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GOVERNMENT ACTION IN COAL STRIKE MATTER

London Times Says There Have Been Developments Of Importance

STATEMENT TO PARLIAMENT

Modus Vivendi on the Wages Matter Reported — Western Canada Mine Workers Gather in Lethbridge for Convention

(Canadian Press)

London, Feb. 20—The "Times" says a new and important development has taken place in the negotiations over the impending coal miners' strike. It is now possible, says the Times, to state as a fact that Sir George Asquith of the board of trade had been in communication on the subject with the industrial council. He has since made representations to the governments, which, with other information in its possession, will cause it to take action at once. The prime minister will, it is expected, make a statement in the house of commons this afternoon.

The Times also says it has reason to believe that at yesterday's joint meeting of the committee of the employers' and workmen's representatives, a modus vivendi was reached along the subject of this minimum wage in the federation area.

Employers throughout the kingdom are giving their working men notice of their provisional discharge dependent on the threatened strike of the coal miners. Many thousands employed in the north and in the midland districts of England have already received their notices.

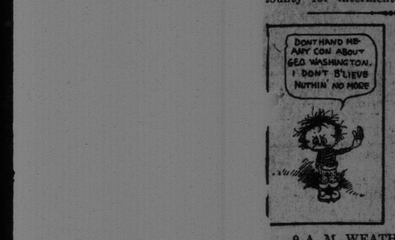
Lethbridge, Alb., Feb. 20—Representing thirty locals in District 18, United Mines Workers of America, working in mines throughout eastern British Columbia and Alberta, between thirty-five and forty delegates from miners' unions are here to attend the ninth convention of the organization in this part of America. More than 6,000 workmen are represented.

President Powell said that he was inclined to agree with the statement by one of the operators that the country was flooded with foreign coal, thus surfeiting the market for the Alberta product. He said that there were at least one million tons of American coal shipped into the country when the duty was off and thought probably the total amount was closer to three millions.

DEATH OF JOSEPH READ

Was Employe of the Stores Department of I. C. R. in Moncton

Moncton, Feb. 20—(Special)—Joseph Read, aged about seventy, an employe of the stores department of the I. C. R. died on Monday evening at the home of George A. Wilson in Archibald street. He had been ill only since Wednesday last. Death was due to heart trouble. He was a native of Baie Verte and leaves no family. His wife died about a year ago. He leaves a sister, Mrs. Silliker of Middle Sackville, and a brother, William Read of Port Elgin. The body was taken to his old home in the eastern end of the county for interment this morning.



WEATHER BULLETIN

Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries. R. F. Stupart, director of meterological service.

9 A. M. WEATHER REPORT.

	Max.	Min.	Dir.	Val.	
Toronto	42	24	NW	16	Clear
Montreal	34	34	SW	6	Clear
Quebec	34	28	NE	22	Snow
Chatham	26	2	SW	4	Clear
Charlottown	24	2	Calm		Fair
Sydney	32	8	NW	4	Cloudy
Sable Island	36	28	N	20	Fair
Halifax	34	8	N	4	Fair
Yarmouth	34	16	E	4	Cloudy
St. John	32	18	Calm		Fair
Eastport, Me.	28	8	S	6	Cloudy
Boston	40	36	SW	12	Rain
New York	44	36	NW	12	Cloudy

Forenoon Bulletin from Toronto.

Forecasts—Fresh south to west winds; light falls of snow or rain this evening and tonight; Wednesday, fresh west to northwest winds, mostly fair.

Synopsis—Fair and moderately cold weather prevails generally; to the Grand Banks and American ports, fresh south to west winds.

Saint John Observatory.

The Time Ball on Customs building is hoisted half its elevation at 12.45, full elevation at 12.59, and drops at 1 p.m. standard time of the 60th Meridian, equivalent to 5 hours Greenwich mean time.

Local Weather Report at Noon.

Tuesday, Feb. 20, 1912.

