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DISCUSSION OVER FERRY INQUIRY BIT SPIRITED

Commissioners In Exchanges at Times Heated

TWO PHASES OF SUBJECT

Ferry Matters and Harbor Bridge Retaining Wall Tender \$1,737 Below Estimate of The Engineer—General Business of Committee

The need for an investigation into the ferry administration occupied the attention of the city commissioners for the greater part of their time at a committee meeting this morning and at times the discussion became somewhat heated. When the meeting adjourned it had been decided that the motion should be taken up section by section, so that the discussion became somewhat heated.

The tender of Lewis and Thomas Stephens for the construction of a retaining wall in Main street, at a figure \$1,737 less than the engineer's estimate, at the present cost of concrete, which had advanced since the estimates were prepared. The nearest lowest were for \$2,200 and \$3,662 higher than the estimate.

The council decided that the lowest tender should be accepted. If Lewis and Thomas Stephens could furnish satisfactory guarantees and Mr. Fisher's motion was accepted, as follows: That the street retaining wall in Main street be rebuilt with cement concrete, estimated cost including engineering and incidentals \$10,351 payable by bond issue, and that a contract for the work be entered into with Lewis and Thomas Stephens, their tender (\$1,737 per cubic yard of wall and \$10 per linear foot of tile drain) being the lowest.

The matter of an increase from \$12 to \$24 for the privilege of entering a Market square building to regulate the clock maintenance by the city was taken up and the common clerk was instructed to inform the owner that the city was willing to continue only under the old arrangement.

Mr. Jones presented his motion, notice of which had been given, calling for an inquiry into the operation, management and control of the ferry service, and also to take evidence regarding the cost of construction by which such cost should be borne, and as to the need for a bridge across the harbor.

Mr. Jones explained that he meant the resolution as no reflection on anyone and he had no charges to make. Mr. Bullock said that it would be regarded as a reflection on the management of the service.

Mr. Jones—If you insist, you can take it that way. Mr. Bullock said that if the resolution was deferred.

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MINISTER RESIGNS

Rev. I. W. Williamson Going Into Other Work

The congregation of Victoria street Baptist church were much surprised last evening when their pastor, Rev. I. W. Williamson, announced that he had resigned the pastorate and intended leaving today in connection with the work of the international brotherhood movement. He has been pastor of the church for the last sixteen months and has met with great success. The church, which had expected that he would resign in the fall—as he had intimated that he had accepted the appointment as secretary for evangelism for the entire Dominion—graciously accepted his resignation, thereby liberating him to enter upon his new and larger field of work.

Before leaving last night he gave the right hand of fellowship to sixteen new members. He said that the field he has just left has great opportunities and his successor would no doubt be crowned with success.

While in the city Mr. Williamson, in addition to being pastor of the Victoria street Baptist church, has been maritime chairman of the Christian Men's Federation with office in the Royal Bank building.

In talking to a Times reporter this morning he said that the brotherhood movement had assumed the responsibility of the care and education of many thousands of war orphans in the little country of Serbia and that representatives of the movement were in this country to raise \$30,000 to help carry on the work. While in Canada they were working under the auspices of the Christian Men's Federation. Meetings in this country had been held last night.

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U. S. AMBASSADOR LEAVES ROME FOR FRENCH CAPITAL

Rome, April 28—Thomas Nelson Page, American ambassador to Italy, has left Rome for Paris.

A New York dispatch to J. M. Robinson and Sons says: "A London despatch says Ambassador Page has left Rome on an urgent mission to Paris. State Department has no confirmation of report that Page intends to resign."

Not a "Scrap of Paper." Engagements between France and Italy will be honored, according to a telegram received last night by Professor Luigi Luzzatti, former premier and minister of the interior, from Premier Clemenceau in Paris, to whom Professor Luzzatti sent an appeal. The French premier's telegram follows: "You cannot deny, my dear illustrious friend, that an animated by the same sentiments toward Italy as are yours towards France, for I have esteemed it an honor to manifest them in darker days. At the hour of signing peace there can be no question of disregarding our reciprocal engagements. French policy is not a 'scrap of paper.' Your sincere and devoted friend, 'CLEMENCEAU'."

Lodge Criticizes Wilson. Boston, April 28—United States Senator Lodge said on Saturday night that President Wilson's stand in regard to France was inconsistent with his attitude concerning Danzig. He said the president's attitude toward Danzig was a betrayal of the Poles, while it was incredible that an outlet to the Adriatic could not have been found for the Jugoslavians except through France.

Rome, April 28—Foreign Minister Sonnino, who left Paris on Saturday afternoon, arrived in Rome at 9:30 o'clock last night. He was given an enthusiastic reception. He will be accompanied with the ferry and bridge matters should be taken up separately.

