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PLENTY OF WATER FOR TURBINERS

Engineer Peters Says There Will Be 31 Feet

AT POINT IN APRIL

Borings Now in Progress Show There is Plenty of Water at Sand Point—Accident This Morning Stops Operations of City Dredge.

The city dredge started operations at the Allan line berth (No. 2) at Sand Point today but owing to an accident to the machinery shortly after commencing, the work had to be abandoned. Director Cushing stated, however, that repairs would be made and the dredge would start to work tomorrow morning.

Both Director Cushing and Engineer Peters stated this morning that the work would be completed in time for the big turbine steamers which are expected here early in April. Engineer Peters told the Times that a diver has been engaged in going over the ground at the Allan berth and that borings are being made 25 feet apart the entire length of the berth at 10 foot intervals from the wharf, so that in all about 60 borings will have been made when the work is completed. This is to find out if there are any bouders that ought to be removed. The diver has brought up three large sticks of birch timber of about half a ton each which have been lost from the steamers loading there. The engineer expressed the opinion that the steamship people should notify the authorities when these sticks are lost so that they can be removed, and not act as a menace to the steamers. He thinks the steamship people should bear the expense of removing these timbers as it is their fault and not the city's that they are allowed to drop there. The engineer said he had understood that one of the officials of the Allan line claimed to know of five sticks having been lost there, and it was his duty to have notified the city or to have had them removed.

Regarding the depth of water at the berth he said the soundings have shown that there is nowhere less than 28 feet of water at the lowest tide, and by reference to the tide table for the month of April, it is shown that at no time does the tide reach lower than 3 feet above the zero mark, so that the lowest tide would leave 31 feet of water there, which is more than sufficient for the largest steamer as they only draw 28 feet of water at the most. The engineer said there need be no fear but that there would be more than sufficient water for any steamer that came along.

MONCTON NEWS

Former Moncton Man Dead in Worcester--Amateur Opera Company Organized.

MONCTON, March 17.—The death occurred at Worcester, Mass., a few days ago, of Gilbert S. Berry, a former Moncton-ian. He was a son of the late Silas Berry, of this city, and left here for the States when a boy. He located in Worcester, where he became a contractor and road builder. A Worcester paper, in referring to Mr. Berry's death, says he was one of the most prominent residents of Edgewood street section of the north end, and he took a lively interest in securing public improvements for the neighborhood. He was one of the leading members of an Improvement Society to take in the north end of the city when he was stricken by the illness which resulted in his death. Death was due to an attack of appendicitis, for which the deceased underwent an operation at the Worcester Hospital. The Worcester paper says he was one of the most familiar figures at the city hall, during sessions of the city council, and he has been a candidate for assistant street commissioner. Deceased is survived by his wife, six sons and one daughter.

Amateur talent, which presented the Chimes of Normandy so successfully in the opera house here last week, last night formed a permanent company to be known as the Moncton Opera Company, under the direction of the Knights of Pythias. The "at-home" given last night by the knights to those who took part in the Chimes of Normandy was a successful affair. During the evening Miss Davison, who took a leading role with such distinction, was presented by the Knights of Pythias with a handsome pearl ring.

John A. McFarlane, a well known resident of Dover, is in a critical condition as the result of an accident he sustained in the woods a few days ago. Mr. McFarlane had his ribs fractured. He is 76 years of age, and while he is somewhat improved, yet his recovery is slow.

Simon A. Poirier, formerly a well known merchant of Shediac, but who has been carrying on business at St. Louis since last spring, has removed to Campbellton, where he will continue in the mercantile business.

A meeting of the ninth district of the United Baptists of New Brunswick will be held with the Lewisville church on Monday of next week. This district comprises all the churches in the county of Westmorland.

Ayed Landry, proprietor of the Riverside hotel, has purchased from J. R. Cowan, of Springhill, the well known trotting stallion "Buzz-buz." The horse arrived here today.

Jas. Donald, formerly of the C. P. R. office here, left yesterday for the Canadian west, where he will locate. He was prominent in base ball and hockey circles.

MISS ANTHONY'S WILL

ROCHESTER, N. Y. March 17—The will of Miss Susan B. Anthony, was offered for probate today. The estate amounts to about $10,000, all of which is left to the woman's suffrage cause. Rev. Dr. Anna Shaw, of Philadelphia and Lucy E. Anthony, of Philadelphia and Mary S. Anthony of this city are the trustees. The will was drawn January 19, 1904.