Highest temperature during last 24 hrs 33
Lowest temperature during last 24 hrs 18
Temperature at noon.. 33
Humidity at noon 89
Barometer readings at noon (sea level and 32 degrees Fah.), 29.76 inches.
Wind at noon—Direction southeast, velocity fourteen miles per hour; snow.
Same date last year—Highest temperature 22, lowest 7. Fair to cloudy.

D. L. HUTCHINSON, Director.

MARRIED TODAY.

In the Cathedral this morning the wedding of John Secord to Miss Agnes McIntyre took place in the presence of relatives and friends. Rev. A. W. Meahan officiated at the wedding, which was solemnized at eight o'clock.

PIPE GAS TO ST. JOHN FROM ALBERT WELLS

American Magnate on the Ground Looking Over the Situation With a View to Acquiring Control

(Special to Times)

Moncton, N. B., Feb. 20—T. N. Barnstall of Pittsburg who is negotiating for the distribution of natural gas in New Brunswick either from the present Albert county wells or others to be developed later has been in Moncton for two or three days looking over the oil and gas proposition. He is one of the most prominent oil and gas men in the American field and probably controls more gas territory than any other man in the United States. He is also a very large producer of oil in Oklahama, West Virginia and Ohio.

He is accompanied to Moncton by two gas experts who are going over the local field to give expert advice as to territory now under consideration. In the event of Mr. Barnstall securing control of the New Brunswick oil and gas field it is the intention to pipe the gas to St. John, Amherst and other places.

SMUGGLING CHINESE IN TRUNKS

Another Lot Across The Border Into The States On Saturday Night

Niagara Falls, Feb. 20—Secret service men are investigating the smuggling of more Chinese across the border on Saturday night. Five, it is alleged were taken from Toronto and Hamilton, kept on the Canadian side for a couple of days, and then quietly brought across to this side, put into trunks, and checked through to New York.

Officers at work on the case say that one of the supposed members of the gang has fled from the falls. The heads of the organization are said to be a Toronto man and a white woman, who come from Hamilton, and who have been very active around the falls and Buffalo.

WILY JAPS MAKE A MOVE ON MANCHURIA

Act on Contention That China Is Now Without a Government

London, Feb. 20—The Pekin correspondent of the Daily Telegraph cables his paper that the Japanese government contends that China is now without a government and that, as a consequence, the Mikado is despatching troops without uniforms to Manchuria. It is added that the Japanese will aid the Manchurian bandits in occupying and fortifying Tieling and that they will then refuse to permit the Chinese national troops to pass the frontier. It is said that the whole of the Manchu frontier is ripe for an eruption, and that the authorities at Pekin are in a state of the greatest anxiety.

London, Feb. 20—In deference to Japan's formal protest, says a Tokio despatch to the Times, the Chinese forces, insurgents and regulars, are withdrawing from the neutral zone in Southern Manchuria.

SEIZE STREET RAILWAY CHATTELS

Brantford, Feb. 20—Acting on a tax warrant secured by City Tax Collector Benedict, all movable chattels except those used as public utilities belonging to the Brantford Railway Co. were seized today and will go under the bailiff's auction sale here on Saturday next. Officials of the company expected that payment of the taxes, which amount to several thousand dollars, would be made today. President Verner is in New York where it is understood he is negotiating a deal for the development of the lines.

WINNIPEG AND THE ICE MAN

Winnipeg, Man., Feb. 20—On account of the operations of an ice trust in Winnipeg, a movement is on foot to induce the city council to undertake a civic enterprise to force reasonable prices. There is but one company here and rates for ice are double those of Toronto, Montreal and other cities. Mayor Waugh is being urged to take the subject up.

AERIAL CRUISER IS SPEEDY

Berlin, Feb. 20—It is said that on her trial trip the new Zeppelin aerial cruiser Victoria Luise beat all airship records, travelling more than forty-five miles an hour.

The Hebert Case

Montreal Feb. 20—The Hebert judgment was not forthcoming this morning, and the latest date for deliverance was provisionally fixed for Thursday morning.

