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ncton, N. B., March 9—According to
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ight called on Sheriff Allett at one
e local hotels and with tears in his
told him his wife was dead and he
d like money to bury her. The sher-
ok up a subscription among the hotel
s and succeeded in obtaining $31. This
ing the sheriff, becoming suspicious,
d the home of the man and found
upposed dead wife busy washing and
husband hiding under some clothing
room. Melanson was taken to the
station and a charge laid against

STMORLAND CO. ELECTORAL REFORM LEAGUE TO MEET

acton, March 12—(Special)—A meet-
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LIBERALS DECIDE ON FIGHT IN YORK

Nominate George F. Burden, ex-M.P.P.

Unanimous Choice of Great Convention Thursday

Delegates Came from Far and Near Determined to Strike a Blow for the Valley Railway and Better Government--An Aggressive Campaign Will be Waged.

Special to The Telegraph.

Fredericton, N. B., March 16—George F. Burden, ex-M. P. P., was nominated this afternoon as the representative of the Liberal party in York to oppose Dr. Morehouse, the nominee of the local government party, in the bye-election to fill the seat occupied by the late Thomas Robison, of Harvey.

The convention, which nominated Mr. Burden, was one of the largest and most representative ever held in York county by the Liberal party. This, in spite of the fact that on account of the bye-election being called at the shortest notice possible, not more than a few days notice being given the delegates.

All the parishes but those most distant were represented and the utmost enthusiasm prevailed. There were differences in the convention concerning the advisability of contesting the election, but when it was shown that those present were overwhelmingly in favor of giving the Tories a fight, all present united with a determination to win.

The name of C. N. Goodspeed, of Fredericton, was mentioned as a candidate, but it was withdrawn, the nomination of Mr. Burden being made unanimous.

Mr. Burden Accepts.

The nominee made a brief speech to the convention, in which he said that he became standard bearer not because of any personal desire to gain political laurels, but for the grand old Liberal party. He felt that the feeling of the people of York was favorable to the Liberal party, but in the last general election their had been an undercurrent against the party which it had been impossible to stem.

Amid cheers, Mr. Burden alluded to the desire of the people of St. John Valley for railway accommodation, and said that in view of the letter of Thomas Malcolm to Premier Hazen offering to build the St. John Valley Railway every vote for the Liberal party in the coming bye-election was a vote for that railway.

George F. Burden, ex-M. P. P., the Liberal candidate, is a member of the firm of Gilman Bros. & Burden, of Penniac, York county, lumber operators and mill owners. He represented the county in the house of assembly from 1903 to 1908, and is admitted by all to be the strongest candidate that could be chosen. His previous political experience has given him a wide acquaintance throughout the constituency and his candiature has given the Liberal party every confidence.

An aggressive campaign will be begun at once, as necessarily the fight must be made in little more than a week, but steps have been taken already to perfect a strong organization. Provincial Organizer E. S. Carter, and County Organizer George McEwen, conferred with the strong executive committee appointed today. Upwards of 100 committee men are active throughout the county and an energetic campaign is assured. J. D. Phinney, K. C., chairman of the convention, has been appointed chairman of the executive committee.

THREE TORONTONIANS AMONG NINE INDICTED IN CHICAGO COURT

Are Charged With Having Defrauded Uncle Sam Out of 10,000 Acres of Alaskan Coal Lands.

Chicago, March 16—Nine men were indicted by the federal grand jury late today, charged with having defrauded the government out of 10,000 acres of Alaskan coal lands, valued at $10,000,000. The lands are in the Cook Inlet precinct.

The men indicted as Albert C. Frost, Chicago, president of the A. C. Frost Company, former president of the Chicago, Milwaukee Electric road; George M. Seward, Chicago, receiver for A. C. Frost Company; Frank Watson, Chicago, secretary of the Frost company; P. G. Beach, Chicago, King county, Washington, field agent of the Frost company; George A. Ball, Muncie (Ind.); Duncan M. Stewart, Seward, Alaska; Henry C. Osborne, Toronto (Ont.); Gwynne Francis, Toronto (Ont.); Francis H. Stewart, Toronto (Ont.)

The lands in question are in the district attached to the United States land office at Juneau.

