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VALLEY LINE GREAT HELP TO FARMERS

Premier Flemming Tells People
of Andover of Benefits New
Railway Will Bring to Prov-
ince—Large Audience.

CONTRACT MEANS A LARGE SAVING.

Special to The Standard.
Andover, Feb. 2.—Within the coming week important announcements are expected to be made by the local government as to further progress in the Valley Railway, and as regards the scheme of the government to promote immigration. Premier Flemming before a largely attended and attentive audience at the Court House here this evening referred to the evolution of his schemes and contrasted the record of his followers with those of the Liberal administration.

He declared that he expected, before the house convened that the contracts between the local and Dominion governments as to the 99 year lease of the Valley Road by the federal government and operation by the L. C. R. on a 40 and 60 per cent. basis would be signed.

He advised that his immigration plan now being considered by the Minister of the Interior, embraced the recreation and revitalization of abandoned lands and acres which would not produce timber, the help of placing the lands in a condition of benefit to the settler during the first few years of work, and a limited time in which to pay for the property.

The Premier declared that the feeling of isolation which prevailed among farmers was the cause of the decrease in the rural and the increase in the city population, as shown by the last census. He advocated better communication between the people, which he said could be obtained by better highways and bridges, the establishment of more rural telephones and more rural free deliveries.

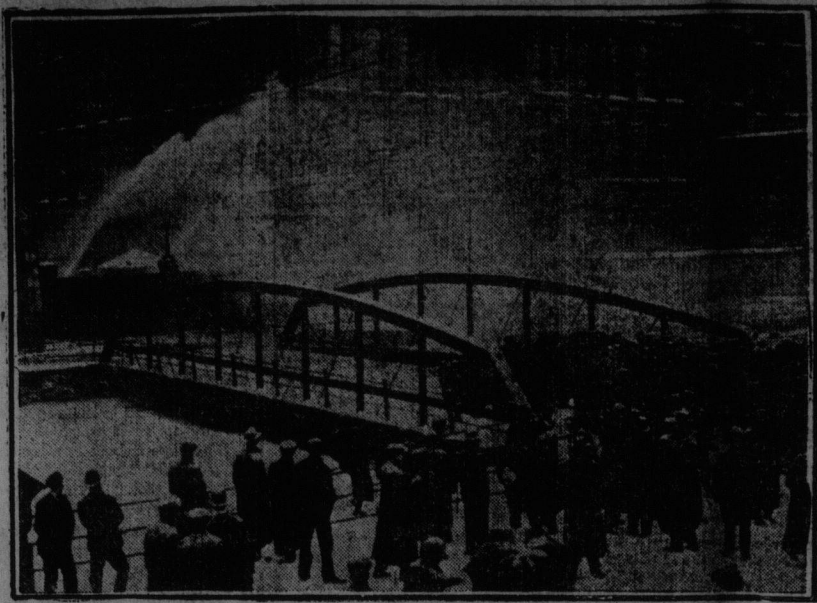
RARE LIKENESS OF QUEEN VICTORIA PRESENTED TO DUKE

Special to The Standard.
Ottawa, Feb. 2.—An old and very rare engraving of her late Majesty Queen Victoria was presented to the Duke of Connaught today by Supt. McClelland of the Trent canal accompanied by the minister of militia. This story of the engraving is a curious one. It was made by a clever Belgian artist when the late Queen was in her 17th year. It became the property of the Belgian minister of public works who recently sent it to Mr. McClelland in recognition of the courtesy shown by the latter in showing the minister over the Trent canal. McClelland had intended giving the engraving to the museum, but on the advice of Hon. Sam Hughes, took it to His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught. The Duke expressed himself as very glad of the gift, stating that he had never seen the picture before and that no other copy was in the possession of the Royal family.

WANTS TO DIE, BUT JURY WON'T CONVICT MONAK OF MURDER

Elimra, N. Y., Feb. 2.—John Nowak, murderer, who was recently refused to convict, refused to plead guilty to murder in the second degree. He is willing to plead guilty to the crime in the first degree, stating that he wants to die. The state cannot accept this plea and the authorities are at a loss to know how to dispose of the case in view of the recent agitation against capital punishment which has affected the minds of jurors.