ST. JOHN WELL REPRESENTED

Speaking of the U. N. B. Conversazione, the Fredericton Mail says:—"There were about 300 guests present, and so many pretty costumes and splendid dancers the belle was quite hard to decide, but all seem to think that the honors were about equally divided between Miss Martha O'Neill and Miss Gladys Climo, of St. John." The out-of-town list included: — Miss Grace Flemming, Miss Gladys Climo, Miss Ermini Climo, Miss Elsie Hatheway, Miss Jessie Hatheway, Miss Donnelly, Miss Vera Gass, Miss Roxie McIntyre, Arthur Kerr, Bert Wiseley, E Turnbull, McIntyre, Harold Ellis, of St. John.

HAD A GOOD TIME.

At the banquet tendered to Harold Stone in Bond's restaurant last evening by his fellow employes with W. H. Thorne & Co., Ltd. in addition to the presentation made to him by Charles O. Norris, the chairman, on behalf of his associates, an entertaining programme was given. A brief address was given by R. H. Sancton, in response to the toast to the firm, while others contributing to the programme were J. P. Doherty, solo; G. Belyea, piano solo; Allan Leavitt, banjo solo; Highland fling, R. A. Willett; selection, piano, guitar and banjo, Messrs. Belyea, Leavitt and Doherty; solo, R. Romley; clog dance, C. O. Morris; piccolo solo, J. P. Doherty, Mr. Stone will leave tomorrow for Saskatoon to take a position with the International Harvester Co.

HONOR YOUTHFUL HERO OF NIAGARA FALLS

Toronto Council to Erect a Tablet to His Memory

Toronto, Feb. 20—The Toronto city council decided yesterday to commemorate the heroism of Birrell Heacock of Cleveland, who lost his life in an attempt to aid Mr. and Mrs. Eldridge Staunton of Toronto, in the Niagara ice bridge tragedy of Sunday, February 4. A memorial tablet will be erected at Toronto or Niagara Falls.

ONTARIO ACCOUNTS SHOW AN APPARENT DEFICIT

Provincial Treasurer's Statement Submitted to the Legislature

Toronto, Feb. 20—The public accounts presented to the legislature yesterday show an apparent deficit of $249,100. The total revenue shown for the fiscal year ended on October 31, 1911, amounted to $9,370,833.90, and the total expenditure was $9,619,934.03.

The seeming deficit, as explained by Hon. A. J. Matheson, provincial treasurer, is caused by the fact that the hydro-electric system did not pay interest due on the investment of more than $4,000,000 which would amount to $173,000. Further the Temiskaming & Northern Ontario Railway is credited in the statement with earnings of $515,000, while the actual receipts were $593,000 a difference of $78,000.

The revenue exceeded the estimate of the provincial treasurer by $2,490,000. This increase is the result of larger succession dues and taxes of various descriptions.

The statement of assets and liabilities for the province shows total assets amounting to $26,936,096, and the total liabilities are $24,765,922, a surplus of more than $2,000,000 of assets over liabilities".

MINISTER OF THE CITY TEMPLE TAKEN ILL

Rev. Reginald John Campbell Has Attack of Heart Trouble

London, Feb. 20—The Rev. Reginald John Campbell, widely known as a Congregationalist minister, and who recently toured Canada is seriously ill from an attack of nervous prostration, which has resulted in a grave weakness of the heart.

As a result of his illness and on the advice of his physicians, the minister has left his charge in the City Temple and will go to the country as soon as possible for rest.

RAILWAY FLYER RUNS INTO FREIGHT CARS; TRAINMEN INJURED

Harrisburg, Pa., Feb. 20—The Pennsylvania Special, eastbound, the eighteen hour flyer between Chicago and New York on the Pennsylvania road, ran into a draft of freight cars that had been shifted to the passenger tracks through an error, a short distance west of Middletown, nine miles from here, today. The engine of the special and shunting engine handling the freight cars were demolished, and two firemen were seriously injured. None of the passengers was hurt, although many received a severe shaking up.

