

CONTROVERSIAL NOTES

Hydrants Frozen And Tampering Charged

Engineer Murdoch in Report To Water And Sewerage Board Connects Freezing Of Two Hydrants With Inspection By Underwriters—Sale Of Mispac Pulp Mill And Development Of Water Power Are Favored.

Something of a bomb was exploded at a monthly meeting of the water and sewerage board, last evening, when the city engineer reported two frozen hydrants and connected with this fact the alleged tampering with the water pressure by representatives of the insurance underwriters on Tuesday last. The report was headed, "Tampering With Fire Hydrants," and spoke of the incident as a very serious matter. Ald. Kelley expressed disbelief as to the correctness of the report.

There was considerable discussion on the question of water power and a engineer advising the sale of the Mispac pulp mill and retaining all rights on the stream. Some pertinent questions were asked with reference to the qualifications of George W. Hatfield as assistant city engineer. Ald. Frink presided and Ald. Hayes, Lewis, Christie, Scully and Kelley were present.

The city engineer reported in favor of the disposition of the Mispac pulp mill and retaining all rights to water power on the stream.

The report was made at the suggestion of the Board of Trade that the question of supply water power to industrial concerns should be investigated.

The chairman said that the possibilities for development of power on the Mispac stream were very large. In one day many millions of gallons of water went to waste over the dam.

Ald. Christie thought the water power at Musquash was worth looking into. There was a chain of eighteen lakes to draw from.

On motion it was decided to send the report to the Board of Trade.

John Crulshanks wrote complaining of the presence of a water pipe on his land. He wished either a reduction of water rates, the pipe removed, or an annual rental of \$10 paid by the city.

The city engineer reported that there was no water going through the pipe. Ald. Christie moved the pipe be taken out.

The city engineer recommended that a charge of \$11 against Abraham Hart improperly assessed, be written off. This was adopted.

The Assistant City Engineer.

The city engineer reported that Geo. W. Hatfield had entered upon his duties as assistant engineer. Mr. Hatfield had considerable experience he said, as a surveyor and in railway construction. A. R. Wetmore, provincial engineer, had highly recommended him.

Ald. Christie—"Has he had any experience in municipal work?"

Mr. Murdoch—"No, he is not a municipal specialist. He is doing school work."

Ald. Kelley—"He is doing school boy's work now, is he not?"

Ald. Lewis remarked that if the young man was satisfactory to the city engineer that was all that was needed.

Ald. Kelley—"I noticed the chairman rather fathered the appointment."

The chairman said the young man appeared to be of good physique and of fine appearance. He looked like the man he wanted.

Ald. Kelley—"Has he got his papers?"

Mr. Murdoch—"He has a certificate from the Board of Trade, but I cared nothing for that as long as I got a capable man."

G. S. Carman asked permission to quarry stone on the Donnelly property by the city. He agreed to pay \$50 a year for the privilege on condition he have the right to buy the property for \$500 after a five years' lease.

Ald. Scully said the city engineer expressed a poor opinion of the St. John county granite.

Ald. Christie—"Ald. Kelley a five years' lease was granted without any option."

The proposal, Mr. Madden asked who had drafted the bill, which stands in Mr. Verville's name.

Mr. King replied that the labor department had had nothing to do with it.

"It is evident," said Mr. Madden, "that the labor department intends to have very little to do with it."

Dr. Sproule.

Dr. Sproule favored granting the request of the committee though conceding the failure of the department to collect the information.

Dr. Clark, Red Deer, thought the proposition of the committee simple and necessary.

Mr. Standfield said that the bill not only applied to the public buildings, but to sub contracts. All the information possible was required, and as a member of the committee he would vote for the report.

Mr. Marshall, also a member of the committee, said the information it had been obtaining was necessary and very valuable. The committee was wholly responsible, the minister having acted fairly by it.

Mr. Turcott supported the report, so did Mr. Broder. Mr. E. B. Devlin wished to see two experts, one French, one English, to see the bill.

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ROYAL HOTEL MAKING EXTENSIVE CHANGES AND IMPROVEMENTS

Dining Room Enlarged To Seat 170 People—Artistic Decorations Added—Second Billiard Room In Basement.

