



# The Evening Times.

**THE WEATHER.**

Fresh to strong westerly winds clearing; not much change in temperature. Tuesday fair.

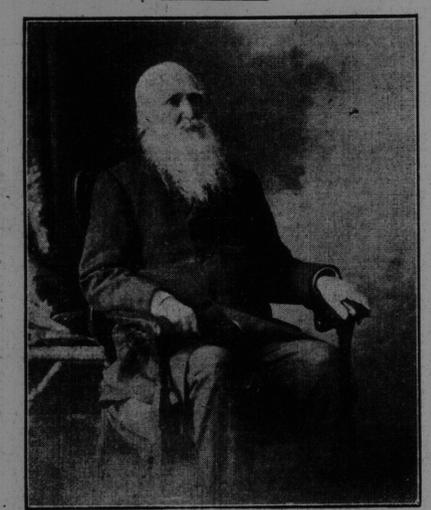
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## VETERAN JOURNALIST PASSED AWAY TODAY

James Anderson, for Forty-two Years on the Staff of the Daily Telegraph, Died This Morning After a Lengthy Illness—Sketch of His Career



James Anderson, the oldest newspaper man in New Brunswick passed away this morning about 8.30 o'clock at his home, 16 Waterloo street. Mr. Anderson had attained the ripe old age of 87 years and had been in failing health since January. He was very well known all over the province as for 42 years he was connected with the Daily Telegraph of this city as city editor, night editor, marine editor and chief mailing clerk.

He was a life-long Liberal and a member of St. John's (Stone) church.

He is survived by four sons and six daughters. The sons are: E. M., of the steel works at Sault Ste Marie; Arthur E., architect of Montreal; H. J., manager of the St. John Opera House, and W. Clarke, secretary of the St. John Board of Trade. The daughters are: Mrs. J. M. Perkins, Mrs. Clarence Ward, St. John; Mrs. L. E. Rheaume, of Montreal; and Misses Helen, Edith and Annie, at home.

The Daily Telegraph of March 7, 1864 has the following sketch of Mr. Anderson:

James Anderson, the nestor of the press in St. John, was born in military quarters, Fort Howe, St. John, in 1827. His father, Lionel Anderson, being in the civil department of the Royal Engineers, his mother was Miss Eliza Earle, daughter of Dr. Charles Earle, surgeon of the 104th regiment. His grandfather, William Anderson, filled the office of deputy sheriff of Sunbury county, which comprised the province of New Brunswick before the coming of the Loyalists, and had an extensive estate on the Malabar. In his boyhood Mr. Anderson attended school at the Humberfield Academy, corner of Union and Charlotte streets, kept by Samuel Chamberlain. On leaving school he assisted his father in his official duties, and at the age of 20 was appointed barrack master at St. John—office which he held until the arrival of Captain French, who was appointed to the position by the home government.

"His connection with the press commenced about 1847, when he became associated with 'The New Brunswicker,' published by William Tilt. For several years he was most actively engaged on that paper, the facilities of that day being far behind those we enjoy at the present time. He was newspaper reporter acting specially for that purpose having no

## CURTAIN FALLS ON LAST ACT OF TERRIBLE CRIME

Mrs. Mary Farmer Was Electrocutted in Auburn Prison This Morning for the Murder of Sarah Brennan

**Guilty Woman Left Statement Declaring That Her Husband, Condemned to Death for the Same Crime, is Innocent and Knew Nothing of the Murder Until After it Had Been Committed—Mrs. Brennan was Murdered for Her Money and Insurance**

Auburn, N. Y., March 29.—Murmuring a prayer for her son, Mrs. Mary Farmer was quietly led to the electric chair in Auburn prison shortly after six o'clock this morning and was executed for the murder of Mrs. Sarah Brennan at Brownville last April. The execution of Mrs. Farmer, the second instance of death on a woman by electricity in this state, was effected without sensational incident. Three confessions were given and the physicians officially pronounced the woman dead at 8.15 o'clock. Five women, two of whom were prison attendants, witnessed the death of Mrs. Farmer. Father Hickey, spiritual adviser of the condemned woman, following the execution gave out a statement signed by Mrs. Farmer in which she declared that her husband, James Farmer, was entirely innocent and knew nothing of the crime until after it had been committed.

