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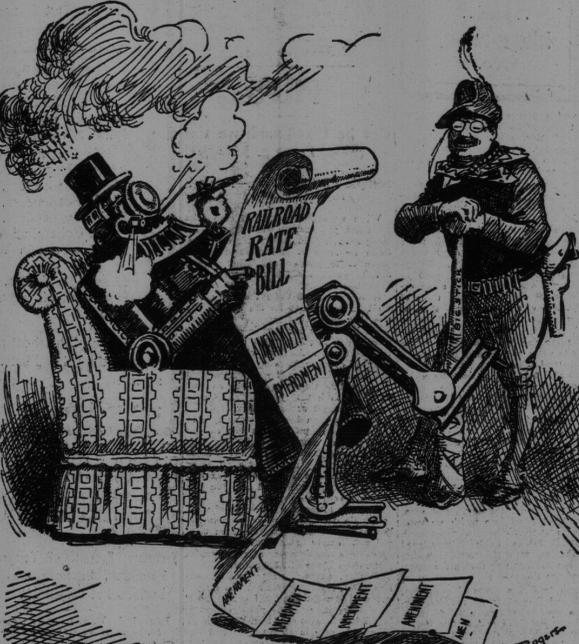
DIRECTOR CUSHING AND BOARD OF WORKS ARE AT OPEN WAR NOW

Director Dismissed Inspector Mayes, but Inspector Would Not Give up, Saying Mr. Cushing Had No Power-- Many Aldermen Take the Same View

Departments of Public Works and Water and Sewerage. Office of Director, City of St. John, N. B., Feb. 28th, 1906. Mr. S. Herbert Mayes, Inspector, No. 205 Winslow St., West St. John. Dear Sir:--I have to say that your services are no longer required. You will hand over to bearer (Mr. Winchester) all books, papers, plans, specifications, etc., relating to the works in hand. Yours, very truly, R. H. CUSHING, Director Public Works Dept.

There is open war between Director Cushing and the board of works. On Tuesday evening the board heard Inspector Mayes and Engineer Peters, and asked Director Cushing if he had anything to say. He replied in the negative. The board then instructed the inspector to report daily to the director, the latter to furnish a transcript of the reports to the board at each meeting. Yesterday Director Cushing sent a letter to Inspector Mayes, telling him his services were no longer required. This brings the director to grips with the board. Mr. Mayes received the above communication this morning, but refused to comply with the demand of Mr. Cushing to hand over the documents in his possession, as he did not recognize Mr. Cushing's right to demand his resignation, or to take over the papers held by him. Mr. Mayes contended that his appointment as inspector of wharf building was made by the common council, and they are the only ones having power to dismiss him. Therefore Mr. Mayes still holds his job and his papers. Director Cushing, when seen by a Times man, said he had dismissed Mr. Mayes. Asked by what authority he had done so, he said, "the very best authority. At a meeting of the common council in January the directors of the various civic departments were given the power to hire or dismiss employes in their departments, and in consequence of that action I have dismissed Mr. Mayes." Asked what would be done now that Mr. Mayes refused to recognize his authority, he said he did not know, but he would report the matter at the meeting of the board of works on Tuesday next. The squabble arising out of last Tuesday's meeting of the board of works is exciting considerable comment and expressions of various opinions on the subject are freely aired in and about City Hall. Some take sides with one party and some with the other, but that the matter will be cooled and settled out seems to be an accepted fact. There are some who contend that Engineer Peters is getting too old for his position, and it is reported that at the meeting of the council on Monday next one of the aldermen will move that he be superannuated. There seems to be a difference of opinion among the aldermen as to whether the director has the power to dismiss Mr. Mayes, though the most of the aldermen seen this morning expressed the opinion

THEODORE AND THE RAILROAD GIANT



The Senate will now proceed to emasculate the Railroad Rate Bill, thereby paining Mr. Roosevelt.

FREDERICTON BOOM COMPANY'S BILL WAS THROWN DOWN TODAY

The Government Will Not Permit Them to Increase the Tolls for Boomage-- Premier Says that Lumbermen Should Share in Benefits.