Duncan M. Stewart mentioned above, is probably the former manager of the Sovereign Bank, who left Montreal in a hurry about three years ago, when the Canadian Bankers' Association threatened to prosecute him.

CANADIAN BONDS OVER COUNTER

Senator Domville Advocates Transferrable 3 1-2 Per Cents for the People

BETTER THAN BANKS

Sir Richard Cartwright Thinks the Matter of Great Interest and a Boon to the Small Investor—Chinese Wives Must Pay Head-Tax in Entering Canada.

Canadian Press.

Ottawa, March 16—Chinese will not be permitted to bring in their wives without payment of head tax. In the senate today Sir Richard Cartwright said he had called the attention of the government to the suggestion that these women should be admitted free, but it had been decided undesirable to extend the free list of Chinese admission at the present time.

Senator Domville drew attention to a report that the British government was about to popularize consols by issuing bearer bonds of from £5 to £10 which could be purchased at post offices. He said that the Canadian government should do something of this kind. There were at least a thousand million deposits of savings placed with Canadian banks and the government, and this showed the need for some additional way in which people of moderate means and small experience in business could invest safely. He thought the government should issue transferrable three and a half per cent. bonds for 50 face value, which anyone could purchase from any Canadian post office and which could pass from hand to hand. If this plan was adopted, the banks might not be able to get quite so much to loan in the United States, but the general people of Canada would be benefitted.

Sir Richard Cartwright said the proposal made by Senator Domville touched a question of great interest. There was no doubt it would place secure investment within the hand of small investors. He would call the attention of the minister of finance to the suggestion.

CANADIAN BANKERS OPPOSE NAME OF RIVAL INSTITUTION

Think Parliament Should Not Allow It to Be Called the Bank of Canada.

Montreal, March 16—The news that the Banque Du Canada bill had passed the committee caused a good deal of unfavorable comment in banking circles in Montreal today. With hardly an exception the bankers are opposed to the new and untried institution securing the name of Bank of Canada, and every effort will be made to have the action of the committee revoked when the bill comes before the house.

It was pointed out by a prominent banker that the Farmers Bank forms a good illustration of the lure or attraction that a name has for the class of individuals with which a bank intends to deal.

Another banker dreaded the possibility of any future trouble in the new bank, which he said, recent events have proved is always a contingency in the case of a new institution. "Fancy what a nice black eye it would give us in London and Paris if anything happened to the Bank of Canada," said this banker.

John Knight, as secretary of the Canadian Bankers' Association, said this morning: "I have nothing to say officially. It seems to me that we may reasonably rely on the good sense of the commons to offset the temporary mental aberation of the members of the banking and commerce committee."

LUNENBURG WANTS CHEAPER LIGHTING OR WILL GO WITHOUT

Lunenburg, N. S., March 16—(Special)—It is possible that the streets of Lunenburg will be in darkness on evenings after the last of this month. The town council refuses to pay the rate asked by the electric light people. At a meeting of the civic fathers last night it was decided to have the services discontinued after March 31, unless the light company makes substantial reductions in the rates charged.

The council offers to pay $12 a year for each light of 32 candle power, $10 a year for 20 candle power and $8 a year for 16 candle power. The company says it cannot see its way clear to reduce its present rate which is $18 for 32 candle power, $14.25 for 20, and $13 for 16

HAZEN GOVERNMENT'S EXTRAVAGANCE BARED

Their Promises Not Kept

Hon. Mr. Burchill Shows How They Have Frittered Away an Enormous Revenue and Gone Largely in Debt—Are Not Practising What They Preached in Opposition.

Special to The Telegraph.

Fredericton, N. B., March 16.—There was some surprise and consternation in the government ranks today when John P. Burchill followed Mr. Murray, of Kings county, with one of the best and most critical speeches of the policy of the administration made this session.

Mr. Burchill is at all times a pleasing, convincing and powerful speaker and today he sustained his reputation in every respect. His comparisons were not pleasing to the government and during his forty-five minutes' talk he presented many new arguments that they will find much trouble in answering.

The house proceedings were second in importance to the remarkable Liberal convention taking place in another part of the city. Only two days ago notification of the county Liberals was undertaken by telephone and in spite of the inclement weather and bad roads there was a gathering of over 200 sturdy Liberals from all parts of the county.