Led by Father Hickey, and with Mrs. Dunnigan and Miss Gorman, the two women attendants who have been with her constantly since she was brought to Auburn prison, Mrs. Farmer walked unflinchingly to the death chair. Her eyes were half closed and she saw nothing of the death chair and rows of witnesses. In her hand she clasped a crucifix and as she was being strapped in the chair, Father Hickey stood at her side and offered prayer for the dying. Dr. Green, the prison physician, said the woman was dead after the first shock, but as there was still a tremor of muscular reaction, two succeeding shocks were given.

The statement which Mrs. Farmer prepared yesterday before she was taken to the condemned row, was written by herself and addressed to Father Hickey, who told her that if she could truthfully declare her husband should do so. The statement signed in the presence of a notary and dated March 23, as follows:

To Rev. J. Hickey: My husband, James D. Farmer, never had any hand in Sarah Brennan's death, nor never knew anything about it till the trunk was opened, I never did him anything, neither did James D. Farmer ever put a hand on Sarah Brennan after her death. I wish I had to say anything, but I have no plans that led to it, and that he knew nothing whatever about it.

(Signed) MARY D. FARMER.

All night long the wretched woman had prayed within her cell. In the next room to her husband, separated by steel bars, and an intervening screen, husband and wife spent their final hour together in quiet converse. The women attendants were in the room, and just without the door a prison guard was within cell. The final word between them was spoken, and the last good bye, and the wretched woman returned to her cell. Early this morning Father Hickey joined the watchers at Mrs. Farmer's cell door. The last sacraments were administered, and Mrs. Farmer said she was not afraid to die.

Mrs. Farmer was dressed in a plain black waist and skirt. Her hair was brushed severely back from her forehead and fell in two braids. Two or three locks were cut from the scalp so that the head electrode might be properly adjusted and the women attendants still the left side of

**The Story of the Murder**

Mrs. Mary Farmer is the second woman to meet death in the electric chair. The crime for which she was executed and for which her husband, James D. Farmer, is also under sentence of death, was the murder of Mrs. Sarah Brennan, a neighbor, in the village of Brownville, Jefferson county, about four miles from the city of Watertown, on Thursday, April 23rd, 1908. The body of Mrs. Brennan was found on the following Monday in a trunk owned by Mrs. Farmer and which she had taken to the village of Brownville, where she was in possession. Mrs. Farmer and her husband were given separate trials, and although the evidence was circumstantial, both were convicted and sentenced to be electrocuted.

Father Hickey attempted at the trial to establish that she was insane and irresponsible for the crime, but the court of appeals declared that it was "clearly a deliberate and intentional act," and passed upon the case as a homicide. It is also pretty well established that no harmful drug was used.

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**LOGAN AND KELLY DISCHARGED TODAY**

The Complaint Against Gordon McKinnon May Also Be Dropped by Sergt-Major Duncan—No Drug Was Used

Fredericton, N. B., March 29.—(Special)—It looks today as if the case against Logan, Kelly and McKinnon of St. John arrested on Saturday on a charge of drugging a girl named Mianie Duncan, was going to fizzle out.

The three young men were arraigned in the police court this morning behind closed doors, and His Honor, after hearing the counsel for the prosecution, discharged Kelly and Logan from custody, but told them they would be wanted as witnesses.

P. A. Vauthier, counsel for Sergt. Major Duncan, the girl's father, asked permission to withdraw the complaint against McKinnon, and His Honor took until 2.30 o'clock to decide the matter.

Sergt-Major Duncan says that it is quite certain that nothing more potent than whiskey cocktails and lager beer was given to the girl. McKinnon says that his wife is in delicate health and for this and other reasons he has decided not to carry the case any further. He is also pretty well satisfied that no harmful drug was used.

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## SERVIA SURRENDERS TO THE DEMANDS OF EUROPE

Acting Upon the Advice of Great Britain, France, Russia and Italy She Will Recognize the Annexation of Bosnia and Herzegovina—Balkan Trouble Settled

Belgrade, March 29.—Serbia has surrendered completely to the demands of Europe and the tension of six months over the Balkan situation will come to an end this afternoon. The action of Serbia probably will set the Balkan question at rest for many years. The ministers here of Great Britain, France, Russia and Italy today verbally inform the Serbian government of their recognition of the annexation of Bosnia and Herzegovina by Austria-Hungary. They will advise Serbia to consider this question closed and issue a circular note to all the powers, acknowledging the concessions. Serbia undoubtedly will swallow this bitter medicine and follow the advice of the powers.