CAR LINE TO FAIRVILLE AND THROUGH CARLETON WILL BE BUILT AT ONCE

Representatives of the City and Railway Company Talk on Results of Saturday's Conference---Cars to Park and Millidgeville Probable Next Year.

A Times man had a talk this morning with Col. H. H. McLean, vice-president of the St. John Railway Company, with reference to their plans for the future. Col. McLean said that as the Lancaster highway board and the city had agreed not to oppose the repeal of the legislation of last year, which imposed conditions on them that it would be impossible to carry out, the company was prepared to go ahead and build their line into Fairville and Carleton as soon as the frost was out of the ground. The company have the rails necessary for the work on hand now, so that no delay will be caused, and it is confidently expected that both lines will be completed this year. Col. McLean could not say as yet what rolling stock would be purchased, but he said they would equip the line thoroughly. Owing to the heavy grades here it is impossible to operate large cars, and the six big ones which the company secured last summer have proved failures on this account, as they are too heavy to operate except in certain districts where the grades are light.

One car will be run from the bridge to Barnhill's corner on the new Fairville route. The number of cars for the Carleton branch has not been decided on yet.

Col. McLean was asked if there was not some talk of running a line through Rockwood Park, but he said the company had undertaken all they could do this year. It is probably, however, that the matter will receive attention next year; as will also the proposed Milledgeville route.

Speaking of the gas plant, Col. McLean said they had engaged the expert, Mr. Smart, who is here now, for a period of three months, and he is making a thorough investigation into the system with the view of recommending improvements. Under present conditions the company can not supply gas any cheaper than they are now doing. The colonel said that St. John is getting gas cheaper than Halifax. He could not say until Mr. Smart's report was submitted whether it would be possible to supply it any cheaper or not.

In reply to a letter that appeared in the morning papers a short time ago, wherein a writer asked why it was that the railway people charged merchants at the rate of 8 cents an hour for arc lamps, while they offered them to the city at a cost of only 2 cents an hour, Mr. Hopper, secretary-treasurer of the company, said it was on the principle of selling something at wholesale or retail price. If anyone wanted to buy 400 lamps at the same rate as the city, they could have them. There was quite a difference in selling a man one lamp or four hundred. Even at the old rate, which was 25 cents a night for three hours the rate was about the same as at present, which would be 24 cents for three hours at 8 cents an hour. Under the present system the light can be turned on or off at any time in the day or night.

Ald. Baxter when asked for an opinion as to the contract said he thought it was the best thing that could have been done.

"As the result of the agreement" said he "the St. John Railway Co. agrees to make an immediate extension in the west end along routes which should prove of great satisfaction to the residents. In Lancaster the residents of Fairville obtain what they have been desiring for many years.

"All obstacles to the further extension of the street railway in any direction are also removed. The company gets a free hand to extend its lines. The city gets a large immediate extension and every reasonable prospect of even greater facilities in the future. The city also obtained the important admission from the company that it should contribute to the city funds in proportion to its gross or net income.

"Matters were not settled at Saturday's interchange of views between the parties affected until a satisfactory arrangment shall be reached.

"I consider that the present state of affairs is much better for both parties than were the conditions last winter. By imposing the duty upon the street railway company of maintaining the streets through which the line runs, extension in west end, or in any other direction where there would be no immediate large travel was rendered practically prohibitive.

"I do not think that the cost of repairs, where the roadway is not worn out is a fair basis upon which to estimate the company's contributions. In improved streets where the company might derive considerable revenue the cost of street repairs might not be a very heavy item to them but in other streets, through which their line might run and where they did not get so much business it might become burdensome.

"I believe that every public service company should contribute to the support of the civic services.

"In the present case there is a great deal of credit for effecting a settlement due to James Lowell, M. P. P. who has throughout taken a strong stand, not only for the parish of Lancaster but for the city of St. John as well. It was at his suggestion that the city forwarded the legislation that would vest the west side railway franchise in themselves and which was one of the principal contributory factors in the present settlement."

