

GEO. HAM TALKS OF WHEN HE WAS A BOY.

He Was Once in the Newspaper Business, but Now Has a Respectable Job—How the C. P. R. Has Grown.

George Ham, head of the advertising department of the C. P. R., is at the Royal. He intends to leave in the morning. The reports they have been circulating as to Mr. Ham's feebler state of health are happily incorrect. He looks quite as happy as he says he felt when he received the report of the proceedings of a bunch of bush lawyers, who comprised the county council of the small Ontario town where he had the honorable and arduous position of the rural weekly upon which he shed the effulgent rays of his genius a half a century ago.

Mr. Ham passed through the various stages of evolution in the journalistic profession and was able to retire from it some years ago, and now is a respectable railway man. He says that the report that the Canadian Pacific Railway is the greatest railway in the world is quite correct. It has attained this commanding position since Mr. Ham was added to the staff. Even since he became chief of the advertising department of the company, it has been a source of wonderment to Mr. Ham how the road attained the little prominence that it had without his services in the publicity department.

Personally he did not know why Glad had resigned, but there was a man who did, that he was well acquainted with. The scribe eagerly inquired who the man was.

"Blair."

John Lewis, now of the Toronto News, and Mr. Ham simultaneously contributed to the enlightenment of Canadian readers as cub reporters many years ago. Mr. Lewis has been mentioned as likely to take the editorship of the new Liberator to be established here.

Mr. Ham commends him to the tender mercies of the St. John press. "He is a clever writer and a good fellow, but not too good for St. John."

A reporter of the Halifax Echo interviewed Mr. Ham during his recent visit to Halifax, and asked him if the fall of Porth Arthur would end the war.

Mr. Ham with his usual modesty said he did not know, but when he went to Sydney he would ask a Japanese bell-boy that was there and keep the wires hot until the Echo had the information.

Mr. Ham "reluctantly" consented last evening to see a representative of the Sun.

"Have you anything to say, Mr. Ham, about the discoveries in radio-active matters?"

"Nothing much, but I understand that some 'warm' developments are expected before long."

Mr. Ham accompanied E. E. Usher, a travelling together. They have visited Halifax and Sydney, and early this morning will proceed to Fredericton, where they will remain for a couple of days. They will be accompanied by District Passenger Agent Perry, Montreal, who will see them once more about the middle of the week if the C. P. R. does not get snowed up. Both of these gentlemen say their visit has no special significance.

"Where is Fred James?" Mr. Ham inquired last night, "Fred, whom I used to know so well around here. In Halifax, you say, 'dear boy' and as an afterthought 'dear Halifax'—if, indeed, something like myself. He was in the newspaper business for a long time, but got a decent job and shifted."

"Well, I don't know that I can say that either. A fellow often wants to get back to the newspaper again, and I think it runs in families. Do you know I had the greatest trouble in keeping my boy from being a reporter. He was bound to go, but I persuaded him to get a job with more money in it."

"Besides, anyone can be a newspaper man nowadays. It's not like it was when I was in the business. We had no telegraph lines, then, half the time the wires were down, mail would be a week late at a time, and you can just imagine what it was to get out a paper."

"One I was a reporter on a daily in Winnipeg or at least I thought I was a reporter. I was news editor, dispatch editor, messenger boy, proof reader, reporter, and about everything else." Only I didn't write editorials—not much. We had no proof press, nothing but a block and mallet, and it was a holy picnic getting things going. Now you have telephones, street cars and cheap meal tickets, and life is a cinch.

"I remember once when I was on the Times in Winnipeg. The boys went on strike. They had been doing a whole stack of these two-cent amateur concerts and got tired of it. They refused to do any more. So I suggested that we should throw cards for it. I was boss of the show, but promised to go into it. The lot fell to me and I started out to do a concert. Met Charlie Keating, who was on the Free Press and we went together. Went inside and listened to two songs. That was all I could stand. I asked Keating if he had to listen to that kind of thing all through the show and he said we had if we stayed, so I suggested going somewhere. We loaded until it was time for me to go back to the office. Keating also wrote a criticism, but put most of his space on what the Times had said. I stated that Miss

HOUSE BESIEGED. G. T. P. SCHEME

Incidents in Affairs of Discussed by Sir Charles Brodie L. Duke. Rivers-Wilson.