MUTILATED BODIES FOUND IN TENEMENT



Mill Guards in Lawrence Defending a Bridge in Front of the Mills by Pouring Streams of Water on the Approach.

Lawrence, Mass., Feb. 2.—A mysterious quadruple murder in which two men and two women were killed by stabbing or by having their throats cut with a razor, was revealed to-night by the discovery of the bodies of the victims on the second floor of a two family tenement house in the rear of 137 Valley street, near the heart of the city. The dead:

Mrs. Annie Denis, aged 35 years;
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Davis, aged 35 and 30 respectively, and an unknown man.

A disturbance was heard in the Favis' apartment about 3 o'clock this morning by the family which lives down stairs, but the trouble was not considered serious enough at the time to warrant an investigation. When members of the household appeared during the day, however, the police were notified and entered the apartments tonight.

The body of the unknown man was found lying in front of a table in the kitchen. His throat was cut and there were knife wounds on his body. In a corner were the bodies of Joseph Davis and his wife, both of whom had evidently met death as a result of a bloody battle for their lives. Their faces, hands and clothing were slashed with knife or razor wounds.

WEAVERS THREATEN A SECOND STRIKE ON FEBRUARY FIFTH

Manchester, Eng., Feb. 2.—The unrelenting warfare which is being waged by the weavers against the non-unionists has caused the authorities to draft a large body of extra police into the city from various points of Lancashire for the protection of workers who do not belong to the unions.

WORK OF REFORMING CIVIL SERVICE WILL BE STARTED SOON

Special to The Standard.
Ottawa, Feb. 2.—There is every reason to expect that the Borden government will at a very early date bring down legislation placing the whole of the outside civil service under the civil service act. The present ministers favored this reform while in opposition and intend to carry their opinions into effect now that they have the power.

UNIQUE HONOR CONFERRED ON MR. FLEMMING

Malacite Indians Present Premier with Address of Welcome on Visit to Reservation—Written in Vernacular.

First Public Official
TO RECEIVE THE HONOR.

Special to The Standard.
Perth, Feb. 2.—Upon the Hon. J. K. Flemming, Premier of New Brunswick, a unique honor was conferred today when a delegation of Indians from the Malacite tribe waited on the premier while visiting at Indian Point with Rev. Father Ryan, and presented him with an address of welcome and appreciation of his kindness in coming to their midst, as well as of the favors received by the band from the government authorities.

YUAN'S TROOPS CONCENTRATE IN CAPITAL

Peking, Feb. 2.—Premier Shi Kai's troops continue to come into the capital. When sufficient men have been concentrated here it is stated that the decree announcing the abdication of the Emperor will be published.

OFFICIALS TO ASK FOR MORE MONEY

Special to The Standard.
Ottawa, Feb. 2.—The public service commission will next week receive a deputation of the civil service association and will hear what the inside service itself has to say on the subject of civil service reform. This is something that has not been done in previous investigations. The civil service association has appointed a committee of nine who will put their views before the commission. They of course favor superannuation and a more equitable scheme of salaries.

BADEN-POWELL WILL PAY SECOND VISIT CANADIAN CAPITAL

Ottawa, Feb. 2.—General Baden-Powell, leader of the Boy Scouts, who is at present touring the United States, will again visit Ottawa in the fall. After his present tour of one month in the United States he will return to England before coming to Canada.

BOURASSA GETS AFTER LAURIER AFTER NAVAL PROGRAM

Le Devoir Publishes Article
from Pen of Nationalist
Chieftain Attacking Naval
Bill and Urging Repeal.

Montreal, Feb. 2.—In a signed article which occupies a large part of the front page of LeDevoir, this afternoon, Henry Bourassa, the Nationalist chieftain calls on Premier Borden to repeal the Laurier naval law, and takes him to task for not having taken the matter up before now. His argument is that Lord Bessford in his book "The Betrayal," has declared the British navy to be in a badly disorganized condition and therefore the Canadian people should not have anything to do with it.