FREDERICTON, March, 1 (Special)--The corporations committee met at ten o'clock this morning, and after quite a lengthy discussion voted down the bill to enable the Fredericton Boom Company to increase its tolls.

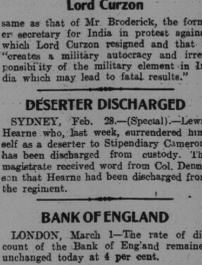
FREDERICTON, March 1 (Special)--The corporations committee of the legislature this morning threw out the Fredericton Boom Company's bill to provide for an increase of tolls. The committee dealt with the measure in private and no information was given as to how the vote stood. Premier Tweedie informed the committee that the time was not far distant when the government would have to lay hands on all boom companies doing business in the province. He put forward the principle that both big and small lumbermen should participate in the profits and losses of boom companies. The public accounts committee this morning got through with the ordinary accounts in connection with the provincial hospital. Mr. Quinlan will appear before the committee next Wednesday and explain the expenditures made in repairing buildings. The committee on municipalities met this morning and agreed to recommend a bill relating to the town of Dalhousie, which authorizes the borrowing of \$78,000 for the purpose of installing a water and sewerage system and a bill authorizing a company valuation of Restigouche during the present year. A train despatcher on the Fredericton branch of the I. C. R. who lately issued a pass without authority is now enjoying a two weeks vacation. The conductor who accepted the pass is off for one week and another conductor who took up the pass and forwarded it to the audit office may also be laid off. The thermometer dropped to eight degrees below zero here last night. Imports here for the month just ended totalled \$33,981 and the duty collected was \$3,402. For February last year the imports were \$64,535 and duty \$3,020. Reinhardt Foster has been appointed manager of the Balbitz mill at St. Marys. Madams Albert and party will arrive here this evening and will be met at the depot by the Fredericton B. & N. band.

ANARCHISTS PLOT TO KILL MARGHERITA And in Consequence Italy's Queen Will not Visit America.

NEW YORK, March 1--According to a despatch from Rome to the Herald it is officially announced that Queen Margherita has abandoned her projected trip to the United States. It was impossible to obtain confirmation last night at the Italian embassy, it is reported at the capital that the sudden change in the plan for a tour by the Dowager Queen of Italy in the United States is due to disclosure of a plot to kill her majesty, conceived by the anarchists group, whose headquarters are at Paterson, N. J. In that city was arranged the successful conspiracy to assassinate King Humbert, of which Breda was the instrument. It is said a Washington, the despatch agency, that the Italian consul-general in New York and the ambassador were warned that there was peril for the queen in the projected American automobile tour. An investigation, it is announced, disclosed the fact that there was sufficient basis to justify the authorities at Washington in cautioning the government at Rome that the trip would be dangerous. Queen Margherita is an enthusiastic automobilist and has made many tours, some involving danger. For her American trip, now abandoned, it was said that a fine machine had been ordered.

LORD CURZON DISAPPROVES Former Indian Viceroy Says Morley's Decision on India May Lead to Fatal Results.

LONDON, March 1--Lord Curzon, of Kedleston, former Viceroy of India has written a long letter to the Times expressing his strong disapproval of the decision of John Morley, secretary for India, in the matter of the supremacy of military or civil authority in India. Lord Curzon contends that Mr. Morley only over-ruled the military party on a small and relatively unimportant issue and that Mr. Morley's solution is substantially the same as that of Mr. Broderick, the former secretary for India in protest against which Lord Curzon resigned and that it "creates a military autocracy and irresponsibility of the military element in India which may lead to fatal results."



Lord Curzon

BLINDNESS TO BE OUR TRIBUTE TO ELECTRICITY Therapeutic Expert Expresses This Opinion in a Chicago Damage Suit.

CHICAGO, March 1--Universal blindness is to be humanity's tribute to electricity, is the theory expressed by Dr. H. Preston Pratt, X-ray and the therapeutic expert in the trial of a personal injury suit in Judge Windes court yesterday. The Union Traction Co. is being sued for \$30,000 damages in behalf of Ruth Letterson, who is declared to be partially blind and paralyzed from an electric current which passed from the atmosphere through her body April 10, 1902. Eye specialists have been the first to discover the corroding effects of the electrical currents being generated by millions of dynamos in every corner of the civilized globe, explained the witness. The Boston girl was standing at a street corner four years ago when a wire fell across the trolley wire, its loose end dropping within four feet of her. She became nearly blind and was paralyzed on her right side, the one nearest the swinging wire. The traction company asserts that the girl's condition could not have resulted from the current carried by the wire unless it came in contact with her.

