

The Evening Times

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THE WEATHER Today and on Wednesday, moderate to fresh west to north winds, fair and moderately cold, local snow flurries.

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ONE CENT

THE "NINETEENTH CENTURY" BEGS SIR FRED'S PARDON

English Paper Retracts What It Said About Him.

Apology, While Affording Some Satisfaction To the Minister of Railways, Will Not Suffice To Stop His Action for Libel.

OTTAWA, Ont., Dec. 17 (Special)—A copy of the last issue of "The Nineteenth Century and After," received by Sir Frederick Borden, contains the following: "In an article, contributed by H. Hamilton Fyfe, in the October issue of this review, quotation appeared with many blanks left in it from a Canadian paper called the Eye Opener, of which the editor had never heard. "We passed that quotation on the strength of Mr. Fyfe's name with no comment, but it would be thought to refer to Sir F. Borden. "But the editor has since been informed by Sir Frederick Borden, minister of militia in the Dominion government, that the blanks in question from the Eye Opener were, in the original newspaper, occupied by his name. "The editor is therefore anxious to express at once to Sir Frederick Borden his sincere regret that any such unfounded and scurrilous gossip should have been quoted in these pages. We unreservedly disavow the same and apologize sincerely to Sir Frederick Borden for any injury which could possibly have been done to him from such a scurrilous story. "Sir Frederick Borden naturally expressed satisfaction at the prompt and unreserved apology, but at the same time, he has not withdrawn his suit for damages, and his lawyers in London are under instructions to press the libel action through the courts. "The retraction by the magazine will, however, probably have the effect of mitigating the offence in the eyes of the court and may reduce the amount of damages awarded."

BUSINESS IS GOOD

Transportation People Say That Freight is Offering More Freely Than in Past Seasons.

The Allan line steamer Grampian will not come to this port this trip. She was scheduled to go to Boston. A report was circulated today that there was no freight offering here, which is not a fact. Mr. Tankles, the manager of the Allan line here, said that the Grampian would come here next trip from Liverpool offering this season than ever before out of St. John, and that the Grampian would come here next trip from Liverpool, leaving there on the 17th of January next. The C. P. R. people also state that the freight and passenger business from St. John never looked so bright, and that so much is offered that all three steamers will go away loaded to the hatches. The United States goods coming this way this season is away ahead of seasons in the past history. Today there was received at the customs house manifest for 33 cars of flour, etc., which make a total of 571 cars received up to date. There are now on the way from frontier ports of Canada 283 cars of wheat to be placed in the I. C. R. elevator.

WANT TO KNOW ABOUT DREDGING CONTRACTS

Members of the Public Accounts Committee Ask Questions About Them.

OTTAWA, Dec. 17.—(Special)—The first business meeting of the public accounts committee was held today. Mr. Ames moved for a statement of rent and royalty collected by timber agencies at Edmonton, Winnipeg, Prince Albert, Dauphin and Calgary. Mr. Lightfoot McCarthy thought it would be dangerous precedent for the auditor general to give the details of papers in his possession. The finance minister considered that the information desired was such that the committee should have. W. H. Bennett, and Mr. Boyce moved for particulars concerning the number of dredging contracts. The motions were all agreed to.

MEN'S UNION MEETS

A very interesting meeting of the Men's Union of Main Street Baptist church was held last evening. Allan McIntyre, president, in the chair. Fred Miller read an original paper, entitled "The Flight of Imagination," in which he pictured the world in 2024. Henry Gasque gave several original selections and also some selections from Whittier. Stanley Granville read a paper on an interesting historical event, and Rev. David Hutchinson gave a brief address. The union was only formed a short time ago, but already the membership has increased greatly.

CHOSEN IN WELLAND

WELLAND, Ont., Dec. 17.—(Special)—Welland conservatives met here yesterday and nominated George Hanan of Niagara Falls to be their candidate in the next federal elections. A. J. Tingley of the I. C. R. detective force was in the city this morning and left for Moncton on the noon train.

THE RAILWAY COMMISSION

It Will Take Holidays Until After the New Year.