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SWAT THOSE FLIES. May Be Sensational Contest Over Will Estate of Richard Hutchinson \$750,000 ACTION BY THE SON

Proposes to Substitute for Death-Bed Will of Rich North Shore Man, a Will Made Some Years Ago

The Chatham world says: "Richard Hutchinson has here from Boston, taking the first step in what promises to be a sensational contest for the breaking of his father's last will and testament, which is to be offered for probate today at Newcastle, and substituting for it a will that was made by the deceased some years ago."

The will that is offered for probate was made a few days before the testator's death, and leaves most of the estate to Mrs. Moncrieff, the only daughter. Legacies of \$500 are left to Miss Spurr, his chauffeur, and Miss Wood, his housekeeper, \$10,000 to Mrs. Moncrieff's child, \$20,000 to Bank of Nova Scotia bonds to the Miramichi Hospital, and the residue to his daughter Belle, Mrs. Moncrieff. The only provision that is made for Richard Hutchinson, the only son, is that he is to receive during life the dividends on the bank stock that is left to the hospital.

A previous will, which will be effective if the death-bed testament is upset, gives Richard two-fifths of the estate. It was shown to Richard by his father when it was executed, and Richard assented to it as perfectly satisfactory to him.

Mrs. Hutchinson received her third of the estate before the first will was made, and is not financially interested in the contest.

It will be contended that the last will was made under pressure of undue influence exerted by Mrs. Hutchinson, who it will be alleged, kept filling the sick man's ears with current gossip about his son's alleged fall and suggesting that he would waste any money in a riotous living, that might be left to him. Richard Hutchinson, while earning a big salary as manager of a big business in Boston, spends his leisure in yachting and other sports, and his sporting proclivities have given rise to some gossip that he says is altogether untrue.

Mrs. Hutchinson estimates his father's estate at \$750,000 of which his mother got one-third, the Miramichi Hospital one-third, and the Moncrieffs the rest. Many of his father's letters to himself will be put in evidence.

George M. Macdonald and Hon. J. B. Baxter are acting for Mr. Hutchinson.

More Canadians Reach England on Way Home

London, April 28—(Reuters)—A large contingent of Canadian army men arrived at Southampton on Saturday from the continent; also various units from the Balkans. Many of the latter have been three years on service without leave.

Phelix and Pherdinand WEATHER REPORT

Issued by Authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stewart, director of meteorological service

Synopsis—An area of high pressure is centered off the Atlantic coast and another covers Manitoba and northern Ontario, while a shallow trough of low extends from the southwest states across the great lakes. Except in Ontario, where showers have occurred, the weather has been fair in Canada and Newfoundland.

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Will Try Kaiser By International Court

Five Judges to Act; Demand That Holland Give Him Up

"Supreme Offence Against International Morality and Sanctity of Treaties"—Germany to be Made Furnish Documents That May be Necessary

Paris, April 28—(By the Associated Press)—It was stated in French circles last night that the peace conference would be ready to present the peace treaty to the Germans on Friday or Saturday of this week. The drafting committee worked all Sunday, while the members of the Council of Five were taking a respite from conference work.

The French idea is that the text of the treaty is nearly completed. The military and naval sections have been finished, with the exception of the situation as regards the Kiel Canal and some secondary points.

Versailles, April 27—Workmen rapidly are getting into shape the buildings of the Royal Palace and the hotels adjoining for the meeting of the peace conference. The preliminary sessions between the German plenipotentiaries and the delegates of the five great allied powers will be held in the room of the Trianon Palace in which the sessions of the supreme allied war council were held during the war.

General Lersner, head of the German delegation already here, has entered very emphatic objections to any restriction of the freedom of movement of the Germans and has indicated strongly the attitude of the main German delegation on this point. In view of these objections the French authorities may abandon their early plans about a barrier.

M. Cudall, commissioner in charge of the arrangements, said that in any event he would not close the barriers until the opening of the congress.

ARRAIGNMENT OF THE KAISER. Washington, April 28—New articles for insertion in the peace treaty, to be considered at the plenary session of the peace conference today, the state department announced today, include the following: "Article 1. The Allied and associated powers publicly arraign Wilhelm II, of Hohenzollern, formerly German emperor, not for an offence against criminal law, but for a supreme offence against international morality and the sanctity of treaties."

It is proposed that a special tribunal be constituted to try the accused, consisting of five judges, one appointed by each of the five great powers, Great Britain, France, the United States, Italy and Japan. The Allied and associated powers will request Holland to surrender the former emperor for trial.

Persons accused of violation of the laws and customs of war, according to a second proposed article will be brought before military tribunals, and if found guilty, sentenced to the punishments laid down by military law.

