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WEATHER FORECAST

MARITIME PROVINCES
Decreasing Westerly to Northwesterly
Winds; Fair and Very Cold.
Temperature at 3 A. M. 1 Degree Below Zero.

GOVERNMENT WILL ENQUIRE IN BANK CASE

Commission Will Be Appointed With Full Authority to Make Complete Investigation of Farmer's Bank Affairs.

ONE MAN ON JOB WITH TRAINED ASSISTANTS.

Ottawa, Jan. 11.—It was announced by Hon. W. T. White, minister of finance, tonight, that the government had decided to grant the request of the Farmers Bank victims for a thorough investigation of the affairs of the bank. A royal commission is to issue, clothed with ample powers for probing the whole fraud from the beginning to end.

MATCH CARELESSLY THROWN AWAY WAS CAUSE OF THE FIRE

New York, N. Y., Jan. 11.—The official investigation of the Equitable building fire, reveals pretty certainly that this disaster was caused by the careless throwing away of a match.

POPULAR MAJORITY FOR GOVERNMENT IS OVERWHELMING

Toronto, Jan. 11.—Sir James Whitney's popular majority in the recent election was over 45,000.

COUSIN OF NOTED AVIATOR IS DEAD

Baddeck, Jan. 11.—A. W. C. McCurdy, a cousin of J. A. D. McCurdy, the aviator, died in Baddeck today. He was a son of Hon. W. F. McCurdy, M. L. C., Baddeck and a grandson of the late Hon. D. McCurdy.

NEW LIFE IN MCGILL FANCY SKATING CLUB.

Montreal, Jan. 10.—The McGill Fancy Skating Club has been galvanized to new life this season, and will start its practices next week, every Tuesday evening. The officers were elected last evening as follows: President, Dr. A. S. Eve; vice-president, Miss Lichtenhan; hon. secretary, treasurer, H. Lamb; committee, Miss Cartright, Miss Lawrence, Miss Cameron, Mr. Bell, Mr. Cassola. Already many of the undergraduates have

WE SUSPECTED M'NAMARAS OF DYNAMITING

This is Charles A. Bookwalter, former mayor of Indianapolis, who has aroused discussion by his statement that he suspected the McNamaras of dynamiting two years ago after a series of explosions in Indianapolis. Detective William J. Burns says Bookwalter dropped his investigation and not long afterward was invited to become a member of a printing firm doing much work for national labor unions and in which Samuel Gompers was interested. He was informed

THE HALFAX HERALD IS A PREY TO FLAMES

Nova Scotia's Leading Newspaper Plant Went Up in Smoke Early This Morning—Four or Five Other Buildings Destroyed by Fire in Heart of Business Section of Halifax.

Special to The Standard. Halifax, Jan. 11.—A disastrous fire broke out at midnight in the building on Barrington street occupied by W. S. Munn's dry goods store. The flames spread with tremendous rapidity and in five minutes that brick structure was a solid mass of fire. The flames spread to the Herald building, a five story granite structure, in the very heart of the city, and other adjoining buildings took fire at the same time. Half an hour after the alarm was sent in by a member of the Herald staff, the fire was entering that building through the upper windows, and in an hour the chief of the fire department expressed the belief that the Herald building was doomed, for the roof was on fire. The files and correspondence were removed from the Herald as fast as this could be done and not very much of this description of material was lost. The more important books were in the vault which is likely to prove intact. It will be impossible to print the Herald in the morning as torrents of water are deluging the composing room and the press room. Mr. Dennis, proprietor of the Herald, is in Ottawa. At one thirty a. m., the flames had spread to the front of the Herald building and the upper floor had fallen in. The building will go and other structures adjoining. The Herald building at 2 a. m. is a mass of flames and its total destruction is a matter of only a very short time. Among the tenants burned out in the Herald building are the Canada Life and the United States consulate.

