposes fitting the whole thing up in modern style. Some idea of the bungalow may be gleaned by the fact that there are to be seven bath rooms and ten lavatories in the building. When completed and occupied it will form quite a community, there being about seven families interested.

The site selected is one of the prettiest in the whole Province, in fact so charming is it that Mr. McKenzie of McKenzie & Mann, is said to have pronounced it the finest he ever saw from a railway train, and he has travelled some, too.

Repeat it:—"Shiloh's Cure will always cure my coughs and colds."

Does Gold Grow?

When the world and civilization were young the old alchemists worked with childlike faith to reproduce the mysterious processes they believed to be going on in the earth's secret crucibles, especially in the production of gold. Science, coming into existence, at first laughed at these dreams of the ancients, but on investigating the matter more fully some of the greatest followers and devotees of science have concluded that any of the old traditions are being strangely and unexpectedly verified by undeniable facts today.

The question "Does gold grow?" is often answered in the affirmative than not, and by growth is not meant action synonymous to that in a flower, which, germinating in the seed, assimilates unto itself varying elements from the air and soil and water, changing these into stem and leaf and bud; but within the earth's crust deposits of the yellow metal are being continually fed by hidden process far below the surface, out of reach of human eye and beyond the knowledge and observation of the greatest of scientific men.

Miners on returning to worked out diggings or abandoned shafts have often discovered rich stores of gold in places where the vein had previously been exhausted; and they could come to no other conclusion but that in some unknown way the gold had reproduced itself underneath the earth's surface.

Henry S. Burden, a practical mining man of California, furnishes the following evidence:—"Gold not only grows, but it is being deposited in California today by the hot solfatarras at Sulphur Creek in Colusa County, where any one who pleases may see it. It occurs with cinnabar, free sulphur and bitumen, a combination which probably has not a parallel in any other part of the world. I have seen cinnabar brought down from there with crystals of gold imbedded in it. The gold is deposited on the outside of silicious rock, in the form of crystals, and is plainly formed by the evaporation of aqueous deposits. There are specimens of this in the California State Museum.

"This all confirms a theory long held by me that when gold is found in pockets in quartz ledges it has been carried there by tellurides, which volatilize, leaving the gold behind. This is the way I account for a singular development up in Coos County, Oregon. While doing some placer mining in a certain locality there some of the men thought there must be a quartz ledge near by from which the gold came. So they turned on a stream of water and hydraulicked a ledge which carried an infinitesimal quantity of the metal, excepting in one hole, shaped like a stove pipe and going down no one knew how far; and this hole was like a chimney from some underground furnace, for it was lined as if with soot with telluride of gold, telluride of silver and free gold, and they took \$1,000 out of it.

"The Bonanza mine, at Sonora, Tuolumne County, California, presents another instance that it seems to me can only be explained in this way. They were doing a little mining there, and the miners started to dig a cellar to keep their butter and eggs cool in summer and ran across a pocket of gold so rich that in three days they had taken 996 pounds weight of gold out of it, valued at \$209,000, and out of the rest of the ledge they took in all \$21,000."

From Louis Falkenau, once State Assayer of California, comes the following opinion:

"Does gold grow? I admit not only the possibility, but the probability that gold may not be a simple element," but may be found to be composed of two or more elements. Indeed, I believe the time will come when our list of simple elements, now comprising seventy-three, including the recently discovered argon and helium, will be reduced to a very few. Should gold be eliminated from these and placed in the list of compounds, this would, of course, make it possible for it to now be in process of formation somewhere, say in the centre of the earth, beyond the

FANCY DRESS CARNIVAL AT BRIDGETOWN SKATING RINK

Sixty-five Skaters in Fancy Costume Held Carnival Under Auspices of the Bridgetown Brass Band.

The first Fancy Dress Skating Carnival of the season was held at the Rink on Wednesday evening last, under the auspices of the Bridgetown Band and was a decided success in every particular.

About sixty-five skaters in costume occupied the open-air rink, and a large number were present as spectators. The evening was fine, the ice was good and the gay costumes of the skaters with the enlivening strains of the Band made the scene an attractive one to spectators as well as participants.

The judges had many competitors to consider in the awarding of the prize for the best costume and it was very difficult to make a choice. Finally, for points of beauty, good taste and originality the prize was awarded to Miss Nan Hoyt as Poppy. To Miss Lillian Fowler was awarded the prize for the most graceful lady skater. In each case the prize was a handsome box of chocolates.