F. H. Land, of Columbia, Pa., fireman on the engine of the express, was caught in the wreck. Both legs were crushed and he was otherwise badly injured. Several other trainmen were hurt.

BANDIT MAKES $600 IN TRIP ON PULLMAN

Leaps Aboard on up Grade And Robs the Fourteen Passengers

WAKEN TO FACE PISTOLS

Nervy Outlaw Compels Trainman to go Before Him and Arouse All in the Car—Then, With His Booty he Escapes

(Canadian Press)

Baltimore, Md., Feb. 20— While the New York-St. Louis express westbound on the Baltimore & Ohio railroad was ascending the seventeen-mile grade between Piedmont and Altamont, W. Va., in the Alleghany mountain, a little before ten o'clock, last night, a masked man armed with two pistols, jumped on one of the sleeping cars and robbed the passengers of money and valuables. He dropped off and escaped just before the train reached Altamont.

The robber compelled the flagman to walk in front of him and arouse the sleeping passengers, of whom there were 14, quietly demanded their valuables, and, frightened and scarcely awake, they freely gave him of their store.

Those who hesitated were politely reminded that time was short, and that it would be wise to comply with his request without unnecessary formality.

When he had gathered loot to the value of about $600, he had completed his work, and the train had reached the top of the hill at Altamont. Then the robber dashed to the rear of the train, still holding the trainmen under his revolver, and leaped to the ground. In a moment he had vanished in the darkness, and it is believed took to the mountains.

Some of the frightened train men recovered their senses and endeavored to quiet the passengers, who were in an uproar, while others sought for the bandit, but he had disappeared, leaving nothing but a vague description by which the railroad officials might hope to find him. The man worked through the car quickly but with what appeared to the passengers who took time enough to observe him, without haste. He had fired his revolver when he entered the train, and several women fainted when he neared them, but he robbed them as quietly as he did the men and gave no heed to their condition. He gave no evidence of being disturbed by the panic in the car, and collected valuables and money with care.

THREE COURT FUNCTIONS TO BE HELD IN MARCH

London, Feb. 20 — The announcement that three courts will be held in March instead of two, as expected, gives support to the rumor that the king and queen will hold five courts this season, although nothing positive is known.

A fourth court will relieve the lists of hundreds who otherwise would be put off until next year. In it and the fifth would be included those applying for presentation who have received official replies not stating definitely whether or not their names can be submitted to their Majesties.

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BURIED TODAY

A large number of friends attended the funeral of Arthur P. Delaney this morning from his late home in Adelaide street to St. Peter's church, where requiem high mass was celebrated by his cousin, Rev. Father Carleton, of Johnville, assisted by Rev. J. H. Borgmann, C.SS.R., and Rev. E. J. Holland, C.SS.R., with Rev. F. H. O'Regan as master of ceremonies. His late associates in the Y. M. A. of St. Peter's and in the C. M. B. A. Branch 134, were present in large numbers. From the church the body was escorted to the new Catholic cemetery for interment. The pallbearers were:—T. J. Coughlan, Arthur Connors, H. L. Dever, Dr. D. J. Mullin, C. F. McCormick, and J. B. Dever.

The funeral of Mrs. Folkea Eihusen took place this afternoon from her late home in Duke street, W. E. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. W. H. Sampson and interment was in Cedar Hill cemetery.

KANAWHA'S CARGO.

The S. S. Kanawha, which sailed for London on Feb. 15 took away Canadian goods valued at $61,903.

MAKE POLICE OF LAWRENCE, MASS., MORE EFFECTIVE

Re-organization, to Cope With Strike Situation—More Operatives at Work

Lawrence Mass., Feb. 20—With a new city marshal at the head of the local police a reorganization of the force began today and the effort will be made to render the department capable of dealing with the situation that has developed as a result of the strike of textile mill operatives.

