

SHERIFFS WANT MORE PAY.

Interview Government and Ask For Increased Salaries.

The Reasons Advanced in Support of the Request.

Executive Will Give Consideration to Points Presented.

The sheriffs are after the Government now. They want more pay. A delegation representing the sheriffs of the province waited upon the Government yesterday, those forming the delegation being Sheriff Stirling of York, Sheriff Holden of Sunbury, Deputy Sheriff Freeze of Kings and Sheriff McQueen of Westmorland. It had been the intention of Sheriffs Gagnon of Madawaska and Tibbits of Victoria to be present but they were prevented from doing so.

The delegation stated that within the past few years the emoluments of their office had greatly decreased and they asked that something like the old time salary might be restored, either in the way of increased salary or larger fees. It was pointed out that the receipts of the Sheriff's office are lessened in comparison with former years by reason of changed procedure in the Courts and because of the increased practice of the Police Magistrates. Another thing which lessens the emoluments of the Sheriff's office is the improved business conditions of recent years, making assignments very rare and affording the Sheriff but little business in this connection.

It is said that the government are disposed to admit the force of much of the argument advanced by the delegation and while the usual diplomatic answer of consideration was made yet it is believed to be the intention of the government to take some action along the line suggested.

RAILWAY ACCIDENT.

Caused Lots of Trouble Among Hotel Guests.

A truck of a freight car left the rails at Cork Station and caused lots of trouble.

An auxiliary train was dispatched, but the Boston train was delayed and did not reach here until 2 o'clock this morning.

A number of passengers had gone out from the Queen Hotel to the depot to go down on the 9 o'clock express which connects with the Boston train for St. John, and when they heard of the accident they wanted to return and put up at the Queen. However, Proprietor McCaffery had taken care of 135 people yesterday and the rooms that these had been taken were quickly taken. They went down to the Junction to wait there until the train came along.

As things went six passengers came in on the train at 2 o'clock for the Queen. One had a cot in a bath room, another slept on a cot in the hall, another had to bunk in the private office while a big fellow weighing about 300 pounds slept on a cot in the ladies parlor.

DEATH AT KINGSLEY.

Andrew Steen Passed Away After a Lingering Illness.

The death occurred at Kingsley this morning of Mr. Andrew Steen, aged 66 years, after a lingering illness of consumption. Besides a sorrowing widow, he leaves four daughters and two sons, Harry, the manager of the Harkness store, this city, and Fred, at home.

The funeral will take place from his late home on Saturday morning at 10 o'clock. Interment will take place at Pickard burial ground. Rev. James Crisp will conduct the services, Mr. R. B. Adams being the undertaker in charge.

PERSONAL.

Mr. Atherton Coburn, late of the Bank of Nova Scotia, has accepted a position with the Scott Lumber Co.

Mr. C. W. Hall went to St. John yesterday upon a business trip. Purchasing Agent West of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway has gone to Halifax on a business trip.

Mrs. Cooke Kitchen and family left yesterday for Prince Edward Island to join Mr. Kitchen who is there.

Miss Sarah Brown, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. H. Williamson, York street, returned to her home at Boiestown yesterday.

State Dinner Tonight. There will be another state dinner at Government House this evening.

MUNICIPAL TELEPHONES.

St. John Wants Authority to Put in Its Own System.

New Brunswick Telephone Co. Show Reasons Against.

Premier Tweedie Thought City Should Buy Out Present System.

The Municipalities Committee met this morning and before it the bill to authorize the city of St. John to establish a telephone service. Ald. McRae spoke in favor of the bill and said the people of St. John were in favor of it. To test the matter they sent a man round to see how many subscribers could be got for a city telephone system and a thousand people agreed to take it for ten years. They had looked into the matter and found that they could establish a first class automatic system with subways for the wires with a capacity of 6000 telephones for \$170,000. The City of St. John in asking the right to establish a telephone system was asking no more than had been given to private companies which had a right to establish competitive systems in St. John.

Hon. Mr. Tweedie said he was in favor of municipalities enjoying such franchises, but where a municipal system was established he thought there should be some provision made for buying out the existing system, for the Corporation having no taxes to pay would have a great advantage.

Ald. McRae—If we were applying for an exclusive charter that might be so. But there is not a single case where a municipality has been required to buy out an existing telephone system.

Hon. Mr. Pagsley—I think there is a very wide distinction between a telephone system and a water system, as the former is so easily erected. Would it not be rather hard on a city that it should be debarred from putting in a telephone system of its own.