While the majority of the young skaters are beginners there were a number on the ice showing proficiency in the art. During the evening Mr. Percy Burns gave an exhibition of fancy skating which was much appreciated. Mr. Burns was a champion skater in his younger days and probably would not require much practice to again make him a prize winner. A number of ladies were noticeable for the grace and ease with which they skimmed the crystal surface.

Following is a list of the skaters in costume:—

LADIES.

Mrs. Frank Dodge—Summer Girl.
Mrs. Burton Farnsworth—Japanese Lady.
Mrs. Percy Burns—Red Cross Nurse.
Mrs. (Dr.) Anderson—Christmas Tree.
Mrs. Wylie Burns—Nun.
Mrs. R. W. Elliott—Armenian.
Mrs. H. B. Hicks—Deaconess.
Mrs. Fred R. Fay—Deaconess.
Mrs. E. A. Hicks—Japanese Lady.
Mrs. William Lockett—Blue Bells.
Miss Hettie Troop—Snow Shoe Girl.
Miss Eva Miller—Highland Lassie.
Miss Emma Johnson—Priscilla.
Miss Ethel B. Davis—Snow Shoe Girl.
Miss Madge Morse—Fortune Teller.
Miss Marion W. Dearness—Lady of Ye Olhen Time.
Miss Louise Ruggles—Mimic.
Miss Bessie Ruggles—Collage Girl.
Miss Margaret Raymond—Night.
Miss Ella Phinney—Queen of Hearts.
Miss Emma Whitman—Stars and Stripes.
Miss Annie Whitman—Red Cross Nurse.

Miss Lillian Fowler—Gypsy.
Miss Dora Mesereau—Canada.
Miss Bessie Hoyt—Queen of Hearts.
Miss K. Piper—Post Card Girl.
Miss Nan Hoyt—Poppy.
Miss Freida Giles—Puritan Maid.
Miss Nora Anderson—Night.
Miss Muriel Lockett—Our Lady of the Snows.
Miss Mollie Johnson—Lady Hockey-ist.
Miss Bessie Crowe—Lady Hockeyist.
Miss Ethel Kinney—Angel.
Miss Kathleen James (Lawrencetown)—Snow Shoe Girl.
Miss Una Hall (Lawrencetown)—College Girl.
Miss Pearl Morse (Lawrencetown)—20th Century Girl.

GENTLEMEN.

V. Lloyd—Officer of the Regiment.
J. J. Bancroft—Snow-shoer.
Hal Hoyt—Dusky Maid.
Elton Burns—Sharp Shooter.
Murray Durling—Farmer.
R. R. Ruggles—Sharp Shooter.
Ernest Marshall—Clown.
Frank Dodge—Summer Dude.
Percy Burns—Scout.
R. B. Simpson—Student.
Ingles Austin—Band Mistrel.
Charles Whitman—Uncle Sam.
Robert Healey—Officer of the Regiment.
O. P. Covert—Knight of the Razor.
W. V. Jones—Alderman.
J. W. Peters—Tramp.
G. Hayward—Old Woman.
Thomas White (St. John)—Cobbler.
Rex Giles—Mary Jane.
R. H. Willson—Tommy Atkins.
R. W. Elliott—Alderman.
Lawrence Harlow—Clown.
H. B. Hicks—Clergyman.
E. A. Hicks—Uncle Si.
Harold Gibson—Snow Shoveller.
Dr. Shafer (Lawrencetown)—Better Late Than Never.
W. Burns—Sailor.
Arch W. Kinney—Pat.
F. Beckwith—Just Dropped In.

CONSERVATION OF THE NATIONAL RESOURCES.

Washington, Feb. 14.—The gathering of the representatives of three nations, Canada, Mexico and the United States here this week to discuss the conservation of the Natural Resources of North America, will bring to Washington some of the most prominent men of the United States. Three of the "four bigests" whom President Roosevelt invited to the first Governor's conference last March are expected: James J. Hill, Andrew Carnegie and John Mitchell. William J. Bryan, the fourth, will not attend.
John Hayes, Hammond, Gustav Schwab, President of the National Council of Commerce, and President Charles R. VanHise, of the University of Wisconsin, also are expected.

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