All persons accused of having committed an act in violation of the laws and customs of war who are specified either by name or by rank, office or employment which they held under the German authorities, will be demanded of the German government for trial by the military tribunal of the power against whose nationals the criminal acts were perpetrated.

Article 4 is as follows: "The German government undertakes to furnish all documents and information of every kind, the production of which may be considered necessary to ensure the full knowledge of the incriminating acts, the discovery of the offenders, the just appreciation of the responsibility."

BRIDGE AND TEA. DeMotts Chapter, I. O. E. E., held a bridge party and tea in "The Studio," German street, this afternoon. The study was very brightly decorated with yellow daisies and magnolias and about thirty tables were provided for patrons. Seven prizes were to be awarded to the winners. The tea committee was composed of Mrs. Buesby and Mrs. H. B. Robinson as convokers, Mrs. DeForest, Mrs. J. M. Robinson, Jr., Mrs. Ernest Barbour and Mrs. Fred Schofield. The regent, Mrs. G. K. McLeod, and the first vice-regent, Mrs. W. E. Foster, received. Mrs. Foster and Mrs. W. W. White poured. Mrs. Adams took the tickets at the door. The committee in charge of the bridge tables was composed of Mrs. Christie, convoker; Mrs. Crikshank, Miss Edith Skinner; Mrs. J. U. Thomas and Mrs. J. L. Day.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION. There was a happy gathering of young people on Thursday evening, April 24, at the home of Mrs. Edgar Christopher, 109 Ludlow street, West Side, to celebrate the birthday of her youngest brother, S. Clarence Mawhinney. After a very enjoyable evening of games, music, etc., refreshments were served. Mr. Mawhinney was made the recipient of a handsome ring by the members of his immediate family as a memento of the occasion.

SMALLPOX REPORT. Dr. G. G. Melvin, chief medical health officer of the province, has returned from Middle Sackville where he had gone in connection with the smallpox situation of that place. He told a Times reporter this morning that the situation was well in hand and every precaution had been taken to prevent the disease from spreading. All the school children have been vaccinated.

ZION CHURCH. In Zion church last night, six members were received. Rev. Mr. Boothroy preached an eloquent sermon.

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GATHERING FOR SYNOD SESSION

Large Number of Church of England Clergymen Come to St. John—Bishop of Quebec Coming

A large number of Anglican clergymen came to the city on today's Montreal express which will convene tomorrow. His Lordship Bishop Richardson, Canon Covie, Venerable Archdeacon Neales, all of Fredericton, were among the number.

The preliminaries to the session will include a Quiet Hour of devotions at eight o'clock this morning in Trinity church at which the Bishop of Quebec will officiate. Tomorrow morning at 9:30 in Trinity the devotional exercises will be continued with corporate communion. In the afternoon at 2:30 the business of the synod will be taken up in Trinity Sunday school room, Bishop Richardson presiding.

A distinguishing feature of this meeting of the Synod will be further discussion and action relating to the great church forward movement.

It is expected that between sixty and seventy clergymen will be present. Among the notable visitors are to be Bishop Williams of Quebec, who will be the guest of Sir J. Douglas and Lady Hazen; Bishop Richardson of Fredericton, guest of Mrs. John V. Ellis, Princess street; Rev. J. Cooper Robinson, general secretary of the Society of Church of England Missions in Canada, both of whom are guests of the house of Canon R. A. Armstrong, Trinity rectory, Charlotte street.

On Thursday evening of this week the synod will be entertained at the home of Sir J. Douglas Hazen.

AGREEMENT WITH THE QUEBEC LONGSHOREMEN. Quebec, April 27—The shipping companies and the longshoremen reached an agreement on Saturday as to wages during the season. The men will get 57-1/2 cents an hour for a nine-hour day and time and a half for overtime.

FAILURE IN UNITED STATES. A despatch to J. M. Robinson & Sons reports failures in the United States last week 103 against 107 the previous last week and 160 a year ago.

U. S. Cruiser at Halifax. Halifax, N. S., April 28—United States cruiser Baltimore arrived in port early this afternoon. United States naval authorities say they have not as yet been advised where the Baltimore is from.

SCHOOL BOARD CHAIRMAN BACK. Dr. Alban F. Emery returned after a business trip to the States on Saturday. With regard to the matter of daylight saving and the public schools, the doctor, who is chairman of the Board of School Trustees, would make no statement until he had thoroughly discussed the matter with his board.

BURIED TODAY. The funeral of Barbara Carpenter took place this afternoon from her residence, Allen street. The body was taken to the Baptist church, Robbsey, where services were conducted by Rev. Mr. Worden. Interment was made in the family lot, Gondola Point.

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