SYDNEY THEATRE DESTROYED BY FIRE—HOTEL ALSO BURNS

Special to The Standard. Sydney, Jan. 11.—The Unique Theatre was destroyed by fire tonight. The Sydney Hotel stables also were burned and with difficulty the hotel was saved. Only a few people were in the theatre and when the blaze started all left the building safely. The fire was caused by explosion of a film. In charging a reel this ignited and set off a conflagration. In five minutes afterwards the theatre was in ruins. The building was owned by Finlay McDonald, city solicitor, and was leased by George Wambolt as a moving picture house. It was valued at \$2,500, and is partially insured. A gale was blowing at one time it looked like a considerable conflagration. The Belmont Hotel, North Sydney was partially destroyed by fire tonight. The building was gutted and the loss will be heavy. A defective chimney caused the fire, which for a time threatened the whole town. The extent of the damage is not yet known.

MAN WHO BEAT SIR FREDERICK TAKES A BRIDE

Special to The Standard. Windsor, N. S., Jan. 11.—A pretty wedding took place at the home of Captain and Mrs. Albert Lawrence, Hantsport, yesterday afternoon, when their second daughter, Ethel, was married to Arthur Dewitt Foster, M. P. for Kings County, and son of Judson Foster, of Bridgetown. Only the immediate relatives were present at the home, which was tastefully decorated. Rev. J. W. M. Crawford, of Windsor, performed the ceremony and the bride was given away by her father. She looked very pretty in a beautiful gown of cream duchesse satin. A reception was held after the ceremony. Last week Miss Lawrence, of Falmouth, was given a generous linen shower by her home friends and many other presents were received from numerous friends. The Liberal-Conservative Club of Wolfville presented a handsome silver tea service.

MILLIONS FOUND INTACT IN EQUITABLE VAULTS

New York, Jan. 11.—Between \$300,000,000 and \$400,000,000 in cash and securities were removed intact late today from the vaults of two of the financial institutions whose quarters were destroyed in the great fire that destroyed the Equitable Life Assurance Society building on Tuesday. The vaults of the Equitable Trust Company alone yielded \$300,000,000 mostly securities held under corporate and individual trusteeship. There was not a sign in evidence, within the interior of the massive steel treasure caves, the Trust Company officers say that the heat of the fire had penetrated. Many millions more were taken from the vaults of the Mercantile Trust Company, of which \$5,000,000 was represented in a single box of gold certificates which an officer of the institution carried through the streets tucked under his arm, with only a lone policeman to protect him. Somewhere in an icy shroud the body of Battalion Chief Walsh still lies among the ruins. Firemen chopped and dug all day in the debris of the third and fourth floors but found that it was likely to be a task of days rather than hours to make the search complete. One of the peculiar freaks of the fire came to light today with the discovery that the clock in the offices of the Mercantile Trust Company was still telling the time. The mahogany case had been nearly all burned away and everything else inflammable in the room was in ashes, but the pendulum was still faithfully swinging and the hands beneath the cracked dial pointed to the correct time. A contribution of \$20,000 to a fund for the benefit of the workers at the fire was announced today by a committee of directors of the Equitable Life Assurance Society.

HOUSE BUILT BUSY DAY IN REAL LABOR

Much Government Legislation Disposed of and Estimates of More than \$4,000,000 Passed.