FARMER FEARING DISINHERITANCE PLUNGES TO DEATH

Special to The Standard.
Charlottetown, P. E. I., Feb. 2.—Garnet Coles, aged 23, an unmarried farmer of Milton, drowned himself in a mill pond last night. He left the house about eleven o'clock and his prolonged absence led the family to search for him. They traced his footsteps to a pond a mile and a half away. At midnight they found his body at the bottom of a hole made by ice cutters covered by a thick covering of ice. Through this he plunged to his death. He had become despondent by fancying other members of the family would dispossess him.

DARING CLIMBER PROVIDES THRILL FOR NEW YORK CROWD

New York, N. Y., Feb. 2.—A man slowly ascended the upraised arm of the giant statue of Liberty out of the harbor this afternoon, made his tortuous way to the outside of the great hand, then sprang out into the air and shot toward earth. Pedestrians in Battery park across the bay gazed at the whizzing figure spellbound, then gasped with relief when a parachute opened and the figure settled lightly on the ground at the statue's base. The man was Frederick Law, a steel-platejak. He had obtained a government permit to make the leap.

METHODISTS TO ASK FOR CHANGE

Special to The Standard.
Ottawa, Feb. 2.—The general conference of the Methodist church will apply to parliament for an amendment to the act respecting the union of the Methodist churches, to allow the removal of such trustees as shall fail to attend a certain number of trustee meetings and to permit five trustees to form a quorum where the total number exceeds nine.

RESULT OF LACK OF FORESIGHT

A CHEAP WAY
TO COLLECT
INSURANCE

New York Magistrate Believes
Syndicate Will Set Fire to
Property for Consideration
—Fire Bladders Used.

MARTIN, ALDERMAN ELECT WAS NOT FOR SALE—SUIT FOLLOWS

Successful Candidate in Pamp-
inean Ward, Montreal, Al-
leges \$3000 was Offered
Him to Give Up Contest.

NEWCASTLE DECIDES TO RETAIN PROPERTY QUALIFICATIONS

Special to The Standard.
Newcastle, Feb. 2.—A speedway has been cleared on Miramichi river opposite Newcastle and several fast trippers were out today. A programme of races will be carried out in a few days.

TWO MORE STORES ENTERED BY YEGGS IN CAMPBELLTON

Special to The Standard.
Campbellton, Feb. 2.—An epidemic of burglary seems to have struck this town. Last night thieves entered Miller Bros. meat shop and A. F. Henault's hardware store. In the former place some very valuable papers were taken, but no money had been left in the till, so the intruders were disappointed in their search for the long green.

IMPROVIDENT BARGAIN MADE BY LIBERALS PROVES TO BE COSTLY TO GOVERNMENT.

TEN MILLIONS INVOLVED.

Special to The Standard.
Ottawa, Feb. 2.—The principal event of the day was Mr. White's motion to pay the Grand Trunk Pacific Company a sum of about ten million dollars, the result of an improvident bargain made by the Laurier government in 1904.

PROPERTY WORTH \$900 INSURED FOR \$5,000.

Fire bladders filled with kerosene and ether were found in Bertalino's place, where it was alleged that goods valued at \$900 were insured for \$5,000.

HOUSE RESOLVES TO PAY GRAND TRUNK LARGE SUM IN CONSEQUENCE OF DEAL MADE WITH LATE ADMINISTRATION

The government contended that the bargain meant that the Grand Trunk Pacific should issue bonds enough to realize the money required. This the government would simply guarantee the excess quantity of bonds necessary to produce the money required.

NEW YORK POLICE NOT COMPELLED TO PROBE GAMBLING

New York, Feb. 2.—The charge of incompetency in obtaining evidence in gambling cases was made against the New York police department today by the additional grand jury for January, which was discharged by Judge Malone in general sessions. The attack on police methods was made in a pronouncement and a resolution filed by Foreman Thomas W. Slocum in court just before the grand jury was discharged.