The new city marshal, Captain John J. Sullivan, succeeds James T. O'Sullivan, who was retired yesterday by order of the commissioner of public safety. Although the department is to be reorganized thoroughly the militia will not be withdrawn from the city for the present, but may be reduced soon. The mill officials said today that more operatives reported for work today than at any time since the strike began.

WANT DUTY ON STEEL RAILS SUSPENDED

Saskatchewan Legislature Passes Resolution—Necessary for Railways, is Contention

Regina, Sask., Feb. 20—By unanimous vote yesterday, the Saskatchewan legislature passed a resolution moved by Mr. Simpson of Battleford, urging that the duty on steel rails be suspended until such time as the rail mills of Canada are capable of supplying steel required for construction of Canadian railways.

The minister of railways, Hon. J. A. Calder, said that at the present time it was no exaggeration to say that there were from 550 to 600 miles of graded line in Saskatchewan incomplete because of the impossibility of procuring rails and the only way for railway companies to complete work on graded lines was to go to the United States and Great Britain for rails needed.

KING OF SPAIN GOES TO AID OF SUFFERERS

Alfonso Distributes Money And Opens a Soup Kitchen in Flood District

London, Feb. 20— A telegram to the Times from Seville, referring to King Alfonso's visit, says:—"His Majesty was intensely distressed when he visited, by boat, all the quarters in the inundated district. He distributed money, donated a large sum to the relief fund and established a soup kitchen. He also attended the distribution of food. His presence is lightening the despair of the people."

JAMES W. BELYEA WILL IS SUSTAINED

Bequests Were to Various Religious Denominations — Equity Court Matters

Judgment in the case of Vanwart et al, executors, etc., of James W. Belyea, and The Diocesan Synod of Fredericton, et al, was delivered by Mr. Justice McLeod this morning.

The testator, James W. Belyea, a native of Queens county, died on Jan. 26, 1911, leaving a will dated April 17, 1902. By it he bequeathed to the Episcopal denomination of Queens county, $1,000, to be used by them for home and foreign missions; to the Methodist denomination of Queens county, $1,000, to be used for home and foreign missions; to the Free Baptist general conference of New Brunswick, $1,000 for the same purpose; to the Deaf and Dumb Society of New Brunswick, $200. The testator had money deposited in different banks in the city and was in the habit of coming from his home in Wickham once every year and drawing the interest. A short time before his death he met with an accident which prevented him from coming to the city and he sent his wife for the interest but the banks refused to give it to her. A deposit slip was made out, placing the money in their joint names.

The plaintiffs contended (1) that the money being in the banks in the joint names of both husband and wife, on the death of one the money reverted to the survivor and (2) that the gifts to the different denominations were not charitable bequests and failed for uncertainty.

His Honor in his judgment reviewed the evidence at some length and found (1) that the money was placed by the testator in his wife's name as a matter of convenience and not with the intention of vesting it in her, and (2) that there was no doubt as to what denominations were meant, and the will would therefore be sustained.

Equity Court.

The February sitting of the equity court was held this morning, Mr. Justice McLeod presiding. The old docket goes over again to next term. In the matter of the trusts under the will of Sir William Johnstone Ritchie, a petition for appointment of the Royal Trust Company as trustee was granted. Barnhill, Ewing & Sandford are solicitors.

In the matter of Charles Douglas Armstrong, under twenty-one years old, a petition for appointment of a guardian and for leave to sell real estate was granted. H. H. Brittain was appointed. J. H. A. L. Fairweather is solicitor.

In the matter of Abner McLellan vs. Annie Rolston, an order for foreclosure and sale was made. Ralph St. John Freeze is solicitor.

MORGAN BUYS THE MOST VALUABLE LOT IN NEW YORK

Estimated Wall Street Skyscraper Site is Worth Nine Million Dollars

New York, Feb. 2—The firm of J. P. Morgan & Co, will soon begin work on a new skyscraper office building to replace their present headquarters at the corner of Wall and Nassau streets.