There was an organized attempt to persuade the delegates that a contest was not wise, but it was well understood that though many were sincere in thinking so some others were trying to carry out a civic bargain.

The enthusiasm was intense when the news was announced that there would be a candidate and the maner in which it was received in the city and by the county Liberals, who had come a great distance to attend, was very gratifying.

There is much uneasiness in the ranks of the government party tonight. They tried to get a snap verdict. It is well known that the late member's obsequies were hardly over before instructions were given to issue the writ and it is freely stated that the same train that carried the proclamation throughout the country carried the news of the Conservative convention.

Mr. Burden, the Liberal candidate, is easily the most popular man in the county and will poll a tremendous vote. Assurances of his success are on many lips tonight and York county will see the shortest and most active political battle in its history.

Bil's and Petitions.

The house met at 3 o'clock.

Mr. Dickson submitted the report of the agricultural committee.

Hon. Mr. McLeod submitted the report of the standing rules committee.

In reply to Mr. Bentley's enquiry Hon. Mr. Hazen said that the subject matter of the inquiry had not been considered by the government.

Hon. Mr. McLeod introduced bills relating to the town of Marysville, to enable it to elect two councillors to the municipal council.

Mr. Sweeney introduced a bill to amend the act of incorporation of the city of Moncton.

Mr. Wilson presented a petition in favor of a bill to incorporate the St. John Power Boat Club.

Mr. Wilson introduced a bill to enable the city of St. John to take a plebiscite on the question of contributing $300,000 to construct a bridge across the harbor of St. John.

Mr. Sweeney introduced a bill to amend the act relating to the construction and inspection of buildings in the city of Moncton.

Mr. Robinson introduced a bill to authorize the city council of Moncton to establish a salvage corps and fire police.

Mr. Wilson presented a petition in favor of a bill to amend the act incorporating the Women's Christian Union in the town of Portland.

Hon. Mr. Hazen introduced a bill in addition to and further amendment to the probate's court act.

Mr. Robinson introduced a bill to authorize the city of Moncton to issue debentures and purchase the exhibition association lands.

Mr. Tweeddale introduced a bill to amend the act incorporating the district of Andover and Perth for supplying said district with power and heat.

Mr. Robinson introduced a bill to authorize the city of Moncton to issue debentures for the purpose of extending and improving its water system.

Mr. Robinson introduced a bill to authorize the city of Moncton to sell the contagious disease hospital.

Mr. Robinson introduced a bill relating to sewers and marsh lands in the parish of Moncton.

Hon. Mr. Grimmer introduced a bill respecting the protection of woods from fire. He explained that the bill went considerably further than any former legislation. It would compel railway companies to provide water spreaders and men equipped for fire fighting purposes; and also equipped with telephoning facilities, in order to better protect the forests of the province from fire. Penalties were provided for violation of the act.

Mr. Burchill inquired if the provisions of the act would apply to the Intercolonial Railway.

Hon. Mr. Grimmer replied that it could not apply to the Intercolonial, but he had been informed that an attempt would be made to have dominion legislation passed which would enable the provincial enactments to apply to government railways as well as company owned roads.

Hon. Mr. Maxwell introduced a bill to enable the city of St. John to exempt the

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CONSERVATIVES RE-THRESH FARMERS' BANK FAILURE

All Yesterday's Session of Parliament Consumed in an Effort to Besmirch the Government—Mr. Carvell Sums Up the Case Tersely—Motion for Royal Commission Voted Down on Party Vote.

Special to The Telegraph.

Ottawa, March 16—From the opening of the house this afternoon until after midnight the opposition members today re-threshed the straw of yesterday's debate in reference to the demand for a royal commission to investigate the affairs of the Farmers' Bank.

Hardly a single new point was elucidated and the dozen speakers traversed again with wearisome and profitless reiteration the history of the organization and mismangement of the bank, with particular reference to the deception practiced on the finance minister and the shareholders, alike by the general manager, W. R. Travers.

Naturally every opposition member, whose constituents suffered from the collapse of the bank sought to make some political capital by attributing the final and inevitable failure of the back to the fact that the certificate to be in business had been issued by the treasury board on the fradulent representateions of Travers; that the orignal deposit of $250,000, required by law, had not been all in actual cash, but that $80,000 of it had been made up by discounting shareholder's notes. The fact that these notes had afterwards been converted into actual cash, and that the ultimate collapse was due to a long series of subsequent deceptions and illegal speculations by Travers was conveniently ignored.

