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MAYOR SUGGESTS SOME OF THE TAXES PAID MONTHLY

Annual Report as Commissioner of Finance

Need of More School and Hospital Accommodation—Urges Installation of Incinerator—Harbor Matters.

The following are extracts from the report of the commissioner of finance and public affairs, presented yesterday by Mayor Schofield.

I think it is pretty well understood that the work of the comptroller and chamberlain in this department is all that can be desired and this year has certainly no exception.

These reports show a total assessment of \$1,027,298.82, of which amount there was paid at the discount \$1,819,280.72 or 81.1 per cent of the total amount unpaid up to December 31 was \$206,678.16, of which total there was unpaid.

Before leaving the question of tax collection, I would like to suggest that some thought be given to ways and means of settling the tax bills in twelve equal instalments throughout the year.

What I have in mind is that it might be settled with incomes of \$1,000 or \$1,500, and that they might be settled monthly, allowing them 5 per cent discount or charging them interest on the amount not paid.

I am satisfied that many of this class as they go along would find it much easier than to have a bill for the whole year come in and payable at once.

This year just past we had to make a new agreement with the banks and to pay a slight increase in the price for the use of money.

CAPT. F. HALEY FAR UP RIVER? Letter to Police Chief About Missing Aged St. John Man.

Still another sidelight has been thrown on the mysterious disappearance of Captain Frank Haley aged 76 years, who has been missing since a week ago last Monday.

Several reports were given by people who who saw a man answering the description of Captain Haley. One said he was seen in the grounds of the Provincial Hospital and another that he was seen outside the rail of the bridge over the falls.

The latest report comes from northern New Brunswick and is contained in a letter to Chief of Police Smith. The writer is James Stewart of Kilburn, N. B., a place above Woodstock and not far from Perth.

Mr. Stewart writes that he would have written earlier but that the description of Capt. Haley was so meagre, he was not sure until a few days ago when he met a man who knew Captain Haley. Mr. Stewart said that on Thursday afternoon April 28, he met Captain Haley and the latter had lunch at his house on that day.

He did not ascertain his name and had no idea who his visitor was until a few days ago when he was talking to an agent of Murray & Gregory who was in that part of the country.

This agent when he heard the description was sure that Mr. Stewart's visitor was Capt. Haley. In his letter Mr. Stewart said that he had not heard of the man since but that he was traveling north and would probably be in the vicinity of Perth. The police have sent a description to the towns in northern New Brunswick.

C. P. R. ANNUAL Montreal, Que., May 4.—At the annual meeting of the C. P. R. shareholders today, the retiring directors, E. W. Beatty, Hon. C. J. Bique, K. C. R. Hosmer and Hon. William J. Shaughnessy were re-elected.

At a special general meeting following the directors were authorized to issue securities as they deemed fit and at such times as they should approve, as collateral to the consolidated debenture stock.

No amount was mentioned, but President Beatty said that there still remained unused \$87,000,000 of consolidated debenture stock.



—Fitzpatrick in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

REPORT OF NEW HUN PROPOSALS DENIED TODAY

London, May 4.—Reports that new German propositions relative to the reparations question had been received, which were current in this city last night, were denied this morning by Louis Luchaire of the French cabinet.

Berlin, May 4.—The German cabinet met this forenoon in anticipation of discussing developments at London. Just how long the Feherbach cabinet will continue in office is believed to depend on the nature of the ultimatum being sent to Berlin by the Allies, and the attitude assumed by the Reichstag.

Paris, May 4.—The reparations commission has addressed a letter to the German war burdens commission regarding the correspondence with Germany has not ended was seen today in the peace treaty to pay the equivalent of twenty billion gold marks before May 1.

The letter formally says that Germany is in default to the extent of at least twelve billion marks and advises the commission that immediate notice of this default is being given to each of the powers interested in accordance with the treaty.

London, May 4.—Fifty persons, making up the staff of the Allied reparations committee, accompanied members of that body to this city from Paris. The commission met financial experts of various governments this forenoon. It was announced that the commission would take part in a meeting of the supreme council at 8 o'clock, Marshall Foch and Admiral Grasset, commander of the military and naval forces of France, left for Paris this morning.

Washington, May 4.—Possibility that the influence of the United States in reparations settlements with Germany has not ended was seen today in the invitation of the allied supreme council to have U. S. representatives among its members as well as on the reparations committee and council of ambassadors.

An official statement of the position of the United States is expected when the invitation is formally received here.

