

COL. SAM HUGHES STERNLY REBUKED BY HIS LEADER

R. L. Borden Announces that He Does Not Agree With the Remarks Made About the French Clergy--Bourassa Asks Hughes to Apologise--Postage on Books and Magazines to be Reduced.

OTTAWA, April 15.—In the common today Postmaster General Lemieux announced that while postal rates on newspapers and magazines from the United States had been increased from one cent a pound to four cents, the rate on newspapers and magazines from Great Britain had been reduced from eight cents a pound to two cents. This had been done to encourage the circulation in Canada of British publications.

To Mr. Foster he said the whole cost of carrying the British publications was estimated at 25 to 30 thousand dollars.

Mr. Armstrong declared German goods were taken into England and re-shipped, thus fraudulently avoiding the surtax and obtaining the British preference.

Mr. Fielding said the last time Mr. Armstrong had been heard on this subject it was in abuse of the surtax, now he wanted it enforced. Mr. Armstrong's charge had been made by other men and the matter had been investigated. It was found there was not any evasion of the surtax and fraudulent use of the preference to any considerable extent.

Mr. Bourassa said the remedy was to abolish the British preference and this should be done if Canada was given no reciprocal advantage by Britain.

Colonel Sam Hughes, who on Tuesday was called upon by Mr. Piquette of Lislet to withdraw his declaration that clerics were a curse to the country, said he had used his statement as a defence when he said: "Of all tyrannies, ecclesiastical tyranny is the worst."

He had no criticism to offer to the French people or French-Canadians, but he would not retract the criticism he had made of the French clergy who had been expelled by the French government that they should not be given a welcome in Canada.

Mr. Bourassa said the French people and the church of Rome would continue to exist in spite of Col. Sam Hughes. If it were not for the fact that the words would be published by a respectable portion of the press he would have allowed Col. Hughes words to pass unchallenged into the oblivion that shrouded his military and political deeds. Col. Hughes had shown ignorance of French-Canadian, British and the world's history. Every one knew that the fact the British flag was flying over Canada was due to the efforts and teaching of these men whom Col. Hughes declared the curse of the country. As Col. Hughes represented no respectable portion of the community his words would do no harm.

The leader of the opposition said Mr. Bourassa had credited Col. Hughes with utterance he had not given voice to. He did not think it would be profitable to discuss what had recently taken place in France. He did not concur with Col. Hughes' objection to French clergy coming to Canada, and so far as he has the right to speak for the party which he led he desired

EARTHQUAKE RIPS OUT TWO MEXICAN CITIES; MANY KILLED

Telegraph Communication Cut Off and People Are Living in Terror
Chilpancingo and Chilapa Totally Destroyed, and the Escape of Other Cities Would be Little Short of Miraculous—One Report Says 500 are Dead—Number May be Greater—Aid Asked For.

CHILPANCINGO, Mex., April 15.—This city has been completely destroyed by one of the most serious earthquakes that has ever visited this section. Up to this evening the known dead number eleven and the badly injured 27. Among the dead is the wife of Postal Inspector Leopoldo Lopez Guerra and the child of Jose Aleman, the postmaster of the city. Jose Lopez Martinez, manager of the Federal Telegraph office, was struck on the head by a block of stone and badly injured. A panic prevails everywhere, and people are fleeing to the open country. The earth continues to rock at half hour intervals, and many minor shocks are completing the work of destruction of the first earthquake.

All telegraph communication with the outside world ceased shortly after 11.30 o'clock last night, when the first shock was felt. The telegraph operators have installed temporary quarters in an open square.

Word has reached here that the town of Chilapa, 42 kilometres to the north-eastward, has also been destroyed. As yet no details have been received as to the number of the dead and wounded, but it is feared that the number will be large.