Frank B. Carvell, in a brief speech late tonight, summed up the real situation by declaring: "If the members of the opposition were half as anxious to secure justice in this case as they are to besmirch the Liberal party they would devote their criticism against the Tory government of Ontario which left Beattie Nesbitt escape, when they might easily have got him."

The vote on Mr. Henderson's resolution calling for a royal commission was taken after midnight and was defeated on a straight party division, the government taking the ground that while the whole case was still before the courts it would be unwise to go into a further investigation at present.

The division was taken at 1.45 a. m. and the motion was defeated, 62 to 98.

CANADA'S CENSUS WILL COST MORE THAN $1,000,000

220 Commissioners Appointed—Enumerators Have Not Been Chosen Yet—Work to Begin June 1.

Ottawa, March 16—It costs something to take the census of Canada. The appropriation for the purpose is $1,000,000, but Archibald Blue, the census commissioner, says that the cost would exceed this amount.

The commissioners have been appointed and their names will be announced in the Canada Gazette in a few days. There are 220 in all. Three permanent officers of the census bureau will be assigned to meet the commissioners at various convenient points throughout the dominion. There will probably be four or five meeting places in Ontario, and the same number in Quebec. There will be one meeting place in the maritime provinces, and one in each of the western provinces.

The instructions to the commissioners will be given in April, and the instructions to the enumerators in May. The latter have not as yet been appointed. Actual work on the census will be commenced June 1.

PRICE OF HIGH GRADE SEED VERY HIGH

Some of the Latest Quotations—Dry Fish and Fresh Fish Very Scarce.

It is said that not in years has the price of Timothy seed been so high as it is this year. Since the opening of the market in January there has been a strong advance and at the present time dealers are offering stock at from $15 to $15.75 per 100 pounds. Clover seed is also very dear. Red and Mammoth clover seed ranges from $17 to $21.50, according to grade. It is pointed out that these prices are for seeds which pass the government examination.

It is said that there is little prospect of cheaper fish till next month when it is probable the boats will be able to get out. At the present time very little dry fish is on the market and fresh fish is also very scarce.

FIND BRANCH TRAIN CREW TO BLAME FOR DERBY JCT. DISASTER

Special to The Telegraph.

Newcastle, N. B., March 16—The coroner's investigation into the railway disaster at Derby Junction was finished this afternoon and the following verdict rendered:

"We, the jury empannelled to inquire into the death of Harvey McDougall, find that the said Harvey McDougall came to his death as the result of a collision between train No. 59 and train No. 34 at Derby Junction, in the parish of Derby, county of Northumberland, on the morning of March 9, 1911. We further find that the said Harvey McDougall met his death through neglect of duty on the part of crew No. 59."

LUNATICS MURDER GUARD AT MONTREAL

Break from Barred Room, Strike Down Officer and Make Their Escape.

Canadian Press.

Montreal, March 16—Francois D'Haine, a guard, was struck down and killed at the asylum of St. Benoit Joseph yesterday. Two inmates have escaped from the institution, one of whom Augustus Panneton, is said to have been the assailant.

Panneton and Rappael Cadbois are the two men who made their escape.

The men displayed great cunning and resource in making their get-away. Panneton was confined in one of the strongest cells in the institutton. His hands were manacled behind his back; the door was a stout one, secure with six immense locks, and the transom at the top was small and was barred with stout iron rods. Somehow, the man managed to get rid of the handcuffs. Then he tore out several of the bars over the transom, and, being a thin man, crawled through. Then he proceeded to the cell of Gadbois, and released him.

Francois D'Haine, aged 55, the night guard, heard noises issuing from the corridor, and proceeded to investigate. When near the cell he came upon the two men. D'Haine immediately tried to get the maniacs under control, and return them to their cells, but he was attacked. One of the pair wielded an iron bar, about two feet long, which had been wrenched from its place in the lavatory, probably on the preceding night. D'Haine's skull was fractured by the blow he received, and death was almost instantaneous.

The lunatics searched the body and took the keys. As it was so early none were stirring, and they quietly, and without difficulty, made their escape, opening all barriers with the stolen keys.

It was not until several hours later that the corpse was found and the escape of the pair was discovered.