Who Was Taken to a Sanitarium on Saturday on Account of His Mental Condition.

His Recent Address at a Special General Meeting of the Company in London.

NEW YORK, Jan. 8.—Incidents followed each other quickly today in the affairs of Brodie L. Duke, who was committed to a sanitarium Saturday on account of his mental condition. Mrs. Sutherland had been ill and was unable to appear. I devoted many lectures to Miss Jones' reading of such a selection and Keating while admitting Miss Jones' ability, drew attention to the fact that it was an altogether different style of piece which Miss Jones had chosen. I got it in the neck. Well, good night, I have to be away at six in the morning, but don't let on I'm going.

The Bellevue hospital authorities have deposited with District Attorney Jerome bonds, stocks, notes and checks said to have a face value of \$60,000, found in the pockets of Mr. Duke when he was taken into custody at the instance of his relatives on the ground that he was not mentally competent to manage his own affairs. Mr. Duke's commitment to a sanitarium was signed by Justice Wyatt of the court of general sessions, and Dr. Gregory, acting superintendent of Bellevue hospital, said today that Mr. Duke was afflicted with a type of dementia.

George H. Mallory, a lawyer, said he had been retained by Mrs. Duke in connection with some contracts in Texas lands, in which she was interested before her marriage. Tonight, however, he declined to admit to his house a woman, who, the servants said, gave the name of Duke. Mr. Mallory was averse to entering into any discussion of the transaction. There are among the papers in the temporary custody of the district attorney's office three promissory notes for \$5,000 each, said to have been made on Dec. 5th by Mr. Duke to Miss Webb, due four days before their marriage and due in three, four and five months. Mr. Mallory said he had an idea they were to be used in connection with the financing of the Texas-Cuba Tobacco Company, of which Mrs. Duke was president before her marriage.

Mr. Mallory said he had no information as to the list of the securities found in the possession of Mr. Duke. Mrs. Duke and her associate, Mrs. Agnes Desplaines, left the Park Avenue hotel today and are now at a hotel in the Bronx.

THE MACDONALD MEMORIAL

The final adjudication upon the designs submitted for the proposed monument to the late Gen. Hector Macdonald resulted in the selection of the design illustrated below. It is the work of James Kay, architect, Skivington street, Glasgow.

The design is essentially Scottish in character, suggestive, indeed, of a feature probably more familiar on the Scottish border than in any other part of the kingdom, and known as Boder Peels. The tower will be erected on the Greenhill, Dingwall, the late general's native town, and will command a magnificent view of sea, hill and moorland. In height it will be 100 feet, and it is estimated that the cost will reach \$2,000.

It is pleasing to find that in addition to the handsome Dingwall memorial to the late Gen. Macdonald, of which we gave an illustration in this column last week—there is to be erected to his memory an Egyptian obelisk in the Dean Cemetery, Edinburgh, where he is buried. The memorial, which will stand almost 20 feet high, will be surmounted by a life-size bronze bust of "Fighting Mac," adorned with laurel wreaths and military emblems. The design is by the well known Edinburgh sculptor, Birmie Rhind, A. R. S. A. &c.

CANCER NOT CONTAGIOUS.

Harvard Medical Commission Finds it to be Hereditary.

BOSTON, Jan. 7.—The Advertiser today says that the Harvard Medical Commission which has for the past two years been making a study of cancer, declares the malignancy to be non-contagious. The committee will report first, cancer is not infectious; second, it is a hereditary affliction; third, its cause is as mysterious as that of human life; fourth, the remedies are either a knife or tarum. Dr. E. Nichols is at the head of the commission, which was made possible by a bequest from Mrs. Caroline (Brewer) Crofts, who gave the Harvard medical school \$100,000, the interest of which is to be spent in original medical research.

proval of Sir Wilfrid Laurier's railway policy, of which this is the principal, in fact, the only, feature, and have returned him to power with a very large majority, as a testimony of their approval of that policy. I, then, have very little doubt myself—and it is the opinion of my colleagues as well—that a great, a prosperous, and a successful future will attend their undertaking. (Hear, hear) That is my firm conviction, and that it will prosper. I have no doubt whatsoever, to the great advantage of the Dominion of Canada and also of the Grand Trunk Railway Company, which first initiated it, and upon which will devolve the responsibility of carrying it into operation."

