

DOMINION PAROLE OFFICER URGES ESTABLISHMENT OF A PRISON FARM HERE

M. P. Archibald Declares System Should Be Adopted Without Delay—Condemns System of Fining as Blot on Our Civilization—Most of the Paroled Prisoners Making Good—Society's Obligation to Them.

W. P. Archibald, dominion parole officer and Mr. Archibald are in the city and are registered at the Royal. Mr. Archibald is making a trip of inspection of federal prisons, and is to leave today for Dorchester, where he will inspect the maritime penitentiary.

Under the parole system, Mr. Archibald said, the prisoner before his term has expired may be released by authority of the minister of justice. If the record indicates the belief that with another chance there will be a possibility of his reform being brought about, the system has achieved some wonderful results since it was first established, fourteen years ago.

Most of them make good. During that time there had been released on parole 4,579 prisoners. The efficiency of this treatment in regenerating men who, according to the experience of the prison system developed in many cases into hardened criminals was amply demonstrated by the fact that of these 4,579 released prisoners only 100 had returned to their vicious methods of life.

Urges Prison Farms. In reply to a query by the reporter Mr. Archibald said that a local prison farm was the best thing that could be established here for the benefit of the community. He said, "should be planned on the prison farm system, and the men should be sent to them instead of being fined."

OBITUARY

William J. Parks. Tuesday, March 26. William J. Parks died yesterday morning at his residence, Peters street, after a few days illness, having up to very recently been attending to his business.

Mr. Harrison was in his time a great lover of sports, especially of fishing, and was well known to all the guides on the fishing waters. He was also St. John's greatest chess player, winning the championship in 1897, 1899, 1900, 1901 and 1903, and having the deSoyes Cup finally presented to him by the late Rev. John deSoyes in the last summer year.

Edward J. Harrison. Tuesday, March 25. The news of the death of Edward J. Harrison, in the Home for Incapacities, will be read with sincere regret by very many old friends in this city. Mr. Harrison and his dogs were familiar to all the citizens not many years ago, although for the last four years he had been a patient in the Home for Incapacities.

HEARING ON WEDNESDAY

Public Utilities Commission Considering Telephone Company's Application

THE EVIDENCE GIVEN SO FAR

Board Declines to Approve All Rates—Rothsay Residents Protesting Against Proposed Change to Ten Cent Rate Both Ways—Street Railway Ordered to Provide Rodney Wharf Safeguard at Once.

Thursday, March 27. At the meeting of the New Brunswick Public Utilities Commission yesterday in the government rooms, Church street, the application of the New Brunswick Telephone Company, Limited, for authorization of its classification of exchanges and schedule of rates, and that it be given permission to change from one classification to another by permission of the commission but without public notice or public hearing was considered.

James F. Hayes. James F. Hayes, a native of Fredericton, N. B., and widely known in the lumbering circles of both Maine and Canada, died at his home on South Main street, Caribou, Maine, Wednesday night, Feb. 26, last, after a year of ill health caused by heart trouble, and an immediate illness of but two days from cerebral hemorrhage.

William Keys. William Keys died in Barnesville, Kings county, Tuesday, in his 83rd year, after three weeks' illness of typhoid fever. He was survived by a son and a daughter, Hedy, and George, four brothers—James, Richard, and Richard, of Portmouth, N. H., and Andrew, also in the United States—and one sister, Mrs. Lizzy McGraw, of New Brunswick, N. B.

Roy G. McAfee. Thursday, March 27. The death of Roy G. McAfee took place early this morning at his father's home, Cranston avenue. He was 17 years of age and was a member of the Y. M. C. A. and was a pupil in Grand St. in the High School. He had been suffering for nearly six months with ptomaine poisoning. Arrangements for the funeral will be made later.

CONDENSED NEWS; LOCAL AND GENERAL

The meeting of the St. John River Commission at Van Buren to deal with the question of the Van Buren bridge as raised by the U. S. war department, will be held soon, but not during this week.

Word has been received in Fredericton from England that the fifteen bells which are to replace those of the chimes destroyed in the fire of 1911 have been cast at the works in England and now await testing. If the tests prove satisfactory the bells will be shipped as soon as possible and are expected to be installed and in use early in the summer.

John W. Meyers, of Mayfield, P. E. I., says the Boston Journal of March 14, arrived in Boston yesterday from his home in something in excess of \$900 in his pocket. Last night he was arrested on the job street police station practically penniless and told the officers that his money was stolen in Sydney street.