MONTREAL, Que., Dec. 17.—(Special)—The railway commission has adjourned its enquiry until after the new year. They have got through with the general charges of the Canadian Express Company and will take up the special rates when they meet again in the early part of February. The express companies claim the commission had only the right to go into general rates, and had contemplated sending a test case to the supreme court, but counsel finally decided against this course as being premature.

JUDGE MEAGHER'S CAUSTIC COMMENT

One of the Incidents of the Steel-Coal Appeal Hearing in Halifax This Morning.

HALIFAX, Dec. 17 (Special)—The appeal in the Steel-Coal trial began this morning before the supreme court bench. Judge Meagher, who, it was thought, might not sit, was present and also on the bench were Chief Justice Townsend, Judges Russell and Lawrence. Judge Meagher is suffering from an affliction of the eye, and all through this morning he kept it carefully covered with his hand to protect it from the light. The court room was crowded by an array of counsel on both sides, by principals in the case and the general public. The proceedings began with the reading by H. A. Lovitt of Judge Longley's judgment in the trial at Sydney, which took a couple of hours. Then about noon Mr. Lovitt began his opening address. He started with a sketch of coal mining as conducted on the Cape Breton seams, and as practiced by the coal company. Proceeding to the Steel company with the coal company for the deliveries of coal to the former concern. Judge Meagher interrupted to say "I will deal with that later, My Lord," said Lovitt. "I am not referring to one company more than another, they both sell it," said Lovitt. "I am not referring to one company more than another, they both sell it," said Lovitt. "I am not referring to one company more than another, they both sell it," said Lovitt.

HIS LEG BROKEN IN STREET FIGHT

As the result of what is said to have been a rough-and-tumble fight in the north end today, Fred Smith, aged about 14 years is laid up with a broken leg and Harry Akerye also about 14 of 117 Adelaide street, is looked up at the north end police station charged with assault. Smith who is an English lad drives for P. McIntyre the Main street grocer. He tells that while he was delivering parcels to Adelaide street about noon today he was attacked by Akerye whom he had put off the sled on a previous occasion, when the latter was stalling a ride. Whether or not both boys engaged in a scrap is not definitely known, in any case Smith asserts that he was knocked down and kicked by Akerye in such a manner that his leg was broken. The injured lad was placed in the sled and taken to the north end police station. Mr. McIntyre who is his guardian and the police notified. Shortly after Patrolmen Greer and Corbett arrested Akerye at his home and took him to the north end police station. Dr. McIntyre was called to attend Smith and set the broken leg.

FUNERAL PHENOMENA

Editor Times: Sir—If you will allow me the space I would like to enlighten Enquirer in yesterday's Times. The falling of the earth into the grave was due to the attraction of gravitation and the weakened condition of the earth around the grave. If the earth had fallen into the clouds instead of into the grave all present would have had cause to be "profoundly impressed." The reason the water got in the grave was that the surrounding earth contained a large percentage of water and the atmospheric pressure in the grave was not strong enough to hold it back; therefore it trickled into the grave and partially filled it. If the grave had been partially filled with beer instead of water it would be a problem worth looking into. Yours truly, J. W. M. 16 Dec. 1907.

CIVIC REORGANIZATION

At the last meeting of the city council, adjournment was made to Friday Dec. 20, when it is proposed to take into consideration the reorganization of the various city departments and the appointment of directors, etc. A meeting has been called for tomorrow of the committee which was appointed to look into this matter and report to the council. They will probably consider the matter and send in a report to the council at Friday's meeting. This evening the inquiry into the affairs of the chamberlain's department will be resumed, when a number of witnesses will be examined.

NEGRO MINSTREL LYNCHED

SHREVEPORT, La., Dec. 17.—A negro member of a travelling minstrel troupe who gave his name as Homer Rogers, was hanged by a mob in Morehouse parish last night and his body riddled with bullets. As far as known, the lynching resulted in securing candidates in this city, James had yesterday grown quite hot about it. He said it was an absurd fabrication, and at once went to one of the strong party men with a demand that it be denied. "Do you know any good candidates?" queried the party man.