DOMINION TO MAKE ISSUE OF \$5 NOTES.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Jan. 11.—The house spent a day of real work today, disposing of some government legislation and voting on four millions of the estimates chiefly in civil government, in the payment of the Ottawa civil service. The discussion was discursive, the important points being Mr. White's statement that \$5 Dominion notes will be issued. Mr. White's statement that tenders for printing Dominion notes are to be called for. Col. Hughes' announcement that the militia department will build its own small armories, and Mr. Monk's announcement that legislation will be introduced to improve the position of engineers in the government service. At the opening, A. C. McDonald in question of bills to amend the patent act by extending the time limit for manufacture from two to four years and the period during which importation is prohibited from one to two years. Mr. Pugsley asked the balance due census enumerators had been paid. He had heard complaints in St. John. Mr. Burrell reported that the larger portion of the amounts had been paid and the remainder would be paid when the revision was completed. Mr. Doherty moved the second reading of the bill to amend the inquiries act. Mr. Pugsley objected that the bill empowering the government to appoint numerous officials, should be preceded by a resolution. Mr. Doherty dispensed this, saying that the bill did not deal with the question of appointments. Mr. Pugsley advised with some bitterness to the royal commission, which the government had appointed. After some discussion, Mr. Speaker said that the point was so nice that he would ask that the bill stand. The House then took up the bill amending the Quebec Harbor Commissioners' Act which was given its second reading and passed through committee. The bill abolishes the present commission of nine and substitutes one of three, all appointed by the governor in council. Mr. Wilfrid Laurier offered some opposition. Four Dollar Bills. After passing the resolution dealing with the position of the private secretaries of ministers, the House took up the estimates. Hon. W. White announced that \$400,000 had been issued last autumn because of the need for currency and the plate for it was ready. It will be withdrawn and a \$5 Dominion note substituted. The contract for printing notes with the American Bank Note Company expires Oct. 1 next and the government will advertise in a couple of weeks for tenders. The bids will be a five year contract and the government will be issued in Britain as well as in Canada. Firms tendering must be prepared to establish a plant in Canada. Col. Hughes announced that the Militia Department henceforth will undertake the work of erecting armories costing less than \$5,000, the Public Works Department being too busy. This decision was reached prior to the election. Marine Department. When the items for the department of marine and fisheries came up for consideration, Sir Wilfrid Laurier objected to the salary to Col. W. H. Anderson, chief engineer at \$4000. He stated that the salary was excessive. He stated that a civil servant should be given an increase of \$450 in one year which was, he claimed, a discrimination against other officials in other departments whose services were just as good to the community. He found no fault with Col. Anderson, but he claimed that the law had been infringed. In giving an increase other than the required amount of an annual raise and that the increase was excessive. He wondered if the watchdog, the minister of trade and commerce, would take notice of the affair. Dr. Pugsley thought that the increase was unfair. It had been found that there was only one way, that of assigning certain salaries in certain subdivisions to keep uniformity. He stated that the Liberal government had constantly refused to give increases in that manner. Mr. Hazen explained that Col. Anderson had been in the service since 1875 and that other officials who had been in the employment of the government a much less time had a higher salary. The increase was given in order that the chief engineer should have the same remuneration as the assistant deputy minister of the department and the commissioner of fisheries. It was done as a justice. Mr. Foster replying to the leader of the opposition, twitted him stating that he had now the chance to transform himself into the virtuous watchdog of the moral community. He stated that three items would be found in the estimates which seemed to transgress the spirit of the civil service act. It was meant to correct the injustices of the past. He was as strongly in favor now as he had been in opposition of keeping to the law. Personally he would like to have an act so

BETTER FARMING TRAIN WILL BE HERE IN JUNE

C. P. R. Special Will Tour New Brunswick to Show Farmers of Province the Very Latest Wrinkles in Successful Agricultural Production—W. W. Hubbard to Arrange Details.