In line with the extensive repairs and additions which have been made at the Royal Hotel by the enterprising management, the dining-room has recently been considerably enlarged and refitted in excellent taste.

Two bedrooms and a portion of the corridor have been turned into the original dining hall and the handsome all glass doors which open into the room now come nearly to the head of the first flight of stairs and within ten feet of the elevator shaft. The room will now seat 170 people comfortably which means an increase of 60 in the seating capacity.

The woodwork is painted in light blue with the walls and ceilings of pure white. The side of the room which has been added is covered by a large mirror and smaller panels of glass adorn the end of the projecting wall. An order has already been given for prism lights to replace the present chandeliers.

A feature of the changes at the Royal Hotel is sure to meet with the approval of patrons is the provision of a second billiard room in the basement of the building. A new style of billiard table has been ordered and an absolutely smooth surface has been laid and the room will be fitted with the latest in pool room appliances.

The following Friday Academy College are scheduled to line up against the St. Johns, and as the collegians have one of the fastest teams this year ever turned out at the college, an exciting game may be expected.

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FAST NOVA SCOTIA TEAMS WILL PLAY LOCALS NEXT WEEK

Amherst And Acadia To Meet All St. John Hockeyists—Games With Halifax And Yarmouth Being Arranged.

The All-St. John's crossed sticks with the Tigers last evening and after an exciting game defeated the "animals" by a score of 6 to 4. Both teams showed much improvement over their former work, and some clever individual play was exhibited.

Later in the evening the Bank of Montreal and the Bank of New Brunswick battled for supremacy, the argument ending in a 2 to 2 tie.

A team from Rosthern, who lined up against a picked seven who called themselves the "Stars." The suburb town puck chasers won out with the score of 6 to 4.

On Saturday evening the All-St. John's and Tigers will meet in one of the most important games in which the local boys will figure, as the "stars" of each team are to be formed into the All-St. John's aggregation which will represent the city against outsiders who may play here.

Should the weather continue favorable, St. John will witness plenty of hockey during the ensuing month. The different teams are being reorganized and getting in some good practice, while the managers have been busy engaged in arranging dates for games with some of the fastest outside aggregations. Last evening the Queen's Rink swarmed with players in uniform and some clever stick handling was witnessed by the small audience who were in attendance.

Series of Games Arranged.

On next Wednesday evening some real hockey is slated, when the crack Amherst Wanderers, who are among the fastest in the sister province, will be seen in action against the locals.

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UNITED STATES AND GERMANY BURY HATCHET

Way May Be Found Out Of Present Commercial Difficulty Existing Between Two Countries.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 2.—It was announced at the state department today that in all probability a final understanding between the United States and Germany, for the tariff issue, will have been reached by tomorrow evening and that a public announcement would likely be made at that time.

This statement was preceded by a call at the state department, of the German ambassador and later by a conference between the officials and members of the tariff board and the chiefs of the Bureau of Trade Relations.

No information was obtainable from any source as to the probable terms of the agreement, but it is certain that the practical inhibition of the importation of American live cattle into Germany and the very rigid microscopic inspection of American fresh meats by the German authorities, have furnished most of the difficulties.

THE COURTS.

COUNTY COURT CHAMBERS. Ejection Suit.

A summary ejection suit of D. R. Jacobs versus the estate of the late Myer Budovitch, Meyer Whitman and Samuel Levin in yesterday's issue of the Standard, that Mr. D. Mullin, K. C., for the defendants, withdrew his application made before Judge Forbes on January 24th last to set aside the judgment on the grounds that proper notice of the costs had not been given. Mr. Mullin stated yesterday that the report was partially incorrect. He deposes that the application was made and says that after the argument, when Judge Forbes announced his intention of reserving judgment, he (Mr. Mullin) was approached by Mr. Mullin, K. C., for the plaintiffs, who stated that, after reflection, he (Mr. Mullin) considered that he was wrong in signing judgment, and should have asked the court to set aside the judgment. Mr. Mullin says subsequent to this conversation he received a letter from Mr. Mullin, K. C., in which the latter stated that he (Mr. Mullin) was in the view he took with regard to the etiquette of the profession.

Portlands vs. Algonquins Tonight.