Mayor Frink has compiled a statement showing a classification of the city taxpayers according to the amount of taxes they pay. The list is as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Number of taxpayers, Amount of taxes. Rows include 30 over \$2,000 and over, 47 from \$1,000 to \$2,000, 107 from \$500 to \$1,000, 373 from \$200 to \$500, 679 from \$100 to \$200, 876 from \$50 to \$100, 1861 from \$25 to \$50, 2834 from \$5 to \$25, 200 under \$5.

TORIES HAVE FIRED 1,170 POSTMASTERS IN FIFTEEN MONTHS

Special to The Telegraph. Ottawa, March 26. In its first fifteen months of office the Borden government has dismissed no less than 1,170 postmasters and 121 postal departmental employees. And the axe is still being vigorously wielded on all Liberal postmasters by Hon. L. P. Pelletier. In the last fifteen years of the Laurier regime the removals of postmasters for all causes totalled only 1,819. Mr. Pelletier promises to test that record in his first two years of office if he lasts that long. In Quebec the dismissals of postmasters between Oct. 11, 1911, and Feb. 3, last, have totalled 472; in Ontario, 129; in New Brunswick, 116; in Nova Scotia, 54; in Alberta, 41; in Saskatchewan, 74; in British Columbia, 15; and in Prince Edward Island, 59.

ERIEFAC OF CRIME IN MAINE

Two Murders, One Attempt at It, and a Suicide Recently

A HORRIBLE TRAGEDY

Belfast Boy Witnesses His Father in a Frenzy Beat His Mother to Death—Woman Slashed Terribly by an Ailing Man—Old Soldier Accused of Killing Man and Fatally Injuring His Wife.

Bangor, Me., March 25.—Eastern Maine has been stirred during the past week with three of the most brutal and fiendish crimes in the criminal history of the state. Two murders and an attempted murder and suicide have been committed within the past seven days, the details of which were appalling.

On Tuesday night Emory Danforth, a drunken drunk, beat out his wife's brains with a big club and after telling his little 12-year-old son, who was the sole witness to the terrible tragedy that he was a madman, he fled from the scene.

On the same evening in a little camp on the banks of the Togue stream near Augusta, where they made their home, Edward Hardy, a Spaniard, war veteran, with his wife, Cora B. Hardy, were shot. Frank Vannah, aged 64, an inmate of the National Soldiers' Home, which is located near the village of Frankfort, 20 miles below the city, was the scene of the third crime, which took place on the evening of Wednesday, Mrs. John Lowe, aged 35, is lying in a serious condition, her throat slashed by a razor in two places. Her assailant, James Kelly, aged 70, was found hanging to the rafters in his little home, after he had committed the fiendish act in an attempt to put an end to his own life. He was cut down and is now in Belfast jail under \$5,000 bonds charged with the assault.

Boy's Horrible Story. Of all the crimes, the most brutal was that committed by Emory Danforth, the Belfast man, of whom so much has been heard. Neighbors who lived near the home of the Danforths in East Belfast were alarmed at the cries of little Emory, Jr., the 12-year-old son, who ran from the house sobbing out "Papa has killed mamma. Papa has killed mamma!"

The little lad described the terrible scene to the horrified neighbors, and on investigating they found that his words were true. "Papa hit mamma with a club with a club," the little fellow cried. "Then he grabbed her by the feet and smashed her head against the chimney. Then papa said that he was going to take her to poison and if that didn't fix her he was going to jump off the drawbridge. He drank something out of a bottle and ran off. He told us not to say anything until morning, but I did."

This was the first that the people of East Belfast knew of the crime. When they reached the house the young mother, who has four children, of whom Emory is the oldest, was past human aid, and search for the missing husband was instituted, but he was gone. The next day a search was made for the body, but it was not found.

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SIXTY-FIVE YEARS OLD AMERICAN SCHOONER WRECKED

Quoddy Fishermen Save Crew of Three on the General Scott.

Lubec, Me., March 25.—(Special)—The crew of three on the schooner General Scott, from Calais for Boston, with lumber, had a thrilling escape today when the schooner was wrecked on the rocks of Quoddy Bay, during the heavy gale. The masts went by the board and the craft probably is a total loss. The beach patrol had no time to summon the Quoddy Head life line, which was called on by fishermen who got a line to the wreck and hauled the exhausted sailors through the surf. The schooner was built in 1848.

AWARDED CUSTODY OF HIS CHILD

Amherst, N. S., March 26.—(Special)—Sachariah Adams, who sued out a writ of habeas corpus to recover the custody of his child from his relatives, was awarded his child for his infancy, nine years ago, was given the custody of the girl by order of the court at Halifax yesterday.

