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CITY'S GRIEF SHOWN AS MAYOR IS BURIED

GREAT NUMBER AT FUNERAL OF FRANK L. POTTS

Banks of Floral Tributes Near Casket in Church

2 SERVICES HELD

Rev. H. C. Rice Pronounces Eloquent Eulogy—Touching Pithy Farewell Given

PASSING through the streets between a continuous gathering of the people as represented as Chief Magistrate and member of Parliament, and after solemn services in Queen Square United Church, attended by a concourse that taxed the capacity of the edifice, all that was mortal of Mayor Frank L. Potts was laid to rest in the cemetery at Fernhill this afternoon while flags fluttered at half-staff and representative Saint John paid its personal respects.

It was a thoroughly comprehensive cortege that participated in the mourning ceremonies beginning with the Mayor of the province and his co-members from the constituency of Saint John city and county to the humblest citizen, for Mayor Potts was familiarly known as the "workman's friend" and a sobriquet in which he took no little pride.

The broken ranks of the Common Council, City Hall executive staff, various societies of the local administration—the police, fire department, public works, financial, water and sewerage and the harbor clerks; captains of industry, heads of leading business houses, bankers and realtors; and other persons of prominence, all lent their presence to pay their last respects to the late Mayor.

Fraternally there was a large representation. Mayor Potts' young-hearted nature and disposition towards good-fellowship for nearly a quarter of a century. This large delegation marched in the procession immediately behind the mounted marshal, Police Constable Harry Bell, and were followed by Acting Mayor J. H. Ertink. The hearse came next and then the immediate family members.

In the general procession walked representative groups from Albion Lodge of Freemasons—the Mayor's own Lodge—with brother Masons of other bodies; a deputation from Laxor Temple, Mystic Shrine; Sons of Etihad, York Lodge of Orange-men, and brethren of other orders; King Edward Lodge of Pioniers; Boys (West Saint John), and sister-societies; the Ella Vander Dr. E. Arthur Westrup, and other associations of Mr. Potts in his various life.

The public filed in afterwards, the whole combining in making a cortege that extended for blocks.

SERVICE AT HOUSE The short service for the bereaved household and close friends, held at 2 o'clock, was conducted by Rev. H. C. Rice, pastor of Queen Square church, assisted by Rev. R. G. Fulton. A quartet sang "God of God" and "Rock of Ages." A procession then formed and the coffin was taken to the church. Rev. Mr. Fulton officiated at the funeral.

FUNERAL ORATION Rev. H. C. Rice delivered the funeral address, which was as follows: The thoughts which find readiest utterance are not our deepest thoughts. The proudest truths and the most profound emotions that stir our hearts are the most difficult to voice in suitable language.

There are moments in every life when the burdens of grief, perplexity or disappointment which press upon the soul are too heavy to find suitable expression, and one is ready to wish that the tongue could utter the thoughts that arise within one and find profound relief in this difficulty as I address you today, when, with hearts heavy with sorrow, we gather together to perform the last sad offices of respect for our honored dead, and also to express our sympathy with those who have been most intimately associated with him in that most tender of all relationships, the home. While we would not wish to intrude upon the sacred privacy of their own grief yet we would assure them that the community mourns the loss of an intelligent and public spirited citizen.

Born in the City of Saint John, Frank Leslie Potts grew to manhood. With a natural aptitude for making friends, with more than ordinary ability, with a cheerful mind and other attributes of personal power, with an inherent love for the strife and turmoil

Storm, Racing This Way, Paints White Streak Across Eastern States

Fascist Chief Quits Oratory For Silence

Canadian Press. MILAN, Jan. 9.—Benito Mussolini, Italy's Fascist Premier, who has been noted for his spell-binding oratory, has decided that President Coolidge's system of reserve may be better, even in Italy, says the Popolo D'Italia.

The new slogan for himself and his followers, the paper reports, is "Watchfulness and silence."

REPORT PRESENTED IN N. S. COAL PROBE

Government to Consider It Today; Publication Likely on Monday

Canadian Press. HALIFAX, N. S., Jan. 9.—The findings of the Royal Commission appointed to investigate the Nova Scotia coal industry, were handed to the government last night, and were considered at a meeting of the cabinet called for this morning. The report will not be available for publication until next week, probably Monday.

BRITISH NOBILITY TO PROSECUTE CASE

Seek Accounting in \$50,000,000 Levis Estate in Chicago

Canadian Press. CHICAGO, Jan. 9.—Lady Margaret Hyde, Countess of Suffolk and Berke, and Lady Cynthia Moser, daughter of Mary Victoria Levis and Marquis Curzon, will come to Chicago to press their claims against Joseph Levis, trustee of the \$50,000,000 estate of Levi H. Levis.