London, March 29.—Special despatches received here from Rome and Vienna give rumors that Peter, son of King Servia, and all the members of his family are preparing to leave Belgrade.

The message from Rome says that King Victor Emmanuel has received a letter from Belgrade to the effect that King Peter and his sons are going to Switzerland. King Peter suggests that the youngest son of Prince Nicolas of Montenegro take the crown of Serbia. The loss of Italy, according to this despatch, does not oppose the abdication of King Peter, but he will urge that Peter's son, Alexander, succeed him. The despatch from Vienna says that an influential party in the Serbian parliament is agitating against the Karaagevitch dynasty; the family of King Peter, and discussing either the duke of Teck or Prince Arthur of Connaught as possible successor to the throne.

## GOES TO FORT WILLIAM POLICE COURT

E. D. Milne, of the C. P. R., Receives Well Merited Promotion Several Cases Disposed of by the Magistrate This Morning

E. D. Milne, superintendent of dining and sleeping car service and news department for the C. P. R. in the Atlantic division with headquarters here, leaves tonight for Fort William, out in the North Bay Division where he will occupy a like position. The promotion of Mr. Milne to such an important division will be good news to his hosts of friends, not only in this city, but throughout the Atlantic division, who at the same time will regret his removal from this city. Mr. Milne came here from Montreal in October, 1906, and during his residence in St. John has made friends.

Thomas Hoskins succeeds Mr. Milne here. Mr. Hoskins comes from Quebec city and his move here is also in line of promotion. Mr. Hoskins has arrived to take up his duties.

Before Judge Ritchie this morning, W. Pitt, a Jew, was charged with assaulting William Smith, a constable, when he attempted to execute a paper for taxes. Smith stated that he entered Pitt's boarding house at Sand Point, on Saturday morning between 10 and 12. Pitt refused to pay up \$17.38 for his taxes, claiming that the amount was exorbitant, and Smith arrested him. Pitt thereupon informed Judge Ritchie that the street carman, and Pitt ejected the constable. Pitt contended that he did not place his hands on Smith, and did not balk at paying the taxes, but was anxious to confer with a lawyer, as he considered that the sum he was obliged to pay was too high. Pitt consented to pay the \$17.38, or be fined \$20 before 2 p.m.

Ellis Maher, a youth, denied striking one of Gibbons' horses more than twice on Saturday on Union street. W. L. Hannan, testified that Maher attacked the horse with a whip and climbed on the shaft to reach a tender spot in its anatomy. The horse displayed no disposition to balk with his load of coal. Maher asserted that the animal refused to proceed after backing into George street, off Union street, and used the whip. He was advised to substantiate his version of the incident by corroborative evidence.

Frank Hayes, a youth, arrested for intoxication on Brussels street, between 12 and 1 o'clock on Saturday night, complained that patrolman McCollin also arrested his companion, named Poley, but liberated him from Brussels street lock-up after a brief confinement. McCollin vouchsafed no reply to the question. He said that a woman informed him at midnight on Saturday that somebody had demolished a window in her premises, and endeavored to effect an entrance. Two men subsequently emerged from Riley's rear porch, and later Hayes and a youth, who said he was one McCollin, made their exit from the premises. Hayes was in custody, but denied imbibing more than two drinks of "beer in Riley's. His Honor observed that he had been in receipt of information concerning Riley's place, and remanded both Hayes and Edward Birmingham, who pleaded guilty to assaulting his wife on Saturday night.

Patrolman Beltes stated that he arrested Robert Bushan, a negro, at the corner of Broad and Pitt streets, on Saturday night, for inebriation and indecent actions. "I was never held before, but I had been two weeks ago and got filled with bugs," vouchsafed Bushan. He was fined \$8 or 30 days for drunkenness and \$8 or 30 days on the second charge. His Honor observed that Bushan and his kin would be compelled to hurry to prison their cargoes on Saturdays, when the 5 o'clock closing becomes operative.