It is expected that a record crowd will attend the basketball game in the Y.M.C.A. this evening when the first of the series between the Portlands and Algonquins will be played. Some changes will be made in the line-up of both teams, but they will send their strongest representatives and the series will be the biggest basketball event of the year.

der in council did not authorize work beyond 1908. The company was asked if it would accept an extension of its contract. This was made verbally by Mr. Pugsley to the president of the directors, he thought to both.

Major Crocker ascertained that there have been 17 outbreaks of rabies, involving 769 animals and many of these did not develop the disease. The outbreaks occurred in Western Ontario, in Red Deer, Alberta and in Assiniboia, Sask.

The naval bill will be taken up tomorrow.

The Senate.

The Senate today, after an extended debate, gave a second reading to the bill making it punishable for any one to have procured or in his possession without being able to give a satisfactory explanation of how he came to obtain it. It was made clear that the principle of the bill was not endorsed and that it will be discussed fully in committee.

BODY OF MANIAC RECOVERED FROM RIVER

Princeton Man Who Went Mad Over Christian Science Power Wows Ends Life In Waters Of East River.

New York, N. Y., Feb. 2.—Hospital attendants using grappling irons in the East River today, revealed a tragic Henry Pennington Toler, a Princeton graduate, former Wall St. broker, and Christian Scientist, yesterday eluded guards on Ward's Island, where he had been confined in an insane asylum since July, and plunged into the river. Caught in the eddy from Hell Gate, he sank almost immediately.

Toler became violently insane last summer after controversy with friends in the First Church of Christ, Scientist, in this city.

RECORD RAINFALL IS RECORDED IN MONGTON

Total Precipitation for Six Months Beats all Previous Records at the Railway Town.

Mongton, Feb. 2.—According to figures given out by the Dominion observatory here the rainfall of the last seven months beats all records. The total precipitation in rain and melted snow from July 1st, 1909, to Feb. 1st, 1910, was 31.87 inches, of which 28.37 inches was rain. In the corresponding seven months of 1908 the total precipitation was but 16.92 inches, or little more than half as great. Every month shows an increase, the comparative figures for the seven months being as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Month, 1908-9, 1909-10. Rows: July, August, September, October, November, December, January.

The January rainfall of this year was 3.40 inches against 1.32 inches last year and the snowfall 4.50 inches against 15.50 last year. The last of the month snowfall was 30 inches, against 3.60 inches in December, 1908. Perhaps the comet is the distributing factor.

SECRETARY BALLINGER TO EMPLOY COUNSEL

Washington, D. C., Feb. 2.—Secretary Ballinger at last, after much prodding, has decided to employ counsel to appear before the Ballinger-Pinchot Congressional investigating committee to defend his side of the case. Mr. Ballinger steadily refused to engage counsel in his earlier days, but the land office, under the leadership of Senator Nelson, chairman of the committee, expressed the attitude of the committee as favoring the presence of counsel for both sides.

DISPROVING SACKVILLE'S CLAIM TO LEGITIMACY

London, Feb. 2.—Sir Robert Finlay, representing Lionel Edward Sackville-West, now Lord Sackville, a nephew of the former British minister at Washington, occupied today's session of the probate court, with the introduction of documentary evidence to disprove the legitimacy of Ernest Henry Sackville-West, who is petitioner in a suit to have the court declare him the oldest and legitimate son of the late Lord Lionel Sackville-West and, as such, to establish his right to the estates now held by Lord Sackville.

HOTELS.

Robert Hirsch, Montreal; W. E. Davies, Montreal; H. E. Davis, Montreal; H. D. McKellar, Berlin; P. R. Pendleton, Toronto; J. S. Labat, London, Ontario; H. Delesseigne, Paris, France; Fabrice Delesseigne, Paris, do; P. Duffy, Nottingham; A. H. Gleason, Gleasondale, Mass.; S. Kaufman, New York; Fred M. Lennart, Montreal; H. P. Bent, Halifax; G. D. Burrell, Yarmouth, N. S.

DEATHS.

Murdoch—In Calgary, Alberta, on February 1st, in the 69th year of his age, George Murdoch, formerly of this city.

Wash—On Feb. 1st, at Cambridge, Mass., Elizabeth, wife of H. E. Walsh and sister of C. H. Ramsey of this city.

Scott—At Lethbridge, Alberta on the 28th inst., St. Kent Scott, aged 25 years.