MRS. DUKE'S WEALTH Is Said to be Daughter of Rich Lawyer.

CHICAGO, Jan. 8.—Mrs. Brodie Duke, formerly Miss Alice L. Webb, is known in Chicago as a member of the firm of Taylor, Webb & Company. Her partner is Chas. L. Taylor, and the concern deals in tobacco lands. She is said to be the wealthy divorced wife of E. H. Powell, a southerner. Today her partner, Mr. Taylor, said:

"Mrs. Duke is the daughter of Wm. H. Webb, who was a wealthy corporation lawyer of New York. When her father died ten years ago he left her \$100,000, and she engaged in business. She proved to be very shrewd business woman. She told me that her first husband (Powell) had squandered her fortune. Mrs. Duke is an extraordinary woman and attends strictly to business. She is not handsome or even good-looking.

"I can safely say that Mrs. Duke had made fully \$1,000,000 in investments since I have known her."

JOINT STATEHOOD BILL.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—Senator Bard today occupied the entire time of the senate given to the joint statehood bill. He made an argument against the union of Arizona and New Mexico on the ground that the people of the two territories do not desire it. Several bills of minor importance were passed.

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Another meeting of the subject was held on Dec 11 and was held on some detailed information and time was given to whether this was to be done. H. B. Schofield were present. Samuel Schofield questions which asked all steam that condense in the service is given which pays the information. J. A. Likely Laughlin that to go into detail were present on Dec 11. The board is to likely second passed. The Star line side of \$600. R. the company reports that no dividends will be paid on and Victoria carries Majestic 40 and they are all likely second passed. During the summer four or five instead of bulk it would be well to improve the wharf. The Star line later desires to do to the government. Accidentals seldom do they are due to board the steamer boats. The Star line information is to be given \$20000000. The Star line board to room board to room board to room. Regarding the likely explanation of service would be put same subsidy. Capt. White was increased steamer Magdalen passengers, 1

SHIP NEWS.

PORT OF ST. JOHN.

Arrived.
Jan 6—Str Cape Breton, 1,100, Reid, from Louisbourg, R. P. and W. F. Starr, coar.
Sch Lucia Porter (Am), 234, Sprague, from Richmond, P. McIntyre, oak.
Sch Hunter (Am), 187, Hamilton, from Cartaret, N. J. D. J. Purdy, phosphate.
Sch Genevieve, 124, Butler, from New York, A. W. Adams, coal.
Coastwise—Tug Springhill, 96, Cook, from Parbrebow, with barge No. 4, and old.
Jan 7—Str Lake Champlain, 4665, Stewart, from Liverpool, C. P. R. passengers and mail.
Sch R. Capron, 88, Pritchard, from New London, P. Tufts and Co, oak and chestnut lumber.
Sch Abbie C. Stubbs (Am), 225, Colwell, from New York, A. W. Adams, sulphur.
Coastwise—Str Westport III, 49, Powell, from Westport, and old; Sch Lloyd, 31, Clayton, from Digby; Rex, 57, Smith, from St. Martins; Harry Morris, 88, Longueury, from do.
Jan 8—Sch Georgia, 231, Longmire, from Boston, J. W. Smith, bal.
Sch Cora May, 124, Christopher, from Cartaret, N. C. Scott, fertilizer.
Sch Manuel R. Cuzca, 258, Shanklin, from Boston, P. McIntyre, bal.
Coastwise—Sch Citizen, 40, Woodworth, from Bear River, and old.
Clear.
Jan 6—Sch R. D. Spear, Belyea, for Fairview.
Coastwise—Sch Mercedes, Comeau, for Bellevue Cove.
Jan 7—Str Pretorian, Johnston, for Liverpool via Halifax, Wm Thomson and Co.
Str Hestia, Ferguson, for Glasgow, Schofield and Co.
Coastwise—Schs Yarmouth Packet, Shaw, for Yarmouth; Joseph Hay, Erb, for Bear River; Schs Lenwanka, Williams, from St. John.
Sailed.
From Port Natal, Dec 18, str Wyanodotte, for St. John.
From Stanley, P. I., Oct 6, schs Edith E. Belmont, Belmont, for sailing ground; Agnes G. Donahoe, Ryan, for do.
The Donaldson liner Indranti was to have left Glasgow for St. John on Saturday last, but owing to an accident on her last homeward voyage, which necessitated docking and repairs, it was found impossible to keep her intended sailing, and therefore there will be no steamer leaving Glasgow until next Saturday, when the Kastalia, will sail as originally advertised, bringing along with her own cargo the goods that were to have been shipped by the Indranti.