CHRISTIAN SCIENTISTS Manitoba Legislature Asked to Exempt Christian Science From Provisions of Medical Act.

WINNIPEG, March 1--(Special)--Christian Scientists are asking the legislature for the exemption of the Christian Science treatment from the provisions of the medical act. They object that the act interferes with the right of exercise of religion which is guaranteed in the constitution and with the liberty of choice. The deputation claimed that Christian Science had cured every known disease. The Times new reporter is somewhat indignant that someone should have impermissibly and got a prize at the carnival the other night. He says if it was in the police court nobody would think of assuming his role. He will sue for the recovery of the prize, and up to noon today thirty-three lawyers had expressed their desire to take up the case. The other three hundred will be heard from this afternoon. Sunset and evening star, And Carleton folk embark; Then Navy Island bar, And after that--the dark.

DESTROYED BY VOLCANO Samoan Island Almost Wiped out by an Active Volcano-- Great Property Losses.

TUTUILA, Samoa, Feb. 12 via San Francisco, March 1--The volcano on the island of Savaii, German Samoa, is still active. The inhabitants of the district of Mafanuu have abandoned their homes and the people approach close to it. Some persons will not leave their homes until the houses are actually set on fire by the burning lava. As the lava flows into the sea great volumes of steam arise and the once placid lagoon inside the coral reef is now a mass of hardened lava. The district now destroyed was one of the richest in the German possessions. The lava is flowing along the coast toward Mafanuu. The Boston girl was standing at a street corner four years ago when a wire fell across the trolley wire, its loose end dropping within four feet of her. She became nearly blind and was paralyzed on her right side, the one nearest the swinging wire. The traction company asserts that the girl's condition could not have resulted from the current carried by the wire unless it came in contact with her.

MEYCK GETS TWO YEARS Dane Who Stole Chickens Sent to Penitentiary.

HANS MEYCK, the Dane, who was found guilty of stealing in the county court yesterday, was brought before Judge Forbes this morning and sentenced to two years in Dorchester penitentiary.

TO TRANSFER IT TO CANADA

OTTAWA, March 1 (Special)--The imperial government has offered to transfer the property of the admiralty at Halifax, including the dock, to the Canadian government on the conditions that £2,000 be paid yearly for five years. This amount is an obligation which the imperial government had in hand to pay to a certain number of years and there are five years of the time to run. Besides the dock there is valuable property, including residences for the officers, etc. An officer of the marine department will be sent to Halifax to look over the property and have it accepted by the Canadian government.

WILL MAKE SCHOOL CRUISE

OTTAWA, March 1 (Special)--The marine department has decided to send the cruiser Canada on a school cruise this year. Once the property of the admiralty at Halifax has been transferred to the Dominion, the crew of the Canada, about 90 in all, will occupy it for the winter months, and will do their training there. In this way the work of building up a Canadian navy will be proceeded with.

NORTH JAPAN IN GRIP OF RAVAGING FAMINE; MILLIONS STARVING

SEATTLE, Wn, March 1--The steamship Dakota brings advices from Nagasaki that the famine in the northern provinces of Japan is steadily growing graver. A second appeal has been issued by W. E. Lammie, chairman of the foreign committee of relief, in which he says, "When we issue our first appeal to the foreign communities in Japan in December, we estimated that 600,000 persons out of a population of 2,281,000 were on the verge of starvation. Since then members of our committee have personally visited 29 countries and as many towns in the provinces of Miyagi and Fukushima and have distributed about 9,000 yin. Our first figures estimating those affected by the famine are too weak to describe the actual suffering. "Able-bodied men, ragged and hungry, are facing the snow and icy winds to bring food from the mountains in the hope of earning enough through its sale to keep the starving families. Women are covering their babies with their own clothing to keep them warm, and such conditions as these can mean only death in the end. Families once comfortable are now reduced to paup'ers."