NOVA SCOTIA TO SIGNALY HONOR DR. C. F. FRASER

Halifax, N. S., March 26.—(Special)—Dr. C. F. Fraser, superintendent of the School for the blind, has been summoned to appear before the bar of the House of Assembly tomorrow to be thanked on behalf of the province for his work for the education of the blind. Dr. Fraser's brother has been invited to occupy a seat in the house during the ceremony.

It will be just eighty-four years ago to the day of the memorable occasion in Nova Scotia, when Dr. Fraser was called before the bar of the house and during the intervening years there has been no such summing.

WOMAN'S DESPERATE BATTLE FOR LIFE

The attempted murder at Frankfort, which is in the same county, was also characterized with brutal fiendishness. Mrs. John Lowe was on her way to visit her mother's house, which is not far distant from her home, when she was attacked by James Kelly. He was standing in the doorway and called her. She responded, and entered the door. What took place will not be known until she recovers from her terrible injuries, and is able to give an account of it. That she was forced to put up a desperate struggle for her life is certain.

The whole neighborhood was aroused when the screams of the unfortunate woman and a half a dozen men ran to the Kelly house, where they were forced to break down the door. On a bed near the door they found Mrs. Lowe lying unconscious with two large razor gashes in her throat, blood covering her face, and a gash severed the smaller jugular vein, and was the most dangerous. The other gash cut across her throat and chin, and inches in length.

Kelley was hanging from one of the rafters with a rope about his neck. He was cut down before he had harmed himself a great deal, and it was only the counsel of the older men of the crowd that saved him from lynching.

Mrs. Lowe has been friendly to the aged man, who has been drinking heavily lately, according to reports, and went madly in answer to her calls. Kelly will be tried at the next criminal term of court for Waldo county.

May Clear Up Old Murder. Another chapter in the famous Mattie Hackett case, one of Maine's most noted murders, came to light this week, when Miss Hackett's brother, a man who had been a murderer of Mattie Hackett in the town of Readfield in 1905, Elmer Raymond, of the same town, was tried on the charge of murdering the woman last fall, seven years after the crime committed, but was acquitted by the jury.

Last week Richard Dunbar, who was sentenced to a year in the penitentiary for one year in the penitentiary for a story told by Chyenne (Wyo.) which may go a long way towards clearing up the unsolved mystery of the Hackett murder. Dunbar told the detective that he had killed Mattie Hackett as a prospector's wife, who was going to marry a man who was a prospector. He had had a grudge against her for some time, and when she refused to marry him, he decided to kill her.

Dunbar claimed he was present when the murder took place, but did not actually participate in it. Since the trial of Mrs. Raymond he said that the matter had been preying upon his conscience and he wanted to know what the facts were. He was as yet unauthenticated in any of his important particulars, cannot be stated at this time.

Murderer Pleads Guilty. There was a pitiful scene in the supreme court room at Skowhegan, Saturday, when Michael Shannon, of South Boston, who has been on trial for the murder of John H. Blackwell, colored, of Lewiston, which occurred at Shawmut last January, retracted his plea of not guilty and pleaded guilty. The trial had been in progress all one day when counsel for the respondent announced that the court had been asked to accept the plea of guilty. Shannon is 27 years of age, the maximum sentence of twenty years for the crime. He is a native of South Boston, and was a member of the Irish-American club in that city. Shannon pleaded guilty and then broke down and wept audibly. He was remanded to jail for his sentence and was led from the court room to the jail to await his sentence in a weakened condition.

To use liquid bluing to best advantage, put a quill in the centre of the cork, allowing it to extend above and below the cork.

Mr. Bellinger has been ordered to come time to work out in with the British postmaster, Mr. Samuels, an imperial schedule communication. It is understood that the governor is in council in agreement with the imperial government and the governments of the dominions with a view to establishing a postal union which will not make the scheme public announced in the house.

Mr. G. S. Siddall Tells Conservative Club Change is Coming Soon. Special to The Telegraph. Moncton, March 28.—Speaking at the Conservative Club here, Mr. Siddall stated that he had been in the house when the I. C. R. had agreed to be dissolved and put in charge of the I. C. R. He had, he said, previously been a member of the board of management, and tonight he reaffirmed that it was not a matter of years, or he declared, but only a question of time before the change would be made. The board was practically the post now.

Two Candidates in Moncton. B. Y. ELLIOTT. Moncton, N. B., March 31.—(Special)—A. Fryers and J. S. were nominated today to fill the vacancy at the election caused by the resignation of Mr. A. Fryers. A protest against Fryers being received was served on Fryers by Patrick Gallagher on Wednesday. The protest takes that Fryers is disqualified from the council by reason of being in the market leased from the city market leased from the clerk.

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