Mr. McRae—The present Company has the long distance connection which gives it a great advantage.

Hon. Mr. Tweedie—I think some provision should be made for acquiring the present system because you are going in with a strong hand. I do not want to be understood as being against the city, for I think that cities ought to enjoy such franchises.

Mr. Whitehead addressed the committee on behalf of the New Brunswick Telephone Company. He said he was not opposed to competition, but he thought if the city took hold of this matter they should buy out the existing system. He related the history of the telephone companies in St. John and stated that the present company had made very large expenditures there and had now an up to date system which was in every way satisfactory. They had recently spent \$125,000 in St. John in establishing an entirely new plant. He thought there was no reason why the city of St. John should go into the telephone business any more than into the sugar business.

Mr. Hazen, as a stockholder of the Company, argued against the bill and said that the people of St. John did not want it. He quoted figures to show that St. John was getting a cheaper telephone service than any other city of the same size in Canada.

The people of St. John would be very unwilling to permit the Common Council to issue another \$250,000 worth of bonds to establish a telephone system. He said this as a St. John taxpayer. The debt of the city was large enough already and it was now proposed to spend a half million dollars in extending their water system to Lake Lomond.

Ald. McRae in reply said that the citizens of St. John did not regard the present system as efficient and thought the rates too high. As to whether the Common Council had the citizens behind them in this matter the election which is to take place on the 18th of this month will show that.

The committee then sat in private to consider the several St. John Bills.

Now in the Nineties.

Mrs. McCatherin, mother of Mr. Dougald McCatherin, of this city, recently celebrated her 90th birthday.

Mrs. McCatherin is a Prince Edward Islander being formerly Miss Mary Steward. She retains all her faculties except that her hearing is not all that it used to be.

R. A. McFadgen's Illness.

Mr. R. A. McFadgen, surveyor, was last evening taken to Victoria Hospital suffering from an internal trouble and an operation will probably be performed.

Slighting an acquaintance is always more than a slight mistake.

SETTLEMENT REACHED.

Restigouche Lumbermen Come to Amicable Agreement.

Royal Commission to Inquire into Alleged Grievances.

Equity Suit Against Richards Company Withdrawn.

A settlement has been arrived at by the conflicting interests on the Restigouche, and the bill to amend the charter of the Restigouche Boom Company will be withdrawn. When the Corporations Committee met this morning to further consider the bill Premier Tweedie reported that an arrangement had been arrived at by the parties. It had been agreed that a Royal Commission should be appointed, such Commission to inquire into the allegations of all their charges against the Wm. Richards Company, and the Commissioners shall have power to call and examine under oath any and all witnesses deemed necessary. The Commission shall decide as to which party shall pay the costs of the inquiry.

The Commission shall file their report, together with a copy of all evidence taken, with the Provincial Secretary and he shall make a return of the same to the House on the opening day of the session of 1906.

While conducting this enquiry the Commissioners shall also inquire into how the fishery rights on the Restigouche are affected by the present boom or by the proposed extension of the boom limits.

A committee consisting of Mr. King, Mr. Hazen and Hon. Mr. Hill was appointed to prepare a bill in accordance with the above arrangement, to report back to the corporations committee tomorrow.

It is learned also that the Equity suit against the Richards Company, started nearly a year ago, has been withdrawn, pending the inquiry by the Commission.

THE RIVER AND ICE.

Today's Heavy Rains Will Hasten Opening of Navigation.

The ice in the river opposite the city is beginning to look most shaky and opening of navigation is not far off.

The heavy rains of last night and today have caused the ice to look very dark and it is badly honey-combed. The water in the river is also rising rapidly once more.

It is reported here that the ice in the upper section of the river is rapidly going to pieces. There is said to be nearly twenty miles of open water below Woodstock and the ice is broken up at a number of points between Woodstock and Grand Falls.

The ice is about out of the Nashua from Stanley down.

DAIRY SUITS.

Holding Conference With Commissioner on General Dairying Matters.

Dairy Superintendents Tilley, Mitchell and Daigle are here finishing up the business in connection with the dairy school at Sussex, just closed. They are also holding a conference with Commissioner Farris regarding the dairying interests of the province.

Mr. Tilley has severed his connection with the Department of Agriculture having terminated with the close of the dairy school. It is understood that there are several applicants for the position held by Mr. Tilley.

No Band Practice.

The Fredericton Brass Band will not practice tonight owing to the concert at the Methodist church.

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