Special to The Standard. Fredericton, Jan. 11.—H. P. Timmerman, industrial commissioner of the C. P. R., who is at the Parker House here, today that the better farming special, the train of six or eight cars, which the C. P. R. will send through the provinces of Ontario, Quebec and New Brunswick, as a travelling agricultural college, taking the instruction to the farmers and others interested, will probably be in New Brunswick during the month of June. The arrangements for the visit of the better farming special to this province will be made at a conference to be held at Montreal this month, when W. W. Hubbard, secretary for agriculture in New Brunswick, will meet Mr. Timmerman and other C. P. R. officials. The better farming special will cover all the territory in this province touched by the C. P. R. lines, and Mr. Timmerman says that as it is being arranged for the good of the country generally, and is not an exclusive affair at all, arrangements will probably be made to include the I. C. R. territory in this province. The better farming special will start on its tour of Ontario on the 27th of February, and will remain in that province for three weeks, and then go into the Province of Quebec. The arrangements for the Ontario tour were made at a conference held in Toronto last week, when Mr. Timmerman met the officials of the Ontario department of agriculture. There will be six or eight cars in the special train, and Ontario will provide a set of about fifteen lecturers, demonstrators, college professors, etc., to conduct the meetings to be held at the places where the better farming special stops in Ontario, and will also provide the necessary equipment for carrying on the demonstrations, lectures, etc. Afterwards the other provinces will provide the staff for the better farming special while within their territory. Mr. Timmerman and Sir Thomas Tait left for Montreal this evening.

LITTLE CHANCE OF HAVING LINE OPEN FOR SEVERAL DAYS

Special to The Standard. Moncton, Jan. 11.—The blockade between Campbellton and Little Metis has not yet been cleared and unless the storm abates it will be several days before the road is open for traffic. The blockade is the worst experienced by the I. C. R. in this section for many years. The hope of getting passengers and mail through, to and from Montreal has been abandoned for the present. Tonight the I. C. R. made up a special train via St. John over the C. P. R. The Maritime express should have arrived Wednesday morning but is still enroute near St. Flavie and the passengers are still on the train. The Maritime which left Montreal Wednesday is at River du Loup and will return to Montreal. The Maritime leaving here Wednesday night went as far as Campbellton, but seeing the prospects of the blockade being raised for some days, returned to Moncton. This evening reports from Campbellton are to the effect that the thermometer hovers around 30 degrees below zero.

SHUSTER LEAVES PERSIA—RUMORS OF CRUSADE STARTING

Teheran, Jan. 11.—W. Morgan Shuster, the American who was recently removed from office as Treasurer-General at Persia, left here today for Europe. He was accompanied by his family and Edward Bell, secretary of the American legation at Teheran, and will proceed by way of Batum, and the Black Sea, and Constantinople. It is understood that the commission appointed to take over the duties of the Treasurer-General, composed of four members, has resigned. M. Mornard, the Belgian ex-director of Persian customs, is now understood, will assume control of the department. It is reported that the Chief Mollah at Isfahan is inciting the people to a holy war. It is strong that there could be no breaking. Sir Wilfrid Laurier maintained that Col. Anderson had been given no new duties. Mr. Monk said that it was quite pardonable to make some attempt to remedy the glaring injustices which had been done. He himself had found cases in his own department of efficient civil servants in the department for 20 years, who had been passed over in the matter of increases for new arrivals, friends of the party in power. He further stated that the engineer's department was in a bad position. He intended to lay before parliament legislation proposed by the society of civil engineers, who were inadequately remunerated and an effort would be made to remedy this injustice. Mr. Hazen stated that last summer Col. Anderson had had the whole burden of the construction work placed on his shoulders. Formerly it was the work of a separate man. After further discussion the vote was passed on a standing vote of 37 to 10.

CONSERVATION OF FORESTS SOON FOR BRITISH COLUMBIA

Victoria, Jan. 11.—The British Columbia legislature was opened today. The lieutenant governor's speech referred to proposed additional extensions to railways in British Columbia, to the formation of a bureau to look after the water rights of the province, promised measures of forestry conservations. Not much new legislation is contemplated at this session. SECOND SHIP OWNED BY BULL & COMPANY IS IN BAD CONDITION. Rockland, Me., Jan. 11.—Str. Carolyn Stockton Springs for her home port, is ashore off Tenants Harbor and is in a bad position. The crew remain on board. The Carolyn is owned by Bull and Company, of New York, owners of the Wilhelmina ground off Panot River, Mass.