This city is the capital of the state of Guerrero, and four years ago was visited by an earthquake which killed and wounded many of its inhabitants and destroyed a large part of the town. The population of the town is 7,488, and until the panic into which the citizens have been thrown, it was impossible to state accurately to just what extent the recent earthquake has decreased it. The population of the city of Chilapa is 15,000, and that place is the home of the bishop of the Catholic church, who is not known at this time whether or not he was a victim of the shock.

Midway between the cities of Chilpancingo and Chilapa is located the city of Tlaxiaco, which is a progressive community, and as no word has been received from that place it is feared that it also has been destroyed. According to the movements of the earthquake Tlaxiaco would be in its direct line, and if the city has escaped it has been only by a miracle.

The following message was sent to the Federal Telegraph office in Mexico City and Chilpancingo, and the night was first given to this capital by the Associated Press after repeated trials made during last night and this morning. The communication with the stricken districts. As yet wires to the section are working badly and no exact estimate of the number of the shock has been received. It is believed, however, that the total death list will be large. There were no deaths in Mexico City, and beyond damaged plaster and cracked and fallen walls, the property loss will be insignificant. Owing to the long duration of the shock this is considered most remarkable and is only accounted for by the peculiar swell-like motion of the earthquake which was regular and from east to west.

The federal telegraph office in this city has informed the Associated Press that the earthquake of last night has interfered with the working of the wires in all parts of the republic south of a line drawn from Acapulco on the Gulf coast. The director of telegraphs, however, states that communication has not been entirely cut off from any point except Acapulco, where the wires are broken.

From messages received at the telegraph offices here up to noon it appears that the entire southern half of the republic including the lower country and the "Mesa" belt felt the shock of last night.

Messages from as far north as San Luis Potosi and as far south as the city of San Juan Bautista, in the state of Tabasco reports that the shock was felt in varying degrees. But not a place up to date has a loss of life or great destruction of property have been reported except in the state of Guerrero. From these reports it would seem that the last earth tremble was greater in extent than any that has preceded it during the last half century.

The boundary line of the northern zone of the present earthquake shock, according to reports received up to this time show it extended across the country in a northwesterly direction for a distance of over four hundred miles and that the southern extent of the shock covered a distance of over six hundred miles, making in all 24,000 square miles of territory affected by the last shock.

BOYS THAT SPREAD COVERS HAD MERRY TIME LAST EVENING

Annual Meeting of Nos. 1 and 2
Salvage Companies
After the New Officers Had Been Elected, the Balance of the Evening Given Over to Gaiety.

The Salvage Corps and Fire Police, both No. 1 and No. 2, held their annual meetings last night. After the business had been transacted and the election of officers held the members and their friends were entertained by musical programmes interspersed with short addresses from some of the guests.

No. 1 Company
No. 1 company elected the following officers: Captain, R. W. W. Frink; Lieutenant, H. L. Ervin; Secretary, E. Percy Howard; Treasurer, J. G. Mitchell; Foreman No. 1, S. C. Drury; Foreman No. 2, James Mills; Foreman No. 3, G. H. Tupper; Foreman No. 4, Fred McKean.

During the year the corps answered sixty-two alarms and spread three hundred covers, doing altogether about forty hours' work. Next June will see the twenty-fifth anniversary of the organization of this part of the fire department. A suitable celebration of the event will be arranged at some time between June and the present date.

There was a large number of invited guests present at the rooms of No. 1, and cigars and refreshments, together with the following programme helped to pass away the hours until past midnight.

The programme was: Selection, by the Fire Department Orchestra; an address, by Judge Ritchie; song, by F. T. McKean; address, by Ald. Bullock; selection, by a string orchestra; solo, by Mr. Tupper; address, by W. C. R. Allan; solo, by Mr. McDonald; Walter Harney acted as accompanist.

No. 2 Company
The rooms of No. 2 company were filled last evening, and after the business before the annual meeting had been disposed of a fine programme was carried out. The singing was particularly good, some of the best amateur talent in the city being present. The

company is in a prosperous condition, and as in the past the members showed themselves to be capital entertainers. Refreshments were served during the evening, the meeting breaking up about midnight.