ASK TO KEEP THEIR PRESENT QUARTERS

Delegation From Anti-Tuberculosis Association at City Hall This Morning.

A delegation from the Anti-Tuberculosis Association met Mayor Schofield and Commissioner Jones in the mayor's office this morning and asked to be allowed to retain the offices occupied by them in the water and sewerage building in Carmarthen street.

The mayor said that the building in Carmarthen street for the movement of the water and sewerage department offices from city hall to the Carmarthen street building would not be changed. Mr. Jones intends to make the transfer as soon as the present occupants have vacated. The delegation was composed of Dr. Murray MacLaren, Dr. E. A. Farris, G. A. Kurling, J. A. Likely and Dr. A. E. Loeig.

A PAT ON BACK FOR WESTERN PROVINCES

London, May 4.—(Canadian Associated Press)—The fact that the government of Saskatchewan and Alberta have come forward with the interest on the bonds of the Grand Trunk Pacific branches which they guaranteed, is the occasion of appreciative references in the financial columns of the papers here today.

THE SHERIFF CALLS



—Fitzpatrick in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

NEW SHERIFF IN RESTIGOUCHE

S. Blanchard Replaces Craig—St. John Company Increases Capital Stock.

(Special to The Times.) Fredericton, N. B., May 4.—The Royal Gazette today contained announcement of the appointment of Stanislas Blanchard as sheriff of Restigouche county. Thos. Craig, the former sheriff, was returning officer in Restigouche in the last provincial election. Mr. Blanchard belongs to Dalhousie. No changes are made in the other counties.

The capital stock of Consumers Coal Company, Limited, has been increased from \$40,000 to \$124,000.

G. R. Sloan and J. E. Mile Bajrd, both of Edmundston, have formed a partnership as The Perfection Ice Cream Company.

George M. Taylor of Grand Falls and George Prescott of the parish of Drummond, Victoria county, carrying on general business at Blue Bell and Peterson siding, have dissolved partnership.

Housing Board. J. J. Windlow, Ald. W. J. Jennings, Edward C. Barry and D. J. Shea have been appointed members of the Fredericton Housing Board by the city council. Mr. Windlow is the convener. The secretary will be the fifth member.

Some already have stated their intentions of building under the housing act. The dwelling in Maryville owned by G. R. Sloan and occupied by Vernon Pond and family was destroyed by fire this morning. The occupants had moved in a drunken condition and with a can got out practically all their effects. The loss is covered by insurance.

POLICE COURT

A case which aroused the ire of the police magistrate was before the court this morning when Frank McDonald was charged with being drunk and with stealing milk and pigs valued at \$8 for a windmill. The place of Mrs. Jennie Valentine, 428 Main street. The accused admitted stealing the pigs but denied stealing the milk and also denied the charge of being drunk. Mrs. Valentine said the defendant was in her bakery between 9 and 10 o'clock last night and after he had gone she noticed that three pigs and the milk can, containing about five quarts of milk, were missing.

Policeman Garnett told of finding the defendant at the far end of Main street in a drunken condition and with a can in his possession.

The magistrate said that if he were to sentence him that he would give him the full penalty but he ordered him to be taken home and perhaps some person might be able to speak in his favor.

Mrs. Valentine asked the judge to be lenient with the defendant. Three men charged with drunkenness pleaded guilty. One said he found the bottle of liquor in a wood-pile and another paid \$5 for his bottle, which he bought from a stranger. This latter statement led the magistrate to exclaim that since 1871 he had not paid out \$5 for liquor.

MANNING DOHERTY TURNS DOWN OFFER OF \$12,000 A YEAR

Toronto, May 4.—It is said that Hon. Manning Doherty, minister of agriculture for Ontario, was offered on Saturday the position of general manager of the Niagara Peninsula Growers, Ltd., which Dr. G. C. Creelman had been forced by illness to relinquish before entering upon the new duties. Tempting as was the salary offered, \$12,000, double the salary of minister of agriculture for Ontario, Mr. Doherty declined.

As Hiram Sees It



—Fitzpatrick in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

PREDICTS END OF BRITISH COAL STRIKE IN WEEK

View of Secretary of Railway Men's Union

Leaves for U. S. on Visit—155 Vessels Idle at Liverpool and Birkenhead Docks—Appeal to All Labor is Made.

Southampton, May 4.—A prediction that the British coal mine strike would be over in a week was made here today by J. H. Thomas, general secretary of the National Union of Railway Men.