It is said that the firm has just completed the purchase of property with a frontage of 83 feet in Wall street and 113 feet in Broad street which has heretofore been in the hands of the Drexels. The plot is considered the most valuable piece of its size in New York.

Real estate men estimate its market value at nearly $1,000 a square foot. At $1,000 a square foot it would be worth about $9,000,000. Anthony Drexel bought a part of it in 1872 for $250,000.

SISTER LIVES HERE

G. Franklin Cushing, Was Mate of British Ship Erne, Which is Lost at Sea

Boston, Feb. 20—(Special)—G. Franklin Cushing, second mate of the British ship Erne, which has been lost at sea, made his home, when ashore, with his uncle, Charles L. Cushing, of East Somerville. He was forty-four years old. He was unmarried. His father is George L. Cushing of Moncton, N. B. He also has two sisters, Mrs. Eva Macaw, of St. John, and Mrs. Pearl O'Brien of Moncton.

Robert E. Hay, of Portland, was a passenger lost in the wreck of the Erne. He was a native of Halifax County, N. S., and went to Portland from the Klondike two years ago. The Erne was lost on Feb. 1 on the voyage from Boston to Buenos Ayres.

FREDERICTON NEWS

Supreme Court Matters—Babbitt Mill to Start Soon

Fredericton, N. B., Feb. 20—(Special)—The February sitting of the supreme court was resumed this morning. All the judges but Judge McLeod were present.

In the case of Jack (Nova Scotia Fertilizer Co.), vs Kearney et al in the chancery division, W. P. Jones, K. C., for the defendant, supported an appeal from the judgment and decree of Mr. Justice McLeod. His argument was not concluded at one o'clock.

R. B. Smith, whose fine residence at Oromocto was recently destroyed by fire will start rebuilding next month.

An amateur performance in aid of the cathedral chimes was put on in the Opera House last night, and drew a large audience.

The St. John River Commission will met here tomorrow to re-organize.

The Babbitt sawmill at Gibson, recently purchased by William Gunter, will start sawing next month.

Officers and men of the Royal Regiment were taken somewhat by surprise yesterday when Major General Otter arrived to inspect the corps. He completed his inspection in the afternoon and found everything all satisfactory.

John Russell, Thomas Williams, W. Aird, and L. King, of Moncton, arrived here by I. C. R. express this afternoon.

UNITED STATES CANADA AND WEST INDIES FLOUR TRADE

New York, Feb. 20—Prominent flour trade representatives of New York met yesterday to take action on the proposals made by the Canadian commission on trade relations relative to adopting a system of reciprocal preferential duties on flour shipments exported to the British West Indies.

According to a report submitted by C. J. Austin, chief of the bureau of trade and transportation of the Produce Exchange, the Canadian commission has recommended that a preferential duty of approximately twenty-four cents a barrel or bag of Canadian flour exported to the West Indies, be put into effect.

The local flour trade and especially the principal American flour exporters to the West Indies were most emphatic in their protests against such action by Canada, holding this to be discriminatory and unfair. Resolutions demanding the passage of retaliatory tariff legislation by congress against West Indian importers into the United States, in the event of the preferential duty being accorded to Canadian flour imports in the West Indies, will be framed by the board of managers of the Produce Exchange and a special committee of five members was appointed to take further action and report later.

MARGARET ANGLIN.

Margaret Anglin is to start on Sunday next from New York on a transcontinental tour, ending in Denver on June 20. F. G. Spencer is considering bringing Miss Anglin and her company to St. John, but says that he will first ascertain what support is to be had from Halifax.

CRUELTY TO WOMEN AND CHILDREN

S.P.C.A. Annual Report Numbers too Many Cases in 1911

YEAR'S WORK REVIEWED

Secretary Wetmore Makes Report of Interest to Annual Meeting—St. John's Fine Working Horses—The Boy Drivers

The annual meeting of the New Brunswick S. P. C. A. was held in the board of trade rooms this morning, with a large attendance of members as well as a delegation from the Ladies' Auxiliary. The reports for the year were submitted by S. Merritt Wetmore, the secretary, and all were of a most encouraging nature. Mrs. Thomas Walker, secretary-treasurer of the auxiliary, submitted a brief report in which she referred to the work which is being done by that organization.