Among the visitors were Robert Wisely, director of public safety; John Bond, foreman of No. 4 Engine Co.; Capt. Morey, Geo. W. Mullin, and Mr. Williams.

The meeting opened with Capt. W. H. White in the chair, and the following members were elected officers for the ensuing year: W. H. White, captain; H. G. Harrison, lieutenant; D. Bradley, Jr., secretary; W. H. Turner, treasurer; G. F. Carroll, foreman No. 1; W. H. Dunham, foreman No. 2; J. Salmon, foreman No. 3; W. H. McIntyre, foreman No. 4; Dr. C. M. Pratt, surgeon.

The report of the secretary, D. Bradley, contained the following information: Number of alarms responded to by the members, 25; number of meetings held, 18; receipts, \$372.88; expenses, \$341.29; cash on hand, \$31.47; membership, 20; elected, 4; withdrawn, 3; honorary members, 7; total fire losses in the North End, \$25,000.

A reference was made in the report to favors received during the year from Director Wisely, and to the firemen's tournaments held at Fredericton and Charlottetown.

The following programme was carried out: Selection by R. K. Y. C. quartette; vocal solo, E. Bonelli; vocal solo, C. Gandy; address, John Bond; vocal solo, E. Holder; address, George Gorman; vocal solo, B. Stillwell; address, Director Wisely; vocal solo, Mr. Bromfield; selection, R. K. Y. C. chorus. D. Arnold Fox acted as accompanist.

NOVA SCOTIA BOY IS VALEDICTORIAN

MONTREAL, Q., April 15.—Robert MacLean Benzie, Pictou, N.S., has been elected by final year students in medicine at McGill to read the valedictory address of medical convocation at the end of May. According to custom this honor falls to the student who is picked by his fellows as being the most likely to win the Holmes' gold medal, awarded for the highest aggregate in the work of the whole four years' course. In addition to his record in scholarship, Benzie has a reputation of being an able speaker, and so the choice is doubly a happy one.

This is the third successive year that the valedictorian has been selected from among Maritime Provinces representatives.

H. MacKinnon, valedictorian in 1905, was a New Brunswick man and R. S. McArthur, last year's orator, was from Prince Edward Island.

ROME, April 15.—Mrs. Hungerford, grandmother of Clarence H. MacKay, died yesterday.

VANWART THE MOST POPULAR ALDERMAN

Ald. McGoldrick Came Second—Other Prize Winners at Recent North End Bazaar.

The managing committee of the fair recently held in Union Hall under the auspices of the L. O. G. B. A. and S. O. E. societies met at the home of Sergt. Kilpatrick last evening, and the names of prize winners were announced.

In the contest for the most popular alderman, the prize for which was a rocking chair, Ald. Vanwart was elected with a vote of 171. Ald. McGoldrick was second, with 100 to his credit.

In the guessing contest for subscriptions to the daily papers, F. Patterson, 235 Main street, captured the subscription to the Star. His guess was that there were 4,000 beans in the jar, the correct number being 3,992. By far the closest and most exciting contest was for the subscription to the Sun. The guesses were many and varied, and that great pains was taken by the winner was shown when it was learned that he was only forty beans away from the correct number. His guess was 1,738. The correct number was 1,792. As a consequence of his good guessing abilities, the home of Harry Riddell, at the corner of the street, will be brightened during the year by the arrival of this journal of the home and abroad.

Edith Cronk won the subscription to the Times, her guess being 3,008, the actual number being 3,017.

The name of the winner of the Telegraph will be announced when the returns are sent in.

PRESBYTERIAN GUILDS CLOSED THEIR SEASON

Centenary Y. P. A. Also Gave Entertainment Last Night.

