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## A PAGE OF NEWS ABOUT THE MARITIME

### DETECTIVES AT MONCTON TO INVESTIGATE TRAGIC FATE OF STEEVES FIRE VICTIMS

Father Says Daughter Was Getting Breakfast When He Left House and That He Heard Wife Calling That the Place Was on Fire—Where Bodies Were Found Suggests Mother and Daughter Died Side by Side.

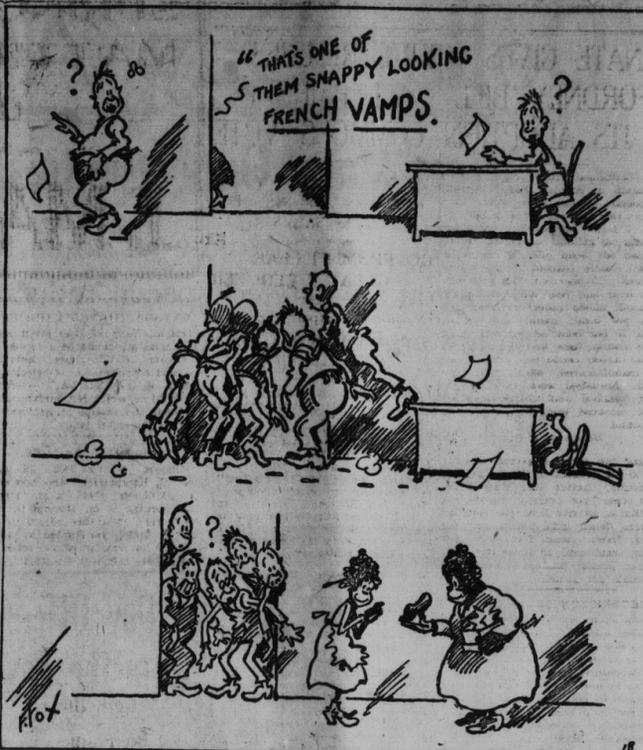
Special to The Standard.  
Moncton, N. B., Feb. 16.—The scene of Tuesday morning's shocking tragedy on the Niagara Road, parish of Coverdale, Albert County, has been visited by many people from the surrounding country and the city of Moncton during yesterday and today with the result that great amazement is expressed that six persons could have been burned to death in the manner described by the only survivor of the catastrophe, O. Gustav Steeves, the husband and father of the victims.

To Probe Catastrophe.  
Mr. Steeves seems to be the only one that can throw any light on the sad tragedy and after hearing his story a coroner's jury recommended that further investigation be made. This fact having been communicated to the Attorney General, Hon. J. P. Byrne who has instructed provincial constable Gilbert W. Dryden to make a further probe into the terrible catastrophe.

According to Steeves' story he arose about 5.30 on Tuesday morning, made a fire and went out to the barn, less than two hundred feet distant to feed his horse. While there he heard his wife shouting the house was on fire. He ran back to the house but found the fire so far advanced that he was unable to enter the house or do anything to save his wife and children.

Urged Wife to Jump.  
He said he called to his wife to jump out of the upstairs window, but she declared she made no effort to do so.

Steeves says he then went for assistance. He was met on the road some distance from the fire by John Mellich and his son who were on their way to their work in the Moncton C. N. R. shops. The Mellichs hastened to the fire but when they arrived the



The Voice from the Hall

### Halifax Plant Reduces Wages

Halifax, N. S., Feb. 16.—Notice of immediate reduction of four cents an hour in the wages of unskilled men and ten cents an hour in the wages of skilled men was given yesterday to 400 employees of the contracting firm of G. A. Loomis & Sons, of Montreal, who are building the hydro-electric works for the Nova Scotia Power Commission at St. Margaret's Bay, near here. Unskilled labor at the works will now receive 35 cents an hour, and skilled men will be paid from 40 to 60 cents.

Coincidental with the notice of a cut in wages came the announcement that the company's rate for board would be reduced from \$8 to \$7.50 a week.

### MONCTON CITY ESTIMATES.

Moncton, N. B., Feb. 16.—At a meeting of the City Council last night the estimates for the year 1921, as prepared for the various departments, were formally approved. The total amount of the estimates is \$460,675.97, an increase of something like \$50,000 over last year's assessment.

### Sleeping Sickness Appears in Halifax

Halifax, N. S., Feb. 16.—Buster Miller, five years old, son of W. T. Miller of this city, is the victim of what physicians regard as a strongly defined case of sleeping sickness. He has been in a continual state of drowsiness for about a week.

Government railway offices here have suspended sale of tickets on the Prince Edward Island Railways because of reports that the line has been completely blocked by heavy snow drifts at Elmira.

### Royal Commissions End Evidence Hearing

Halifax, N. S., Feb. 16.—The formal taking of evidence in the investigation undertaken by the Royal Commission into the construction of Federal aid roads in Nova Scotia, was completed this afternoon and an adjournment made until Friday when argument will be heard.

Three witnesses were examined this afternoon, Gordon Laird, manager of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, with further reference to the accounts of the Bedford Construction Company, W. C. MacDonald, chief engineer of the Bedford Construction Company, with reference to the manner in which the accounts were passed by him for payment, and Percy Black, member of the highways board.

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### R. B. Hanson Will Interview Government

Fredericton, Feb. 16.—R. B. Hanson left this evening for Ottawa and will be absent for probably a week. He will meet other members of a local delegation at Ottawa and they will take up the matter of the proposed removal of the D.S.C.R. hospital and offices from Fredericton, as well as the location of a unit of the permanent military force here as soon as possible.