WOMAN, WHO MURDERED HER LITTLE BOY, GETS A LONG SENTENCE

Albany, N. Y., March 16—The jury in the case of Mrs. Edith Melber, charged with the murder of her four-year-old son last January, brought in a verdict of murder in the second degree this afternoon, after being out two hours and nineteen minutes.

Justice Howard immediately sentenced the woman for an indeterminate period of not less than twenty years' imprisonment at hard labor at Auburn prison, with life the maximum. Mrs. Melber showed not the slightest trace of emotion when the verdict was rendered, nor did she waver when sentence was pronounced.

STR. CAPE BRETON MADE RECORD TRIP

Louisburg, N. S., March 16—(Special)—The steamer Cape Breton made a record round trip between Louisburg and St. John (N. B.), this week, when she covered the distance, 736 miles, in 104 and a half hours.

The schooner Lewis is loading coal today for Tusket Wedge and sails tomorrow.

BALFOUR ENDORSES ARBITRATION PLAN

MEXICAN REVOLT IS LIKELY OVER

Conference at New York Paves the Way for Restoration of Peace

REFORMS PROMISED

President Diaz's Adviser and Insurrecto Leaders Come to Terms and Minister Leaves for Home to Carry Out His Part of the Compact.

Canadian Press.

New York, March 16—The sudden departure from New York of Senor Limantour, the Mexican minister of finance, after a week of conferences and negotiations, the precise nature of which has not hitherto been clear, is now explained by the understanding that he has succeeded in and effecting a tentative plan by which substantial reforms are expected to be put in force by the Mexican government, and the leading insurrectionists being satisfied are to aid in restoring peace.

The presence here at the Hotel Astor of Senor Madero, the father of the provisional president, together with his three sons, (brothers of the provisional president); Limantour has been through three generations the confidential advisor of the Madero family, and the fact that Limantour and the Senor Madero have been in conference, while important messages have been going back and forth from the finance minister to Mexico City, added significance to the situation.

While in Paris, before he left for New York, Limantour declared through an interview his belief in the need of a number of reforms to meet the just wishes of the insurrectos. Then leaving here yesterday, he said: "Mistakes have been made, perhaps some of them serious, but this fact is not peculiar to Mexico. Many reforms have been brought about in recent years. Others of even greater importance are under way and may be made public in the near future."

Simultaneously a despatch from Mexico announces that President Diaz in a conference with a number of citizens of Metztalan assured them that he was adopting certain of Limantour's suggestions of reform.

Senor Limantour bears with him a full exposition of the demands of the insurrectionists, which it is hoped will be acceptable to the Mexican government, and made the basis of peace.

LADY EVELYA GREY SHOWS BOSTONIANS HOW TO SKATE

Boston, March 16—Lady Evelyn Grey, daughter of Earl Grey, the governor-general of Canada, was one of the participants in a skating carnival patronized by a notable gathering of Boston society folk at the Boston Arena tonight for the benefit of a local charity.

Countess Grey and her two Daughters, Lady Sybil and Lady Evelyn, who are in the city for a visit of a week or more, were the special guests of the evening.

There were no skating competitions, but the Minto Skating Club quartette of Ottawa, a crack organization, composed of Lady Evelyn Grey, Miss E. Kingsford, O. B. Haycock and H. S. Chrysler, gave an exhibition. Lady Evelyn Grey also appeared in pair skating with Mr. Haycock and was warmly greeted for her share in the graceful and picturesque performance.

Other skaters who had part in the carnival were: Fritz Schmitt, of Berlin; Irving Brokaw, ex-champion of America, and Mrs. Brokaw, of the Barger-Wallach Club, of New York.

GALE DOES MUCH DAMAGE ALONG I. C. R.

Special to The Telegraph.

Moncton, N. B., March 16—The gale that prevailed here today did some slight damage to telephone and telegraph wires and buildings about town. Between Moncton and Amherst and west of Moncton, both telegraph companies, the C. P. R. and Westren Union, had more or less trouble this afternoon and evening. In the vicinity of 100 telephones were put out of business by broken and crossed wires. A few windows were blown in and the tops of chimneys blown off. Near Amherst the roof of a box car was blown off and slammed up against the Western Union wires, breaking a pole and putting the service in the section out of commission from 4 to 7 o'clock. In consequence of the cold wave, the curling and skating rinks, which had closed for the season, were opened up again tonight.