St. Stephen's Guild
The St. Stephen's church guild closed a very successful season by holding a congregational social. Refreshments were served and the following programme was carried out: Piano solo, Miss Roden; vocal solo, Miss Helen Dick; male quartette; club singing. Sergeant Beville; chorus, the choir; vocal solo, Miss Nasse; double male quartette.

The novel feature of the evening was the advertisement puzzle.

St. Andrew's Guild
The annual meeting of St. Andrew's church guild was held last evening. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Honorary president, Rev. David Lang, M. A., B. D.; president, Cyrus Inches; first vice-president, C. H. Smyth; second vice-president, C. H. McDonald; secretary, Miss Etie Macdonald; treasurer, J. P. MacRae.

The musical programme, in which Mrs. Kent Scovill, Thomas Phipps and Mrs. Walter A. Harrison took part, was then carried out.

The season just closed was one of the most successful in the history of the guild.

Centenary Y. P. A.
Last evening the Young People's Society of Centenary Methodist church held its annual concert. The church parlors. There was a very large attendance and an excellent musical programme was given. After the close of the entertainment the telegraphs, however, states that communication has not been entirely cut off from any point except Acapulco, where the wires are broken.

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WEST END BAZAAR OPENED BY MAYOR

Immense Crowd Present—J. Bond Leads in Voting Contest for Most Popular Fireman—Prize Winners

The Carleton Cornet Band fair in the City Hall, West End, opened last evening with an immense attendance. Judging from the crowd present last evening, the West End bazaar will make a good thing from its fortnight's bazaar. Mayor Sears opened the fair with a brief address. Aldermen Tilley and Lockhart were also present during the evening. Music was furnished by the band's orchestra, which will also be present this evening.

The various games and contests were well patronized. The five door prizes and their winners were: 1st, barrel of flour, William Macaulay; 2nd, fifty pounds of sugar, Ed. Cusick; 3rd, two dozen bottles of pickles, Robert Allen; two dozen cans of corn, Pearl Napier; twenty-five pounds of tea, Leonard Smith. In the aid-gun competition, H. Brennan was the silver carving set; for proficiency at bean-toss, Ed. Cusick obtained a silver salt and pepper set. George Wilcox won an oil painting at execution, and Ed. Cusick a silver bread tray at bagatelle.

In the voting contest for the most popular fireman, C. H. Jackson and J. Bond were separated by but a few votes. The total vote stood: J. Bond, 23; C. H. Jackson, 21; J. A. McAndrews, 22; C. P. Brown, 73; John Campbell, 30.

On the closing night of the fair, the gate prizes will be \$20 in gold, a ton of coal and a barrel of flour.

ARCHIBALD TAPLEY DIED YESTERDAY

Was Member of Well Known Firm of Steamboat Owners and Lumber Manufacturers.

Archibald Tapley, one of the members of the firm of Tapley Bros., of Indianapolis, steamboat owners and lumber manufacturers, died at his residence No. 45 Holly street yesterday afternoon. He had been ill for over eighteen months with heart trouble.

The late Archibald Tapley was one of the best known citizens of Indian town and was also generally and favorably known throughout the city and along the river counties of the province.

He was born at Sheffield, Sunbury Co., in October 1829. He came to St. John in 1847 where he worked with David Tapley and afterwards entered the firm. Since 1869 they have carried on the business successfully.

The late Mr. Tapley is survived by two sons and five daughters. The sons are Gaspard L., and Charles E., of this city. The daughters are Mrs. Charles Miller, Mrs. George McDonald, Mrs. John Russell, Jr., Mrs. McFarlane and Miss Mary Tapley. He is also survived by one brother Daniel F., and two sisters Mrs. Holly and Miss Elizabeth Tapley.

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OCEAN CITY, N. J., April 14.—F. Wistar Brown, whose three children disappeared on Friday, today secured a warrant for the arrest of Mrs. Susan B. Maxwell, on suspicion of being the woman who accompanied the children home from home. Maxwell is a pauper, who was in business for two summers in the Board Walk here.