The case is set for hearing on March 16.

Lady Hyde two years ago filed suit for an accounting against her brother, alleging mismanagement of the estate, and asserting that Joseph Levis' appointment of his clerk, Wm. J. Warro, was illegal.

MEMORIAL TO QUEEN

\$50,000 Will be Raised to Assist Queen Victoria Jubilee Fund

Canadian Press. LONDON, Jan. 9.—A fund of about \$50,000 is to be subscribed for a National Memorial to the late Dowager Queen Alexandra. The money will be used to assist Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute for nurses.

Vicount Knutsford, chairman of London Hospital, says that if the desired funds are forthcoming there will not be a single poor home in England without a Queen's nurse when one is needed.

SAINT JOHN ENVOY TO SET OUT TO BOOST BIG SKATING MEET

Walter H. Golding to Accompany Gorman to New York on Monday; Seats for World Ice Classic on Sale Next Week.

In an effort to direct the spotlight of publicity from the big metropolitan centres of the United States, and particularly the New England States, on the world's championship speed-skating meet here January 26, 27 and 28, the Saint John Skating Association will send Walter H. Golding, manager of the Imperial Theatre here, along with Charlie Gorman, Canadian Olympic champion, and others in Madison Square Garden, on the night of Thursday, January 14.

Mr. Golding and Gorman will leave here Monday. They are expected back about January 20, immediately after the second special race in Madison Square Garden on January 18.

WILL SEND STORIES. Mr. Golding's extended experience in the newspaper and theatrical world

DECISION ON ROUTING CASE IS DEFERRED

Rail Board Hears Complaint Over C. N. R. Proposal

RATE BOOST SEEN

Slackening in Service Held Likely if Alternative Plan Cancelled.

Canadian Press. MONTREAL, Jan. 9.—Protest was registered before the Board of Railway Commissions here today by F. C. Cornell, freight expert acting on behalf of the Maritime Provinces, against the proposal of the Canadian National Railways to eliminate alternative routing via Saint John, N. B., and Sainte Rosalie Junction, Que., of west-bound traffic destined to stations on the Canadian Pacific Railway, except with an extra charge of one-half cent per hundredweight.

Mr. Cornell was supported in his presentation by George Hulebos, Bathurst, N. B. In addition to setting for the three provinces, Mr. Cornell, who is also preparing the Maritime case for presentation to the Board of Commissioners in their general consideration of the entire freight rate structure of the country, represented the Saint John, Halifax, and Sackville, N. B. Boards of Trade.

C. N. R. DEFENSE. F. J. Warren, freight traffic manager, and Arthur Fraser, counsel, replying for the C. N. R., argued that traffic originating on the Canadian National Railways was not carried as far as possible on these lines, they would be acting as feeders for the Canadian Pacific. If freight from Truro, N. S., for Toronto were handed over to the Canadian Pacific at Saint John the National lines would lose \$16 per car as against the 39 extra freight charges which might arise to the shipper from a switching charge.

The Maritime representatives said that if the Canadian National would agree to absorb the switching charge there would be no further complaint.

MUST BE UNIVERSAL. Commissioner Vien intervened to say that under the Railway Act if the concession were granted to the Maritimes it would have to be granted to all parts of Canada and further that if alternative routes in combination with the Canadian Pacific or any other railway were ordered into effect in the Maritime Provinces similar concessions would have to be granted in all parts of Canada. The commission took the matter under advisement. Hon. McKeown, chief commissioner, presided.

CASE FOR MARITIMES. For more than 30 years under the Intercolonial Railway Mr. Cornell pointed out, Maritime shippers were able to ship through to Toronto with power to switch to the Canadian Pacific at Sainte Rosalie, New Brunswick, because of the concession granted to the Intercolonial had been taken from the Canadian National system, it was not fair that the Maritime Provinces should be penalized by that consolidation by having an added charge on their freight rates in cases where it seemed desirable to switch their goods from one railway to the other. It was the withdrawal of a long established right, he said.

COOL BURGLARS. LONDON, Jan. 9.—Burglars who broke into the office of a firm of chartered accountants at Kingston and stole jewelry and money, left the owner's insurance policy in a conspicuous position, after having written on it, "Hope you will draw this."

RETAIL TRADE WANT INCOME TAX ABOLISHED

Canadian Press. OTTAWA, Ont., Jan. 9.—A resolution in the Federal income tax will not halt the campaign of the Retail Trade Board of Canada for its total abolition, D. M. Towne, president of the board, stated last night. A resolution is hinted at in the speech by the Hon. Mr. Towne stated that the income tax is the worst enemy of Canadian prosperity and that its abolition will result in an era of progress in Canada never before equalled.