Mrs. C. J. Coster, the president of the auxiliary, made a short address at the meeting. The ladies were desirous of having the society known as the Bands of Mercy reorganized in this city, and it is likely that a movement in that direction will be made.

The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows:—

Patrons:—Hon. L. J. Tweedie, Lieutenant-Governor; Hon. A. R. McClelan, Ex-Lieutenant-Governor.

President:—Hon. John V. Ellis.

Vice-presidents:—T. B. Robinson, W. L. Hamm, Dr. Thomas Walker, W. Frank Hatheway, James Ready, James Manchester, The Bishop of Fredericton, Geo E. Fairweather, Bishop Casey, R. W. W. Frink, Rev. C. R. Flanders, F. B. Ellis.

Executive Committee: —T. O'Brien, W. S. Fisher, Geo. O. D. Otty, T. H. Estabrooks, R. T. Worden.

S. Merritt Wetmore, Secretary.

Leonard W. Peters, Treasurer.

J. King Kelley, B.C.L., Counsel.

Dr. James H. Frink, Veterinary Surgeon.

At a meeting to be held in the near future five additional members will be elected to the executive and the choice will be made from members of the auxiliary.

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S. S. MINTO HAD A NARROW ESCAPE

The Pictou Advocate says that the icebreaker Minto came near being lost Tuesday night last. The Minto had left Georgetown on Monday morning and, on Tuesday, being stuck off Cape Bear, had her passengers taken off by the Earl Grey, which left Georgetown on Tuesday and arrived at Pictou on Wednesday morning.

About ten o'clock Tuesday night the Minto was four miles south of Cape Bear when she became jammed between two floes. A wall of ice twenty feet or more in height came steadily out from the shore, and as the ice passed under the steamer it canted her towards the approaching wall, until she was tilted pretty well on her side with the ice looming over her.

Captain Murcheson ordered the boats got overboard, and was already to leave his ship when the ice stopped within a few feet of them. From that on conditions improved, and on Wednesday night the Minto got into Pictou.

Captain Murcheson says that he has never seen the ice in the strait so heavy as at present.

SIGNS OF SPRING

Niagara Falls, Ont., Feb. 2—Farmers here have noticed robins perched in the trees. They are looked upon as a harbinger of early spring.

C. M. B. A. DRIVE

The members of Branch 482, C. M. B. A., last evening conducted a successful and enjoyable sleigh drive to Torryburn, and on their return had supper in Wanamaker's restaurant. About sixty attended. The president, J. E. Quinn, occupied the chair, and gave a short address. After the supper, an entertaining programme was carried out. Those taking part were:—Harry McMahon, T. Heenan, R. E. Hanson and J. V. Shea.

RECENT DEATHS.

Timothy Charters, formerly of Sackville, but for the last thirteen years of California, is dead in Santa Barbara, Cal. He was about fifty-six years old.

Robert McIntyre died on Feb. 19 at the home of George Johnson, of Notre Dame, Kent County. He was eighty-nine years of age. He is survived by one brother, who resides in Boston.

HAS JOINED C. P. R.

George C. Needham, who has been in the employ of the I. C. R. for some time, has resigned and entered the employ of the C. P. R. He will be missed amongst the employes in the government railway, and they showed their appreciation by presenting to him a suitable remembrance. He has begun his duties with the C. P. R.

SIXTY-ONE YEARS IN HOSPITAL

Philadelphia, Feb. 20—Mrs. Sarah Keene the "mystery lady" of the Philadelphia hospital, is dead of old age, after sixty-one years spent in that institution. She was taken to the hospital in 1861, suffering from smallpox. She was cured, but during convalescence, lost her memory. To questions, as to who she was, or where she came from, she simply shook her head.