New York Multi-Millionaire Dead.

New York, March 16—Frank York, the multi-millionaire railroadman and father of Mrs. Burke-Roche, died at his home here today of pneumonia. He was 92 years of age, and leaves an estate of about $20,000,000.

Pledges Unionists in the Good Work

John Dillion Objects to Anglo-American Alliance

John Redmond, at St. Patrick's Day Dinner in London, Buries the Hatchet and Sees a Bright Future for Ireland Within the British Empire.

Canadian Press.

London, March 16—Sir Edward Grey's endorsement of President Taft's arbitration suggestions was seconded, amid cheers, in the house of commons today by A. J. Balfour, the leader of the opposition, who in the course of his speech declared that he saw no difficulty in the way of carrying out first, such an arrangement between this country and the United States. Mr. Balfour said: "The late government did its best to carry out an arbitration treaty with the United States. I hope that there is a general feeling in America that the time has come when these two great countries may at last be bound by treaty to refer all questions which could possibly produce anything so horrible as war between them to some arbitration tribunal.

"The secretary for foreign affairs will find no heartier friends of such a policy than these in the Unionist party."

Dillon Against It.

The first break in the chorus of approval which greeted Sir Edward Grey's arbitration speech in the house came from John Dillon, member for East Mayo, who described Sir Edward's speech as a gigantic red herring most successfully drawn across the path of discussion of the naval estimates. There was, he said, nothing different in the Grey proposals from what appeared in the treaty Lord Salisbury tried to negotiate with the United States except the importation of an offensive, defensive and coercive alliance against other powers.

He gravely doubted whether this would be found to be advantage. The proposals made no provision for small nationalities struggling against injustice or seeking freedom. They referred only to mighty empires which were invited to combine for the purpose of coercing others who would not submit to arbitration.

"What about the struggling nationalities now crushed under the hoof of great empires?" asked Mr. Dillon. "What if Egypt asked for arbitration against British occupation, or Persia against the Anglo-Russian agreement?"

He was extremely skeptical of the immediate effect of such a treaty on armaments, even if it were possible to negotiate it.

Irish Leader Buries the Hatchet.

In honor of St. Patrick's day and the near approach of home rule for Ireland, several of the Irish leaders tonight issued formal statements and greetings on the occasion of the national anniversary. These included John E. Redmond, chairman of the Irish parliamentary party and chairman of the United Irish League of Great Britain; William O'Brien, M. P. for Cork, and leader of the independent Nationalists, and Lord Dunraven, president of the Irish Reform Association.

H. H. Asquith, the prime minister, and A. J. Balfour, ex-premier and leader of the opposition in the house of commons, declined to make any comment on the probability of home rule, refusing to break the iron-clad tradition against cabinet members giving an interview.

In a speech at the St. Patrick's banquet in the Hotel Cecil tonight, Mr. Redmond referred to how, amid a long list of valuable Irish reforms achieved by hard labor during the past twelve years, they had met year by year at this festival, almost despairing of achieving the great goal of their aspirations.

"Now at last," he said, "we meet with the light of victory shining on our country and our cause. The struggle between England and Ireland is ended. England and Ireland have joined hands against the common foe of both in defence of the people's liberties and rights. All bitterness has left our souls. We want peace with England. We want friendship with the English people. We want our proper place in the British Empire, and to bury fathoms deep in the ocean of oblivion and memory the wrongs, the miseries and the oppressions of the past."

T. P. O'Connor, speaking at the St. Patrick's banquet at Liverpool, said:

"This is the brightest and happiest St. Patrick's day any of us has seen. Ireland's independence is close at hand. The first step towards the realization of Sir Edward Grey's arbitration proposals must be reconciliation with the Irish people through self government."

Halifax Had it Cold, Too.

Halifax, March 16—(Special)—Halifax had a very cold snap today, with high winds. The citadel observatory reports the maximum velocity of the wind at 43 miles an hour, and the mercury fell within five degrees of zero.

B. C. Mullins Elected.

Bathurst, N. B., March 16—(Special)—The county council in a special session dealing with the finances of the county, elected today B. C. Mullins, of Bathurst, secretary-treasurer.