"How about the revenue the government would lose?" he was asked. "That would be made up many times over," he said, "by the increased revenue from the business tax, sales tax and tariff."

ICE CONDITIONS IN CANSO DELAY TRAIN

Jams in Strait Said to be Worst in History For Time of Year

Canadian Press. SYDNEY, N. S., Jan. 9.—Train schedules on the Halifax-Sydney branch of the C. N. R. have been badly disrupted by ice conditions in the Strait of Canso, which are declared to be the worst in the memory of anybody for this time of the year.

Yesterday morning express was in the Strait on both the inter-provincial and local lines, which the steamer vainly tried to pass her way into the Point Tupper pier. Ice then broke up and the steamer was able to dock that it was only after the captain had resorted to the expedient of putting out ice anchors, and hauling the lines away from the pier that the steamer was at last able to discharge the train.

Shipping men declare ice conditions to be the worst ever seen. Almost throughout the length and breadth of the Strait the ice floes, drifting down from Northumberland Strait, were so closely packed that scarcely a patch of blue water was visible today.

HARD COAL STRIKE ENTERS 7TH MONTH

Deadlock Still Exists in Negotiations With Little Hope of Break

Canadian Press. NEW YORK, Jan. 9.—Six months ago today, at Atlantic City, anthracite miners and operators entered a deadlock in an effort to negotiate a new wage contract and the vice-grip that each side has on the other appears as tight today as it was then.

Representatives of the two contending interests, however, are seeking a way out and renew their discussions this afternoon following an adjournment last yesterday.

Unless there is a change in policy, and there are ever present rumors, the conferees go into the meeting today without any hope of being able to insert a wedge that will break the deadlock.

FORKE CONFERS WITH CONSERVATIVE HEAD

Progressives Debate Stand on Confidence Motions Before House of Commons

Canadian Press. OTTAWA, Ont., Jan. 9.—Progressives met in caucus this morning to determine their attitude towards the motions of confidence and non-confidence moved in the House yesterday. Later, the executive of the Progressive party, headed by Robert Forke, went into conference with Right Hon. Arthur Meighen, Conservative leader.

There is rumor that the opposition may get some independent support, but of this there is as yet no confirmation. Several individual Progressive questionnaires took the ground that little advantage would be gained by turning out the government at the present juncture, and putting in a Conservative administration.

LOTS OF ENGLISH CAPITAL AVAILABLE

Rush on to Loan to Germans; Millions in Bonds Are Taken up

Canadian Press. LONDON, Jan. 9.—Partly as a consequence of the depression in trade and industry, which makes difficult employment of money in trade, there are signs in the London market since the removal of the embargo on colonial and foreign loans, of almost unlimited capital waiting for investment.

As far as Germany is concerned, all the war feeling has disappeared and British capitalists are falling over one another in their haste to lend to the Germans. During the past fortnight, there have been issued on the London market, \$25,000,000 of bonds for the German potato syndicate, another loan of £1,000,000 for the German textile syndicate and another £1,000,000 of Hungarian land mortgage bonds in addition to £4,000,000 Sao Paulo coffee bonds.

MARITIME MEN MEET THORNTON ON PORT MATTER

Four M. P.'s Head Eastern Delegation in Traffic Appeal

PRESS EXCLUDED

Statement Will Be Issued at Conclusion of Deliberations

Canadian Press. MONTREAL, Jan. 9.—Headed by four members of Parliament, a delegation from the Maritime Provinces, representatives for the most part of the Boards of Trade of Saint John and Halifax, met this morning on the invitation of Sir Henry Thornton, K. B. E., chairman and president of the Canadian National Railways, to discuss with him the question of traffic through Maritime Province ports.

The matter of opening the meeting to press representatives was broached and the delegation decided that in view of the question of "Maritime Rights" being an item on the parliamentary program, as indicated yesterday by the speech from the throne, the conference this morning, should be held "in camera." Statements, however, will be issued at the conclusion of the meeting.

THOSE ATTENDING. The Maritime men were W. A. Black, M. P. and John P. Quinn, M. P., Halifax; D. R. Turnbull, president of the Halifax Board of Trade; G. W. Hensley, and H. B. Silver, Halifax, and Colonel A. Montgomery, Burgess Wilby, Charlottetown.

Dr. Murray McLaren, M. P., Thomas Bell, M. P., Saint John; A. P. Patterson, G. E. Harbour, J. D. McKenna and F. MacIure, traffic manager and D. J. Wood, traffic manager, foreign freight department.

Present also were F. W. Cowie, consulting engineer of the Maritime Board of Harbor Commissioners; Bert Clark, of Montreal, and A. A. Wright, Toronto.