EARN A Comfortable Living WITH A Chatham Incubator

Poultry raising with a Chatham Incubator is a very profitable and easily managed occupation. Unless you get into it now it is a very hard task but very little of your time. Government reports show that the demand for chickens in Canada is greatly in excess of the supply and Great Britain is always clamoring for more. That means a steady market and good prices for chickens. You cannot raise chickens successfully with a setting hen. She is wasting time setting when she should be laying. While she is sitting and brooding a few chickens she could be laying five or six dozen eggs. The percentage of chickens she hatches is much less than that produced by the Chatham Incubator.

It will pay you to own a Chatham Incubator. Chatham incubators contain every improvement of importance in incubator construction that has been produced. They are made of thoroughly seasoned wood, with two walls, case within case. Between the walls mineral wool is packed forming the very best insulation. Each piece of the case is mortised and grooved and screwed together, making a whole as solid as a rock. Chatham Incubators are equipped with scientifically perfect regulators which are an infallible means of regulating the temperature.

No cash to pay until October, 1905.

We will start you raising poultry for profit with a Chatham Incubator without one cent of money from you until next Fall. That means that you can take off seven or eight batches and make considerable money out of the incubator before the first payment becomes due.

We couldn't make this offer if we were not certain that if you accept it you will get complete satisfaction, if you were not positive that the Chatham incubator will pay you a handsome yearly income.

This is a straightforward offer. We make it to show our supreme confidence in the Chatham incubator. We want you to accept this offer as we are sure of the satisfaction our incubator will give. Every machine we have put out so far has made other sales in the same neighborhood.

Our offer is to send you a Chatham Incubator at once, freight prepaid by us within one week of receipt. You make your first payment in October, 1905. The balance to be paid in 1906, 1907, or if a Cash Buyer you get it cheaper. Would any offer be fairer or more generous?

Write us today for full particulars of our offer and mention this paper. Don't put it aside for another time as this special proposition may be withdrawn any day.

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SHIP NEWS.

BRITISH PORTS.

Arrived.
At Lyttelton, NZ, Jan 8, str Pharsalia, Fook, from Dunedin.
At Barbados, Dec 20, sch Lenwanka, Williams, from St. John.
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MISCELLANY.

Jan 5 str Mercator, chartered at Mobil, cleared today in ballast for Jamaica and will run regularly between Jamaica and Halifax, N.S.

SPOKEN.
Bark De Gregori Dio Patta, Campbellton, NB, for Buenos Ayres, Dec 28, lat 18, lon 28.
Ship Argus, Hunter, from Antwerp for San Francisco, Dec 1, lat 46.55 S, lon 65.55 W by str Tropic, at Savannah.
Ship Naiad, Davies, from San Francisco for Liverpool, Dec 5, lat 56 S, lon 70 W.
Bark Lake Side, Fancy, from Montevideo for New York, Dec 25, lat 27 N, lon 67 W.
Bark DeGregori Gio Battii, Ferrari, from Campbellton, NB, for Buenos Ayres, Dec 28, lat 18 N, lon 28 W.

DEATHS.

BLEWETT—In this city, on Jan. 8th, 1905, Lillian Beatrice, infant daughter of William M. and Edna P. Blewett aged five days.
COLLINS—In Boston, on Jan. 7th, Mrs. Ellen Collins, widow of Daniel Collins, aged 94 years.
GILLEN—In this city, on Jan. 6th, Florence A., wife of William Gillen, leaving a husband, four daughters and one son.
HASLAM—Died at Elin, Albert county, N. B., 28th Dec, 1904, Alexander Haslam, aged 102 years, a resident of New Brunswick for 44 years, leaving an aged widow to mourn her loss.
MERSEREAU—At Bridgetown, N. S., on Friday, Jan. 6th, Adaline A. Smith, beloved wife of D. W. Mersereau, died suddenly.
RAMSEY—On Saturday, January 7th, 1905, at 11 St. James street, Cecil Mays, the beloved infant of Mr. and Mrs. Walter J. Ernest Ramsey, aged three months. Safe in the arms of Jesus.

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