TO PARTICIPATE IN CELEBRATION OF ANNIVERSARY

Albany, N. Y., Jan. 10.—Backed by the National Committee for the celebration of the 100th anniversary of peace among English speaking people, which is headed by Andrew Carnegie as chairman, Theodore Roosevelt, as honorary chairman, and other world famed men, Assemblyman Colne is preparing for introduction of a bill appropriating \$500,000 to defray the expenses of a commission to represent New York State in the peace celebration in 1914-15. The money is to be spent by the commission for conducting the celebration in the United States. They various committees aiding in the peace movement celebration for the improvement and beautification, under the international auspices of the Niagara frontier; the erection of boundary monuments at local points along the frontier; for the international celebration to be held in New York City in 1915; for the erection of a suitable boundary monument on some island of the Thousand Islands; and for aid in the execution of such plan or plans as may develop in the course of the peace centenary movement. The commission, to be known as the New York State Peace Centenary Celebration Commission, is to consist of eleven men, nine to be appointed by the governor for a term of four years, the others to be the speaker of the assembly and the President pro tempore of the Senate.

MONCTON POLICE STOPPED BOXING BOUT LAST NIGHT

Special to The Standard. Moncton, Jan. 11.—The fight here between McIntyre and Parsons tonight was a great disappointment. Parsons was dropped in the fifth round by a blow from McIntyre and Chief of Police Hildeau, thinking Parsons was knocked out or about to be, stepped into the ring and stopped the fight. In the wrestling match, John Kilonis threw Young Mahomet after 45 minutes of good wrestling.

WEED, POSTAL BANK HEAD TO OPEN 40,000 OFFICES

Washington, D. C., Jan. 10.—The business of the postal savings banks has assumed such large proportions that the postoffice department has started a special bureau to take care of them. Theodore L. Weed, former chief clerk has been made director of the postal savings system at a salary of \$5,000 a year. Preparations to open 40,000 postoffices to savings accounts under way. Weed expects to already under way. Weed expects to increase the deposits now \$15,000,000 to more than \$50,000,000 by the end of the present year.

KILLED BY A TRAIN AT MONCTON

Theophilus Hebert of Shediac Victim of Accident on the I. C. R. Yesterday Afternoon—Struck by C.P.R. Express.

WAS CROSSING TRACK WHEN ENGINE HIT HIM.

Moncton, Jan. 11.—Theophilus Hebert, of Shediac Bridge a married man with eight children, was almost instantly killed by the incoming C. P. R. express from Halifax this afternoon about 2:30 at the point where the main road crosses the track at Humphrey's Mills. About a mile from Moncton, a siding where this train does not stop and was running about 25 miles an hour. Hebert, who had brought in a load of smelts had stopped at Humphrey's, selling to residents and was just returning his journey to Moncton, when struck. Owing to the extreme cold he was well muffled up and it is supposed did not hear the train until it was too late to get off the track. The engine driver did not notice the team until the train was right upon it, as the road is hidden by buildings and fences. Hebert's body was thrown forty or fifty feet against a fence and his skull crushed. He lived only about five minutes. The sled was smashed and the horse killed. Coroner Dr. Harris after hearing the account of the accident from eye witnesses decided that an inquest was not necessary.

CLERICS ATTACK REPUBLICANS AND FIVE ARE KILLED

London, Jan. 11.—The clerical inhabitants of Assents in the province of Quebec, Quebec, Canada, marched today to the neighboring village of Quebec and attacked the republicans. Five persons were killed and 50 wounded during the fight.

PEOPLE OF FRANCE DO NOT CONSIST OF FRENCHMEN NOW

Paris, Jan. 11.—The returns of the census bureau show that there were on the date of the census last year, 1,132,696 foreigners resident in France, an increase of 123,282 since the last census in 1906. The population of Algeria is given as 5,563,828 of which 795,522 are Europeans.

SLIGHTLY BETTER.

London, Jan. 11.—A report from Bexley Heath announces that Sir Charles Tupper's condition has slightly improved.

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