Mr. Thomas was a passenger on the steamer Olympic, sailing for New York. He is making the trip for the benefit of his health.

Liverpool, May 4.—At the Liverpool and Birkenhead docks there are today 155 vessels, including 282,284 tons lying idle, their idleness almost wholly due to the coal mine strike and Sir John Horne tried to dictate to them last week. They calculate that both the spirit of legitimate producers who are really trying to develop the industry but on the part of the other side sixty thousand men whose livelihood this industry represents. A high tariff will thus necessarily block the appearance of such firms as are mentioned above.

MOVE AGAINST GERMAN FILMS

Campaign Started by Directors' Association—Two Hundred Now on Market.

New York, May 4.—(By Canadian Press)—The Motion Picture Directors' Association here has started a campaign against German made films charging that they contain an insidious form of propaganda. David W. Griffith, the foremost independent producer in the United States came out in favor of some sort of restriction against "Tulonic" films.

The directors at a recent meeting passed a resolution unanimously voting to discontinue the exhibition of German films in the United States for an indefinite period, and charging that the "Tulonic" films are "insidious" and "propaganda."

It is to be a war between the mine owners and the government. The mine owners and the government have not changed sufficiently to warrant a reduction in the wages or the working conditions of the miners. Mr. Wilton said last night.

Baltimore, Md., May 4.—After a day of riots and anarchy in the marine workers' strikes uniformed men of the Baltimore police force last night were on board nearly all ocean-going vessels in the harbor to prevent further outbreaks. Shipping was at a standstill, except for bay traffic.

Lynn, Mass., May 4.—Five hundred employees of the Gregory and Reed Shoe Company here were idle today as the result of a strike. Protests against a charge imposed upon an employe for damaged shoes was said to be the cause of the strike.

Washington, May 4.—Prospects of brighter trade with government officials official of negotiations between the shipping board, steamship owners and the marine workers.

Canadian Cattle Due Soon at Cardiff

London, May 4.—(Canadian Associated Press)—Cardiff is the only port in the British Channel licensed for the admission of cattle for immediate slaughter, and a Canadian ship with a consignment of Canadian cattle is due there on May 17. It is nearly fifteen years since Cardiff has received a cargo of Canadian store cattle, and the resumption of the trade is causing much satisfaction.

Montreal, May 4.—Today 410 steers were at one of the yards here en route for Liverpool, England.

BASEBALL The Wallace baseball team was reorganized at a meeting held last evening in their rooms in Acadia street. They wish to challenge the Pirates to a pro-vice game on Saturday afternoon May 14, either on the East End diamond or the North End grounds, and desire a answer through the club.

THE TROUBLES OF THE STILLMANS

New York, May 4.—James A. Stillman, who resigned the presidency of the National City Bank, today resumed, in the first of a series of secret hearings, his suit against Mrs. Anne Urquhart Stillman. It was said that the presentation of evidence would require at least three days.

Several French-Canadians from Three Rivers, Que., site of the Stillman summer camp, were here today for the hearing.

It was announced that witness summoned by counsel for Mrs. Stillman, her counter-charge, will be called to testify at a latter hearing.

ALL BUT EIGHT ON BURNING JAP SHIP SAVED

Seattle, Washington, May 4.—Forty-three of the sixty-five survivors of the Japanese freighter Tokuyo Maru, which burned to the water's edge yesterday off the Oregon coast with a loss of eight lives, were in Seattle hospitals today, suffering from shock and exposure. The remaining 22 survivors reported themselves already recovered from their injuries.

There were constant explosions and with every explosion the flames shot a hundred feet into the air and bales of cotton were hurled two hundred feet high.

Captain Zukaki, master of the Tokuyo Maru, said the fire started in the cargo hold and was, he believed, spontaneous combustion. The ship carried 1,000 tons of coal, 700 tons of iron and a cargo of nitrates, lumber and cotton.

IN PARLIAMENT

Ottawa, Ont., May 4.—(Canadian Press)—Yesterday in the House of Commons Hon. H. M. Beland's bill to amend the Copyright Act was given second reading and second to the agriculture committee.

The prime minister said he would make a statement regarding the date of the budget today, also that Lord Shaughnessy's resignation had been acknowledged and an offer of discussion had been forwarded.

Bills to amend the trade mark design act and consolidate the acts relating to patents of invention, the Copyright Act and the bankruptcy act discussed in committee and progress reported.