Funeral at St. Paul's church at 2:30 o'clock on Thursday afternoon.

Steamers arriving at New York after report severe storms on the Atlantic.

JEROME KEUGH HAS SUCCEEDED TO TITLE

Defeats Champion Pool Player In Last Game of Series, Annexing Title—Twenty-Six Frames Played.

New York, Feb. 2.—Jerome Keugh, of Rochester, N. Y., won the world's champion pool title from Thomas Houston, the title holder, in the last game of their 60-point match in New York tonight. Keugh, with a high run of 32, secured the 180 points necessary to complete the 600 white Houston obtained 175 with a high run of 23. Twenty-six frames were played and the final score was 600 to 646. The match was for the championship title and emblem, a purse of \$1000 and a side bet of \$250.

WEDDINGS.

Balcom-Calhoun.

The marriage took place yesterday afternoon at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. V. H. Balcom, 219 Princess street, of their granddaughter, Miss Margaret L. Calhoun, elder daughter of the late Mr. Arthur L. Calhoun, and Mr. Henry E. Balcom, of Margarettville, N. S. The ceremony was at 10 o'clock, Rev. R. A. Armstrong, rector of Trinity, officiating. Miss Calhoun wore a becoming costume of soft white satin with silver-toned accessories. Twelve were present, Mr. and Mrs. Balcom left last evening on a honeymoon trip to Boston and New York, and on Friday returned to their home. The bride wore a gown of white, and the bride was a member, sent a handsome robe.

FUNERALS.

Mrs. Lawrence A. Walsh.

The funeral of Mrs. Lawrence A. Walsh was held yesterday morning at her late residence, 37 Douglas avenue, at St. Peter's church, where Rev. J. Bergmann, C. S. R., sang the requiem Mass. The funeral was held in the new Catholic cemetery. Brothers of the deceased acted as pallbearers.

OBITUARY.

Mrs. H. Friars.

The death occurred yesterday morning at her son's residence, 193 Paradise Row, of Mrs. Harriet Friars, who was born in St. John's, N. S. She is survived by one son, Mr. H. C. Friars. Arrangements for the funeral have not yet been completed. Interment will be made at Norton.

Mrs. Bliss Smith.

Mrs. Bliss Smith, a well known resident of Nash, Minn., died at her home, 715 Plymouth avenue, after a brief illness, on Jan. 21. She was born in St. John and for many years taught school in this city at Rotheray. Before her marriage she was Miss Margaret L. McGill, and is a relative of Mrs. McKinney, Haymarket square. She is survived by her husband and two children, George B. and Lillian. The funeral service was held at the church of the Assumption, an interment took place in St. Mary's cemetery, Nash.

Mr. George Murdoch.

Mr. Wm. Murdoch, C. E., received a telegram from Calgary, Alberta yesterday morning announcing the death of his brother, Mr. George Murdoch. The news was not unexpected, for Mr. Murdoch has not been in good health for some time. Deceased was one of the pioneers of Calgary. Born in Paisley, Scotland, the son of Mr. William Murdoch, well known in St. John as a poet, he grew up in St. John, and learned the bookbinding and harness making business. He was also a police magistrate for some years. Mr. Murdoch introduced the I. O. O. F. into Alberta, and he was an active member of the F. & A. M. His wife (Miss Flood, of St. John), survives him with three sons and two daughters. One of the latter is married (Mrs. Collett) and lives in California. He has two brothers in addition to the Director of Public Works—Joseph A. St. John, and John, of New York.

PERSONAL.

Mr. E. G. McAtee, son of Mr. Robt. McAtee, of 7 Waterloo street, who has been in the New Hebrides islands on missionary work for the Presbyterian church, left for his home in St. John on January 1st via South Africa.

Mr. A. J. Gross, superintendent of railway mail service, returned home last evening after an inspection trip which extended as far as Blackville.

Mrs. Daniel Connelly left last evening for Londonderry, N. S.

MARRIED.

Balcom-Calhoun—At 219 Princess St., on February 2, by Rev. R. A. Armstrong, Claude E. Balcom, of Margarettville, N. S., and Margaret Lawrence Calhoun, daughter of Mrs. H. Lawrence and the late Mr. Arthur L. Calhoun.

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