ANOTHER CAPTAIN SAYS THAT BLACK POINT BUOY WAS NOT WORKING WELL

Enquiry into Cause of Stranding of Steamer Yarmouth Concluded This Morning—Capt. Collins on the Stand—Buoy Does Not Work in Light Breeze

The enquiry into the stranding of the D. A. R. steamer Yarmouth was concluded in the customs house this morning. Captain C. W. Collins, of the steamer Granville, told that he had passed the Black Point buoy on the morning of the 9th and it was not blowing. Captain McKinnon, of the Yarmouth, was recalled on some minor points in his previous testimony. Captain C. W. Collins, of the steamer Granville, came into the port on Monday the 9th, about 10 o'clock. Mr. Harding—"Did you see the Black Point buoy?" Mr. Harding—"Yes, there was a six mile breeze at the time and not much sea. I did not hear the buoy." The witness told that he had taken pains to ascertain if the buoy was in place as he passed it this morning and found that it was. He heard the gas buoy, but could not hear the Black Point buoy when the steamer Louisa passed the Black Point buoy last. Witness—"I heard it on Friday morning about 4:30. There was quite a ground swell on at the time." This concluded Captain Collins' testimony. Captain McKinnon was then recalled. Mr. Harding—"Did you take a bearing from Point Prim?" Witness—"I did, sir, and was not more than a mile and a half from Point Prim." The Times reporter was here asked with reference to a statement made to him by the captain of the steamer Louisa that he had heard the Black Point whistle blow yesterday morning when coming into the harbor. Mr. Harding—"The captain of the Louisa would have said to him that he heard the Black Point buoy yesterday morning about 4:30. He passed within a half a mile of it. The captain of the Louisa had further said that the Prince Rupert was on the other side of the buoy at the time." Mr. Harding announced that he had ascertained that the wind was blowing 13 miles an hour on Friday morning when the steamer Louisa passed the Black Point buoy. This concluded the enquiry.

THE ICE JAM IN THE RIVER STILL SOLID

River at Fredericton is Choked With Broken Ice—School Trustees Meet.

FREDERICTON, Dec. 17 (Special)—The ice jam in the river below the city still holds, but the river has risen only a few inches since last night. The river outlook is rather discouraging to local ice dealers. Reports from Mangerville and Sheffield are to the effect that many calls are being made for ice. The river is open from Mangerville down. The school trustees, at a meeting last evening, decided to refer the proposition of Rev. Canon Lewis in reference to the Madras school to a committee for a report. The Diocesan Synod has ordered the school closed, but the local committee want the city trustees to assume control and pay the teachers until the close of next term. The complaint of T. Ames Wilson against Miss Sadie Thompson, principal of Charlotte street school, for ill-treatment of the school, was referred to the committee to whom the matter was referred, submitted a report in which the evidence was reviewed in a diplomatic manner. The teacher was mildly censured, but a paragraph was added praising her for her efficiency. The opinion was expressed that the boy was deserving of punishment, but strong disapproval was expressed of the practice of teachers in using harsh and irritating language towards pupils. Location surveys for the transcontinental railway between Chipman and Grand Falls are about completed and reports will be in the hands of District Engineer Dunn in a short time. It is expected that the line will be extended in time to have the construction work begin in the spring. Fifteen camps will be erected during the present winter and the work will be completed by the end of the season. A Frenchman named Julius Andrew, residing in the North-west, was arrested with a view to his extradition to the United States on a charge of having stolen a horse and a cow from a farm near Grand Falls. The Scott case against John Doherty of the Springfield Hotel, who was retained until Friday.

CASE OF WIFE DESERTION HAS JUST COME TO LIGHT

James M. Montgomery, Caretaker of 62nd Officers Club, Left Family Eight Weeks Ago and Has Not Since Been Seen.