The department estimates were in committee of supply form. Progress was reported without discussion. The House adjourned at 12:15 a.m.

In the Senate the gold and silver act was referred to a special committee. Amendments to bankruptcy act discussed in committee and progress reported.

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URGES EFFORT AS DURING WAR TO MEET SITUATION

A. R. Mosher Issues Statement on Unemployment

Head of Canadian Brotherhood of Railway Employees Points to Red Flag in Toronto and Speaks of Thousands Out of Work.

Ottawa, Ont., May 4.—A. R. Mosher, grand president of the Canadian Brotherhood of Railway Employees, has issued a statement on the present Canadian unemployment situation, urging the government to take quick action. He states that his facts are in no way exaggerated. He says, in part:—

"Prolonged business depression has brought Canada face to face with the greatest crisis in the history of the country. Only prompt and vigorous action will prevent disaster. I have no desire to be sensational or to create undue alarm, but when it is considered that nearly one-quarter of the workers of this country are idle, that thousands more are on 'short time,' many are but irregularly employed, it naturally follows if such a situation is not corrected—and corrected immediately—the consequences can only be disastrous."

"Already we have had revolutionary speeches and the waving of the red flag at unemployment meetings. The police reserves in Toronto have been doubled in anticipation of trouble. Men are being threatened to storm the hotels if conditions are not alleviated."

"To say that we are experiencing the usual reaction which follows a great war is not sufficient, the unemployment situation of today has never had a parallel in the history of the country. A firm and definite course must be adopted and followed out rigidly if the present system of government is to survive. With a full realization of the emergency, I desire to offer this suggestion:—

"Three years ago we were faced with a great emergency—men and munitions were needed to meet the onslaughts of the war in the last emergency. It is true that we are paying for an outlay which was expended in destruction and not construction. If the financial power of the country was to be utilized in re-creating and stimulating industry, the outlay would come back a hundred fold."

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SHORTAGE OF \$1,300 FOUND—Had Lost Money in Stocks.

Boston, Mass., May 4.—Losses on stock market purchases were traced to Dennis H. Mahoney, city treasury paymaster, who committed suicide yesterday, a few hours after a shortage of \$1,300 was found in his accounts, so the police announced last night. It was said he had lost on steel stocks and German marks bought recently.

An autopsy revealed that Mahoney had swallowed poison. An empty bottle was found beside his body.

He had been in the employ of the city treasury department about 18 years. Weekly audits of his accounts showed nothing wrong up to last Thursday.

NEW LOW FOR DOMINION STEEL

Montreal, Que., May 4.—The feature of the trading on the local stock exchange this morning was the registering of a new low in Dominion Steel, which touched 84.84 after closing at 84.84 last night. Altho it was up a half point at 89.12. National Breweries was unchanged at 43. Horvath was strong, advancing from its closing level at 22.58 to 23.12. Other leaders were quiet.

SIR GEO. PARKER AT MONCTON MEETING

(Special to The Times) Moncton, N. B., May 4.—At Hon. G. W. Rowell's address to the Canadian Club last evening a pleasing feature was the presence of Sir George R. Parkin, eminent educationalist of London, who was in Moncton en route to his old home at Salisbury. Sir George spoke briefly. A. R. Landry announced that Col. O. M. Biggar of Ottawa would address the next meeting of the Club.

EXCHANGE TODAY

New York, May 4.—Sterling exchange easy. Demand 897.1/2; cables 98. Canadian dollars 105.16 per cent discount.

WEATHER REPORT

Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. E. SUPP, director of meteorological services.

Synopsis.—The depression which is in the south Atlantic states yesterday is moving slowly up the coast with increasing energy, while pressure remains high over Manitoba and the upper St. Lawrence region. A few showers have occurred in the maritime provinces. Elsewhere in the dominion the weather has been fair.

Rain. Maritime—Fair with a little higher temperature. Thursday strong east and northeast winds with rain in many localities.

Gulf and North Shore—Fresh north to northeast winds; mostly fair; not much change in temperature.

New England—Rain tonight and tomorrow, a change in temperature; increasing northeast winds, reaching gale force.

Toronto, May 4.—Temperatures:

Table with columns: Stations, Highest during, Lowest during. Rows include Prince Rupert, Victoria, Kamloops, Calgary, Edmonton, Regina, Winnipeg, White River, Sault Ste. Marie, Toronto, Kingston, Ottawa, Montreal, Quebec, St. John, N. B., St. John's, Nfld., Detroit, New York.