Gilbert Lauder and Richard Fitzgerald were fined \$5 or 2 months for inebriation on Saturday night.

Gus Gibson was remanded. There were no arrests on Sunday.

## THE RIVER WILL SOON OPEN NOW

Yesterday's High Wind and Heavy Rain Did Much to Break Up the Ice—Open Water in Several Places

Yesterday's high wind and rain deluged worked havoc on the river ice, and many there are who now predict that a week will see the river pretty well clear. Reports from various sections agree that the ice is quite unsafe for traveling on. The river has risen considerably, breaking the ice in many places on the main river. There is open water reported at the Jernag and Oak Point. With the exception of a half mile of which is holding, Grand Bay is clear from the head of the Narrows to Ross's Point, seven or eight miles. There is more than a mile of open water from the mouth of the Washademoak to Wickham wharf. It was quite soft here yesterday morning. So much so that a man skated across, but before evening it had opened up.

The ice is fast breaking up opposite Hantsport and the 10th of April, at the outside, is figured on as river opening this year. The more conservative place is at the 14th, or possibly the 17th. From Gagetown comes the report of open water from Scovill's wharf to Foxtown, three miles. The water there has risen considerably and the ice is so badly honey-combed that traveling is unsafe. The weather is reported as spring-like, the robbers having made their appearance in large numbers. It would not require much now to complete the work of destruction of the remaining ice. Some more rain and a continuation of the high winds is all that is wanted to make early navigation.

## A LARGE FUNERAL

Many Citizens Followed the Remains of George Price to Grave This Afternoon

The funeral of George Price was held from his late home, King street, west side, this afternoon at 3 o'clock. Interment in Hill. Service was conducted by Rev. M. E. Fletcher and Rev. W. R. Robinson at 2.30, Carleton Union Lodge F. & A. M. without regalia preceded by the funeral car. There were many and beautiful floral offerings from business associates and friends in the rowing game, among the later being an orn from Elijah Ross, a member with Mr. Price of the famous Paris crew and the sole survivor of that crew. The one was in the crew's color, pink.

Rich Case Postponed

Owing to the death of Mrs. A. A. Wilson, the trial of R. E. Rich, under the Sweeney Trials Act, before Judge Forbes, which was scheduled for this morning was postponed until Friday morning. Mr. Wilson will represent the attorney general at the proceedings.

Judge Forbes leaves tonight for Fredericton, where he will preside at the county court in the place of Judge Wilson, for two days. His honor has reached his decision in the Bixley and Holcomb v. Coker case, in which the defendant seeks a discharge of bail.

In the police court today, Gus Gibson was fined \$4 for drunkenness, and Michael McNulty for wandering was fined \$8 or 30 days, which, however, was allowed to stand.

The meeting of the Guild of St. Andrew's church will not be held tonight owing to the death of Mrs. W. W. McLaughlan.

In the probate court this morning passing of the accounts of the estate of James Murphy was continued.

G. E. Fisher returned on today's Montreal train.

STORAGE FOR FURNITURE IN BRICK building, clean and dry, cheap terms. Mr. HARRISON, 320 Main street, phone 324.

## FIRE IN HOTEL AT OXFORD, N. S.

Much Excitement Among the Guests, But Little Damage Done By Fire in Dufferin Hotel Today

Amherst, N. S., March 29.—(Special)—At 1.30 this morning fire broke out in the lower part of the Dufferin Hotel, at Oxford, N. S., and while little damage was done by the flames, the smoke, which was exceedingly dense, penetrated to the upper part in great volumes, causing much excitement to the large number of guests who occupied the upper part. These in their night attire rushed for the door at the balcony, many of them throwing their belongings to the street below, and climbing down after them, it being impossible for them to get down to the lower floor owing to the smoke. There was some delay in reaching the fire by the firemen, but soon after their arrival the fire was put out, the principal damage being smoke and water.

Mrs. Clarke, aged eighty-one years, widow of the late George Clarke, died this morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Joseph Goodwin, Church street. The funeral will be held Tuesday afternoon at 2.30. The late Mrs. Clarke of Halifax was a son, other members of the family reside in the United States.