HAVE CALLED MR. RAINNIE Milltown Church Extends Call to Former St. John Clergyman--Death of General Murray.

ST. STEPHEN, N. B., March 1 (Special)--Flags are at half mast in Calais today for the death of General B. B. Murray, one of the most prominent citizens of that city. He was born in Pembroke, Me., 73 years ago, and was brigadier general of a Maine regiment in the civil war. He also represented the United States government in the sale of bonds in London, and has held several federal and state offices of importance. Until recently he was attorney for Washington county. He was a prominent Mason and will be buried by that order at Pembroke. St. James Presbyterian church, at Milltown, has extended a call to Rev. W. W. Rainnie. Percy Love, son of Hugh Love, was thrown from his team this forenoon in a runaway and very severely injured about the head.

THEY WILL CELEBRATE Royal Society of Canada to Observe 25th. Anniversary.

OTTAWA, Ont., March 1--(Special)--The council of the Royal Society of Canada held a meeting to consider plans for the next meeting, which will be held in May. The meeting being the 25th annual special celebration will be held, and it is expected that the Duke of Argyll, founder of the society, will be able to present.

MORROCCAN CONFERENCE ALGERIANS, March 1--In an interview yesterday Sidi Mohammed El Mokri said that M. Tallander, the French minister to Morocco had not assisted in obtaining and was totally unacquainted with the concessions at Casablanca and Sidi Kacem by Morocco as compensation for surveys made by the company of those two ports and Tangier and to counterbalance the concessions at Tangier given to a German company. It is not certain yet whether the conference will deal with the question of these private concessions or confine itself to deciding general principles for the regulation of public works in Morocco in which they may be included.

MONTREAL STOCK MARKET. Irregular tops Shown and Only Fair Amount of Trading Done.

MONTREAL, March 1--(Special)--The stock market showed an irregular tone this morning with variations in price for most part fractional both ways. Only a fair amount of trading was done. The following were the most active: Illinois Traction pd. 99 7/8 to 94; Dominion Iron, 30 1/4 to 31; bonds, 84 3/4 to 85; Richelieu, 82 1/4; Montreal Power, 92 1/2 to 93; Can Pac., 109; Detroit United, 99 1/4; Montreal Street, 273 to 272 1/2; Toronto Ry., 121 1/4 to 121; Dom Coal 78; MacKay, 59 1/2 pd., 74 1/2. D. J. Purdy, M. P. F., who has been confined to his home with a heavy cold is somewhat improved today.

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NOTABLE PERFORMERS. As an entertainment in the North End the other evening the programme included a trombone solo by Mr. Hiram Hornbeam, music by Mr. James Jones, and the performer was presented by Mr. Peter Binks with a bouquet of cabbages. Of course this was a burlesque. Mr. Hiram Hornbeam never played a trombone in his life. There was a time in his younger days when he could play the jaw-harp and concertina, or sing tunes for a St. John quadrille, or a hornpipe. Hiram was quite put out when he heard that he was reported to be tooting a trombone before a crowd of town folks. As for Mr. James Jones, he is much agitated over the reference to himself. He has never composed any music. He wants to sit in the next city council, and fears that if the idea goes ahead that there is to be a post in the mayor's chair and a composer in the council the public will turn to the Citizens' League. Mr. Peter Binks takes the matter coolly, as becomes an expert at of the Hen Club, and expresses confidence that no citizen would believe that he would voluntarily relinquish possession of two large cabbages at the season of the year. On the other hand, Miss Birdie McWhat is "quite huffed" over the fact that no mention has been made of her charming solo at the entertainment in question. Birdie's fustian-like tones thrilled the large audience, and the way her upper register swayed the notes was a revelation. We predict that Birdie will have a great future in the world of music, and in every public will impatiently await her next appearance, whether it be in concert, work, opera, oratorio or gramophone.

GRAIN GROWERS ACTIVE BRANDON, Man, March 1--(Special)--Grain growers in session here discussed the project of forming a co-operative company to handle the wheat and other grains and produce of western farmers. Nothing definite, however, has been decided upon as yet.