One of the most pathetic cases, and oneavoring strongly of wife desertion, came to light recently, when it was learned that James M. Montgomery, who had charge of the officers' club, of the 62nd Regiment, and was also caretaker of the Canadian Rubber Company, was missing from the city, and that his wife, who had charge of the officers' club, was struggling alone for the maintenance of herself and little family. Montgomery is an Englishman, and his wife, formerly Miss Baird, is a native of this city; her father, who has been dead for several years, having been a member of the officers' club, and she was living with her mother-in-law, Mrs. Montgomery, when seen this morning by a representative of this paper, told her sad story and expressed the opinion that her husband, of whom she has heard nothing for eight weeks, had gone to Halifax, and from there to England. She is struggling alone as best she can in an honest effort to keep the wolf from the door, and thus far has managed to live without seeking assistance. According to her statements her husband's departure was entirely unexpected by her, and, as already stated, she can only surmise that he has returned to the motherland. She adds that he had been drinking for some time, and that she had done all she could to take care of him and keep her grief and anguish to herself. When a Times reporter called at the Montgomery house this morning and knocked at the door, he received no response, and, proceeding to the lower floor, found Mrs. Montgomery in the room of the St. Andrew's rink. In reply to a query as to how she and her family were situated, she told the reporter that just eight weeks ago yesterday her husband, who had been drinking heavily, came home, made up his mind to leave, and had been attending Trinity, where she was confirmed.

HOCKEY LEAGUE FORMED

Fredericton City Forms a Four-Team League and the Game Should Boom.

FREDERICTON, Dec. 17 (Special)—The Fredericton hockey league was formed last evening at a largely attended meeting held in the Arctic rink. The clubs represented were the Bankers, Garrison, St. Dunstan's and the University. Officers were elected as follows:—President, Fred Baird, U. N. B.; vice-president, Sergeant Major Phinney, Royal Regiment; secretary-treasurer, John O'Brien. A schedule of games will be arranged after the meeting of the New Brunswick hockey league on Thursday.

AT THE POLICE COURT

Alfonso O'Brien and Allen Whelpley, charged with disorderly conduct on Georges street, were cautioned and allowed to go on suspended sentence. Wm. Dunlavy, charged with using profane and obscene language in the east side ferry house, was fined \$3 or 30 days in jail. Wm. McAuley, a 34 charged with truancy, was also in court and on his promise to attend school regularly in future Judge Ritchie allowed him to go. Geo. Watson, who has been in on remand since yesterday, on a similar charge, was permitted to go on the same conditions. One drunk was fined \$4 and another \$8. Thos. Dean and Charles Black have been reported for selling meat in the city contrary to law.

FUNERALS

The funeral of Miss Margaret Ritchie was held this afternoon from her late home, St. James street at 2:30 o'clock to St. John the Baptist church where service was read by Very Rev. W. F. Chapman, V. G. Interment was in the new Catholic cemetery. The funeral of John McBride was held this morning at 8:30 o'clock to St. John the Baptist church where requiem high mass was sung by Very Rev. W. F. Chapman, V. G. Interment was in the new Catholic cemetery. The funeral of Mrs. John White took place this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from her late home, 100 Orange street. Service was read by Rev. David Lang and interment was made in Fernhill. The funeral of James Donovan was held this afternoon from the home of his son-in-law George H. Tipple, Main street, Fairville at 2 o'clock to St. Rose's church where service was read by Rev. Chas. Collins. Interment was made in the Catholic cemetery, Sand Cove.

NEW BASEBALL LEAGUE

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Dec. 17.—At a meeting held here yesterday a new baseball league was formed with clubs in Philadelphia, Brooklyn, Newark, N. J., Paterson, Baltimore and Reading, with Al. W. Lawson as president. The organization is to be known as the Union League of Professional Base-Ball Clubs of America. Representatives from the following cities were present and each was assessed \$100 as a working basis for the new league: A. W. Husey, Brooklyn; A. H. Knicker, Newark; Frederick Paige, Paterson; H. Walter Schliecher, Philadelphia; Dr. Francis E. King, Baltimore, and Ed. K. Copley, and A. W. Lawson, of Reading. Mr. Lawson was elected president and Dr. Francis King vice-president.

HOW TO GET RID OF THEM

Miss Birdie McWhat is much incensed at the conduct of her father last evening. A young gentleman had called, who is not in favor of McWhat, senior, and the latter deliberately opened the parlor, extinguished the electric lights and lit the gas. Of course the young man fled. He knew the qualities of St. John gas.