W. H. Parsons, of Londonderry, N. S., chief engineer of the Drummond interests, where he will represent the company when the question of guaranteeing the bonds of the proposed railway from the iron mines in Gloucester county to Bathurst comes before the Legislature.

## ELECTION WILL TEST SENTIMENT ON POLICY OF NAVAL EXPANSION

Great Interest Being Manifested in the By-Election at Croydan England Today

London, March 29.—A very great degree of interest is being manifested in the by-election for a member of parliament that is being held at Croydan today because the question of a greater navy will be passed upon by the voters. Suffragist speakers have issued a comely element into the campaign. The conservatives expect a big majority as a protest against the naval policy of the government.

## WILL REMAIN A MYSTERY

Hamilton, Ont., March 29.—(Special)—A despatch from New York states that the Pinkerton Agency, which was engaged by the provincial government in 1906 to try solve the Barton township murder mystery, has given up the search. Supt. Bailey, of the New York agency, is quoted as saying he does not think the mystery will be ever cleared up, unless the murderer makes a deathbed confession.

The case of Mary Robinson vs. Joseph W. McLaughlan et al was commenced in the equity court this morning before Chief Justice Barker. It is claimed by the plaintiff that the defendant leased premises from her on Douglas avenue, and failed to abide by the provisions of an agreement.

Frank A. McDonald, son of the late Dr. A. McDonald, of Hamstead, left today for Montreal to return to his home in Vancouver, B. C.

## INFECTED BY FATAL KISS

Trained Nurse Poisoned by Kissing Lips of Dying Patient

Umberland, M. D., March 29.—Having become infected from a kiss bestowed by request of a patient dying of blood poisoning, Miss Marjorie C. Spier, a trained nurse, is dead at her home here. Miss Spier nursed Mrs. Virginia Carter Carder, wife of George I. Carder, a prominent society woman at the Allegheny Hospital, and displayed such a lovable disposition towards the sick woman that the latter asked her nurse to kiss her as she was dying. The request was granted and a few days later Miss Spier was stricken with the malady.

## TWENTY-ONE MEN DROWNED

Small Sloop Sunk on Nicaraguan Coast and Her Passengers Drowned

New Orleans, March 29.—A special despatch from Bluefields, Nicaragua, gives details of the loss of the sloop Kearage, on the night of March 13, between Monkey Point and Grey Town, Nicaragua. Captain Cook, two sailors and five passengers reached shore in a small boat. The Kearage was a boat of about 75 tons. It was bound for Bluefields from San Diego Island for coconuts, and took on 20 passengers at Bluefields, bound for Boca Del Toro, Colon, and Jamaica.

## WILD ARABS ATTACK BRITISH STEAMER

Constantinople, March 29.—Attacks by Arabs on steamers plying on the Tiris, have been so persistent that the British line has been compelled to suspend service. A government steamer was nighted with bullets yesterday, several of the passengers being killed or wounded. The steamer carried a machine gun and had troops on board, but the Arabs' fire was so severe that the gun was put out of action.

Donaldson line steamship Hestia, which left Glasgow for this port last Saturday has on board 140 cabin and 250 steerage passengers.

One of the city teams broke down on Union street this morning, delaying traffic for a time.

## THE TIMES NEW REPORTER

**MR. BINKS' VINDICATED**

Mr. Peter Binks was in a state of high good humor today. For some time past he has been somewhat despondent, showing much less than his usual interest in the affairs of the town. He has resolutely declined to be a reform candidate for the city council, or to go on the license commission. The mayor's nomination, and religiously skips the reports of the debates in the legislature. The proposal to make the Lunatic an auxiliary cruiser as part of Canada's naval programme aroused in him no repulsive feeling. He did not even care whether the trees on the squares were trimmed this spring. This



## POPE INAUGURATES NEW VATICAN ART GALLERY

Rome, March 29.—The Pope surrounded by the Pontifical Court, the diplomatic representatives and many members of the Roman aristocracy, inaugurated the new picture gallery of the Vatican on Saturday. The ceremony was rendered more interesting as this was the anniversary of the birth of Raphael. The Pontiff visited each hall, admiring and praising the pictures, which were distributed according to schools and periods.

Coroner Berryman is to hold an inquest on Thursday night into the death of Hugh Simpson, of Fredericton Junction, who was killed by a locomotive near Chesley street on March 20th.