The sub-committee of the safety board appointed to look over the lots now under lease by the city to C. P. Baker, visited the lots this morning and will report to the board at their next meeting. It is probable that an advance in the rental will be recommended.

CONSUL AT LA GLAYRA, WHOSE CLERK WAS ARRESTED

WILLEMSTED, Curacao, March 17.—The United States Consul at La Guayra, Venezuela, is protesting vigorously against the action of the chief of the government police of that port in arresting August Leefman, a Dutch clerk employed therein, charged with smuggling. He was seized in the courtyard of the building without the knowledge of the Consul, Thomas P. Moffat. He was seized, not forcibly; but in what the consul insists was an arrogant and offensive manner. The consul has complained to Mr. Russell, minister of the United States at Caracas, and lodged a protest with Mr. Root.

This affair occurred on March 1, and the consul has not yet been allowed to see his imprisoned clerk, who had keys and important papers of the consulate in his keeping. Leefman is held "incommunicado," although the law of Venezuela declares that "No Venezuelan can be deprived (under arrest) of communication for any reason." The same chapter of the law pledges "inviolability" of the domestic dwelling, which shall not be trespassed upon (by officers of the law) except to prevent the perpetration of a crime.

It is the alleged disregard of the dignity of the United States which characterized the proceeding that has aroused the council xzfiffffffi xzfiffffffi xzfiffffffi / the consul.

Leefman, while employed as a general clerk and messenger by Mr. Moffat, at $400 a year, allowed by the State Department, is not rated a consular clerk, nor regarded as an official attache of the consulate. He is a native of Curacao, about 40 years old, and speaks several languages and is regarded in La Guayra as an exceedingly capable man in clearing and discharging vessels and performing the various duties of clerk at the custom house that pertain to that work.

His main employment is with Knipers, Perret & Co., agents for the Dutch line of steamships, but he is in much demand among other merchants, all of whom, as well as the consul give him a good character.

It seems that a week ago the Venezuelan government discovered that some smuggling was going on between La Guayra and Guanta, the port of Barcelona, about two hundred miles up the east coast. The authorities ascertained that eighty-seven packages of merchandise, mostly cloths, which had been landed at La Guayra, had been delivered at Guanta as having passed through the custom house of the larger port.

The packages were brought in a small coasting schooner, the captain and crew of which, together with the vessel and cargo, were brought back to La Guayra. There it transpired, through the confession of the captain, it is said, that the schooner had cleared with a miscellaneous cargo, including 87 dummy packages, composed of waste paper, stones and waste.

These packages, it is charged, were thrown overboard, at night, at sea, and eighty-seven packages of the same weight and bearing the same marks, but valued at $20,000, were taken on board from another schooner which had put out from Curacao to meet the alleged smuggler, which then sailed for Guanta. There, it is said, the collector and assistant were in the plot. A clerk in the custom house who did not get his share of the money paid for passing the packages is said to have informed the government.

It was found that the schooner had been cleared by Leefman. He told Mr. Moffat of his trouble and asserted that he had despatched 77 packages for a Turkish merchant, and that, as far as he knew, they were all right. Mr. Moffat told him he hoped he had not been doing anything wrong, and that while he could not protect him from arrest except in the consulate, he could not remain there to escape it, as the charge would not be one of a political character, but of violation of the laws of Venezuela, for which he must answer.

Thomas P. Moffat PHOTO. BY HARRIS-EWING.

I. C. R. MEN SORE ON TIME PUNCH

Freight Department Officials Resent Introduction

OF THE NEW DEVICE

Say It Will Cause Much Loss of Time — Cannot See Why St. John Should Be Picked as Place for It —Men Are Indignant.

The introduction of the time punch in the I. C. R. freight department here has caused considerable comment among the men, who question the wisdom of its adoption, and as far as can be ascertained the system is regarded with disfavor.

Employes say that the ten freight sheds are scattered over a considerable area and some time must necessarily be lost before the men register their time and reach their posts. If, for instance, they start at seven o'clock, it takes thirty minutes to finish and get to their respective places. The same rule, they say, applies at twelve one and six o'clock.

If fifteen minutes be allowed at twelve o'clock and again at six in order that the men may be on hand to record their time; at the least possible estimate each man would lose one hour each day, and here where one hundred and forty register every day, the total loss of time would amount to a loss per day equivalent to the wages of fourteen men. Added to this is the payment of a man to take charge of the machine and the cost of erecting a proper place in which to keep it.