THE TIMES NEW REPORTER

JAMESIE ASTONISHED. Our esteemed fellow citizen, Mr. Jamesie Jones, was one of the most surprised men in town this morning. Having seen in one of the papers the astonishing statement that the provincial government party was very busy and had no time to talk with the candidates, the second asked if McKennedy was going to lead the city ticket. The third asked if the scheme to knife Lantaul had been dropped. The fourth asked what Pugsley meant by throwing down the patronage committee. The fifth told Jamesie to go and chase himself. It was at this stage he was encountered by the Times new reporter.

THE CORSICAN IN PORT TODAY ON FIRST TRIP

Big New Allan Liner Docked at Sand Point at 8.15 a.m. Brief Description of the New Boat—She is Splendidly Fitted for Passenger Accommodation and Makes Noteworthy Addition to Fleet.

LONDON, Ont., Dec. 17.—(Special)—There was excitement last night in the London council. L. A. Jones, manufacturer, who figured in the recent election trial in Toronto, having confessed to holding envelopes in the notorious London election, has been appointed by the city clerk as deputy returning officer for the municipal election. The mayor received about twenty-five written objections from voters in the polling sub-division, and asked that Mr. Jones' name be struck off the list. The debate that followed was not enough to melt the moors of winter, and about midnight a straight party vote of 7 to 6 the name of Mr. Jones was struck off and a new by-law prepared.

MINERS WILL NOT AGREE

Dominion Coal Co. Operators Refuse To Sign Wage Schedule Contract.

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 17.—(Special)—This was the day on which the miners of the Dominion Coal Company were asked to sign a wage schedule contract on pain of having to accept a lower rate made as an alternative offer. They have not signed. The following chief objections to the signing have been given out by Grand Master S. B. McLean and Grand Secretary John Moffatt: "Apart from the two collieries which received a slight increase, a reduction is to be made on the total output of all collieries the adjustment offered shows a partial if not general reduction. "Increase in the price of house coal, the proposed increase in the price of powder and added restrictions, more than offset the general increase of 3 per cent to machinery and shiftness. Briefly speaking, we object to all but two of the proposed changes in the schedule and advise accordingly. "Increase in the price of powder and added restrictions, more than offset the general increase of 3 per cent to machinery and shiftness. Briefly speaking, we object to all but two of the proposed changes in the schedule and advise accordingly. "Increase in the price of powder and added restrictions, more than offset the general increase of 3 per cent to machinery and shiftness. Briefly speaking, we object to all but two of the proposed changes in the schedule and advise accordingly."

THE PICTURE SHOW CASES

Proprietors of Cedar and Princess Theatres, Charged With Violating Lord's Day Act, Allowed To Go.

Frank Stanton, and George Wesley, proprietors respectively of the Cedar and Princess theatres, were charged yesterday with advertising Sunday entertainments contrary to the Lord's Day Act were in court this morning when they were represented by B. G. Grover. Both pleaded guilty to a technical violation of the law referred to and on promising not to repeat the offence were allowed to go on suspended sentence. (Montreal Star, Monday.) Nine places which offer Sunday amusement in Montreal were open yesterday in defiance of instructions issued on Saturday by the provincial authorities, and it is certain that action will be taken against the offending proprietors.

GETS THREE YEARS FOR "MOST UNNATURAL CRIME"

MACLEOD, Alb., Dec. 17 (Special)—Mrs. Fetterman, found guilty of shooting her husband with intent to kill, was sentenced yesterday by Judge Scott to three years imprisonment. Her husband pleaded for her, but the judge said the crime was a most unnatural one.

Ferguson—Burley

The Methodist paragon, west side, was the scene of a quiet wedding last night, when Allan Ferguson was united in marriage to Ella May Burley. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Jacob Heaney, B. A. The young couple were unattended. They will reside on the west side.

Prof. John A. Nicholls, the eloquent temperance advocate, will be in St. John next Sunday and will address a meeting in the old Tabernacle hall, Haymarket Square, at 4 in the afternoon, and one in the Every Day Club hall at 8:30 in the evening.

Edgar H. Fairweather returned to the city on the Atlantic express today.