World News In Short Metre

NEW YORK, Jan. 9.—Five bottles, the entire family of Thomas King, a young chauffeur, were found lying on a bed in his apartment yesterday under circumstances that nutely outlined an unusual tragedy.

The last time members of the family were seen alive was Wednesday night, when King returned home. Police said he found his wife flitting with another man, who left. Neighbors then heard a great racket. Marks on the walls of the

home, showed that King chased his wife and children from room to room. He killed them all with a baseball bat, and cut his throat. An autopsy last night, disclosed that King died from gas poisoning and not from the self-inflicted wound.

N. S. Doctor, Great War Veteran, Dead

KENTVILLE, N. S., Jan. 9.—Dr. J. H. Slayter, O. B. E., aged 61, died at his home at Gaspereau, near here yesterday. He practiced medicine for a number of years in Halifax, and during the war served with the British forces in England and France, his service-winning him the Order of the British Empire. He was attached to the McGill Hospital while in France. He was born in Chicago.

FIRE GUTS SYDNEY BLOCK, \$10,000 LOSS

Wooden Building Burns in 40-mile Gale; Struggle Prevents Spread

Canadian Press. SYDNEY, N. S., Jan. 9.—The Public Block, a three-story wooden structure on Charlotte street, was gutted by fire yesterday afternoon during the height of a 40-mile-an-hour blizzard, with damages estimated at \$10,000. The fire was prevented from assuming more dangerous proportions by the strenuous work of the firemen and the fact that it was located in by fireproof buildings. The losers are Alex. Martinello, owner of the building; C. C. Hachette's shoe store; H. Bennett, barber, and Miss Mary Anderson, a tenant on the second floor, all of whom lost everything.

BALDWIN ENTERTAINS STAFF. LONDON, Jan. 9.—Premier Baldwin took his whole Downing Street secretarial staff to see Arthur Boucherier, the well known actor manager, play the role of "John Silver" in James Bernard Fagan's adaptation of Robert Louis Stevenson's "Treasure Island" at the Strand Theatre last night.

SHIPS FORCED TO SEEK HAVEN FROM BLIZZARD

Blow Moves From Far West Right Across Country

WARNING ISSUED

Gales and Snow Are Promised For This Afternoon and Tonight

Canadian Press. NEW YORK, Jan. 9.—Snow that has been sweeping across the North Central States and the Atlantic seaboard struck New York today, after dropping a white mantle on Washington last night.

icy, snow-laden winds swept the seacoast from North Carolina to Boston, bringing a sharp drop in temperature.

Shipping all along the coast north of Norfolk was affected and in many cases vessels were forced to seek shelter. Ocean liners at Atlantic ports reported rough weather at sea.

SUB-ZERO WEATHER. The Adirondack region had sub-zero weather, with predictions of colder weather still to come. The storm has been making its way east steadily, first invading the Far West, then the southwest sections of the south, and finally working along the coast toward the north.

Ice scenery about Niagara Falls is at its height. Trees and shrubs are covered with frozen spray from the cataracts, and the river below the falls is choked with ice floes. The jam in the lower Niagara, from Lewiston to the mouth of the stream at Fort Niagara, still holds, although the ice is moving gradually out into Lake Ontario. No immediate damage is anticipated there.

COST OF DYING IN RUSSIA INCREASES

Coffins Advance in Price; Graves Are Higher, Flowers Prohibitive

Canadian Press. MOSCOW, Jan. 9.—The cost of dying is increasing in Soviet Russia. Owing to the scarcity of suitable wood and draping materials coffins have advanced in price during the last six months by 30 per cent, while owing to the congestion in cemeteries, graves here have gone up 25 per cent. Natural flowers are so prohibitive in price that Russians have taken to artificial wax or metal floral designs as tokens to the dead.

The Weather

SYNOPSIS—The disturbance which was centred on the South Atlantic coast yesterday has moved northward, with increasing intensity. The weather has been cold from the Great Lakes eastward, with light snow in Southern Ontario, while in the west it has been fair and mild.

Gales, Sleet or Rain.

FORECASTS: MARITIME—Winds increasing to gales from eastward; snow to night, probably turning to sleet or rain in some districts on Sunday.

NEW ENGLAND—Snow to-night, slightly colder on the coast; Sunday cloudy, fresh to strong west and southwest winds.

Temperatures. TORONTO, Jan. 9, 1926

Lowest Highest Yesterday night

Victoria ... 88 40 38

Calgary ... 88 48 30

Edmonton ... 82 40 26

Winnipeg ... 10 30 10

Toronto ... 18 22 16

Montreal ... 6 10 4

Saint John ... 2 14 \*2

Halifax ... 10 16 10

New York ... 28 30 26

\*Below zero.