Word has been received here of the death at her home at Truro, N. S. of Miss Lila MacNitt, who until a short time ago was employed in the silk department of the store of the Fred B. Edgcombe Company, Ltd., in this city. She had many friends here who will learn with deep regret of her death, which was due to tuberculosis.

### U. M. W. Representative Wants Mines Turned Over to Employees to Run.

Halifax, Feb. 16.—Isaac MacDoughall, H. P. McKinnon and Rev. Father MacDonnell of Inverness, C. B., who have been conferring with the local Government and representatives of the bondholders of the Inverness Coal and Railway Company, leave for home tomorrow, satisfied that they have done all in their power to avert the extinction which threatened the Cape Breton mining community because of the shutting down of the coal mines at Inverness.

Present New Proposal  
At the two final conferences today the Inverness delegation presented a series of proposals, which are to be submitted to the National Trust Co. at Toronto, and, if they are accepted, employment will be provided for the majority of the miners at Inverness. The proposals ask for resumption of work for many as possible of the employees, assure the greatest co-operation on the part of the employees, and asks that all back wages be paid not later than Feb. 19.

J. B. MacLachlan, of the U. M. W., suggested that, since the company complained of not being able to run the mine profitably, that they be turned over to the miners.

### QUEBEC SCHOOL BURNED.

Quebec, Feb. 16.—St. Joseph's school at Chandler, County Gaspe, was totally destroyed by fire Sunday. Nothing could be saved probably, that they be turned over to the miners.

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### Seeks To Recover Deposit On Property

Alleges He Was Told Tenants Were Monthly Ones But Found They Were Yearly.

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Fredericton, N. B., Feb. 16.—The court of appeal this afternoon took up the case of Brawley vs. Waterbury in which M. B. Innes, for the plaintiff sued for \$100 in the St. John circuit court to recover the deposit, which the plaintiff had paid for the purchase by auction of a leasehold property owned by the defendant on Chesley street. The defendant succeeded in the trial in the court below. The plaintiff claimed that the action was stated on behalf of the defendant and that the tenants were monthly tenants and that he bought upon that special condition. After buying the property he discovered the tenants were yearly ones.

Blames The Auctioneer.  
Kenneth Wilson, for the defendant contended that the auctioneer had not stated that they were monthly tenants, but that as an actual fact they were monthly tenants. He further took the legal objection that the plaintiff having signed a bidding paper, which did not refer to any tenants, could not give evidence of the statements of the auctioneer made previously to the sale.

In the previous case Mr. Justice Chandler, sitting without a jury, found for the defendant deciding that the plaintiff could not recover the deposit. The court considers.

COL. CROSSE DEAD.  
London, Feb. 16.—Colonel Crosse, who has been secretary of the Bisley rifle meeting for some time, is dead.

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### Dragoons Starting Fredericton Classes

Overseas Officers in Charge of School to Train Cavalry Men at the Capital.

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Fredericton, N. B., Feb. 16.—The New Brunswick dragoons opened a class tonight for N. C. O.'s of C. squadron for the purpose of having a thoroughly qualified staff for the two troops which have their headquarters here. Simultaneously there will be a course at Florenceville for the other two troops of C squadron with headquarters there. The course here is under the direction of Capt. Edward Louisbury, who served overseas with the 25th battalion, and Lieut. Ralph K. Nevins is in charge of the two troops at Florenceville.

Lieut. J. Wood, Royal Canadian dragoons, Toronto, was here today in connection with the opening of the classes and Sgt. Major instructor A. M. Doyle, Royal Canadian Dragoons, St. John, Que., has arrived here to act as instructor during the course, having just finished a course at Cody, for the 8th Princess Louise New Brunswick Hussars.

### LEGAL ARRAY IS READY TO START ELECTION TRIAL

Restigouche County Trial Will Start at Dalhousie This Morning.

Special to The Standard.  
Dalhousie, Feb. 16.—Judge Barry arrived here this morning to begin the Restigouche county election trial set for today, but owing to the failure of the court stenographer to arrive through a misunderstanding, the hearing of the case was adjourned until tomorrow at ten o'clock. The legal array in the town all ready for the fray includes the Hon. J. B. M. Baxter, J. A. Carr and A. J. Leblanc for the one side, and W. P. Jones, Peter J. Truques and Arthur Leblanc for the other.

The case is exciting a great deal of interest, and the hearing is expected to furnish some sharp arguments.

ARTHUR GIBSON DEAD.  
Woodstock, Feb. 16.—Arthur Gibson is dead in the Fisher Hospital after an illness of two weeks. At the declaration of war he enlisted in a Vancouver regiment and was soon at the front with an ambulance corp. He was seriously wounded and had his leg amputated. After arriving here he was placed on the customs staff and had lately been on the train between Debec and Houlton.

A young man of sterling character, he had many friends who will learn of his death with deep regret. The following brothers survive: Dr. W. R. Gibson of Houlton, John G. Hugh of Vancouver, Howard of Houlton. Surviving sisters are Mrs. Cox of Moncton, Mrs. S. Arcott of London, Ont.; Mrs. E. Colwell of Toronto. The funeral will be held on Thursday with interment at Benton.

### PLANS TO GIVE WORK FOR EVERY INVERNESS MAN

Three Representatives from Mining Colony Tell Gov't and Bondholders of Situation.

### SUGGESTIONS MADE TO SECURE RELIEF

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