Then again the argument has been advanced that freight has always been handled here at a lower rate than in any other city on the I. C. R. Officers claim by the last report that freight is handled here at the rate of nineteen and a half cents per ton, where it costs thirty-seven and a half cents at Halifax; and the men cannot see clearly why St. John was selected as the first place to introduce the time clock. Some feel that its introduction is rather premature.

They believe also that the introduction of such a system of recording time tends to destroy that feeling of confidence between employer and employe that is so essential to the successful operation of any organization.

An employe stated today that experience has taught that where men are compelled to give time not paid for, they will exact the same time with interest. The party referred to stated that this was not intended as a threat, but merely as an illustration.

Some employes contend that the introduction of the time clock is a mistake from a political point of view, as it might have a tendency to antagonize men who would otherwise be friendly to the government. It is stated also that some are exempt from recording their time in this way.

ON THE NEED OF THE WEST

Address by Rev. C. W. Corey in Brussels Street Church Last Evening.

Rev. C. W. Corey, of Strathcona, Alberta, but a native of this province, spoke in Brussels street Baptist church last evening on the needs of the west. Thirty years ago Rev. Alex McLeod went to Winnipeg and found only four Baptists in the town. The First Baptist church of Winnipeg today has 600 members, and the usual Sunday congregation is close to 2,000 people.

The Baptists now have 121 churches in the central west, with 6,000 members, and 15 in British Columbia with 1,700 members. In 1900 a college was established at Brandon, and last year it had 138 students.

The church must labor among many classes of non-English speaking people. There are 32 languages and dialects spoken in Winnipeg. The Baptists have 30 churches among non-English speaking settlers. There is one Russian, one Hungarian, one Icelandic, one Galician (the first in the world), thirteen Swedish and eighteen German Baptist churches in the west, having in all 1,000 members.

There are in the west 171,000,000 acres of arable land. In 1902 only 4,000,000 were under cultivation. That year 76,000,000 bushels of wheat were exported, but Britain in the same year imported 200,000,000 bushels. The west will have enormous growth and prosperity. The church must recognize its duty. The Presbyterians are asking for $140,000 for home missions, most of it for the west. The Episcopalians are spending $75,000 in the west. The Baptists last year spent only $30,000, of which $2,800 went from the maritime provinces, or about five cents per head. There were great opportunities for the investment of Christian capital in that new country. By this he did not mean in material property but in the making of Christian citizenship. The Baptists in the west had 1,000 converts last year, and those in the maritime provinces only 1,760. The opportunity is greater there than here. The saloon and gambling den are there. Great temptations assail men. If the east does not Christianize the west, the west will paganize the east. It is a problem for all Canada. The mission boards have more than they can do. The Baptist board has overdrawn $12,000, which must be met at maturity. The Christian obligation of the east to mould the west is very pressing and must be faced. Town lots for churches can be got cheaper now than later, and a church established by the board very soon becomes self sustaining and a contributor to the funds of the board to help other new communities.

Rev. A. B. Cohoe followed Mr. Corey and briefly endorsed the strong plea made for the west, which ere many years will be the more populous and influential portion of Canada.

SERIOUS FIRE IN WOODSTOCK

Residence of Rev. F. Todd and All the Contents Destroyed.

WOODSTOCK, N. B., March 19.—(Special).—At an early hour this morning, fire broke out in the cellar of the handsome residence of Rev. Fred Todd, St. John street. The family were absent from town and the fire gained such headway before the alarm brought out the firemen that it was impossible to save the furniture and the entire building was completely destroyed.

The house was an expensive one and the loss will be heavy. The insurance was put at $2,500.

Andrew Nesbitt

The death occurred this morning of Andrew Nesbitt, at his home, 85 Elliott Row. He was 65 years of age and leaves two sons and three daughters to mourn their loss. The sons are, William, in the insurance business, and Arthur, a commercial traveller.

Mr. Nesbitt was for years a school teacher, having taught in the basement of Carmarthen street church.

The funeral will take place on Tuesday, at three o'clock.

MILLTOWN MAN KILLED

CALAIS, Me., March 17—Thomas Mahar, of Milltown, N. B., was killed today by being knocked off a pier at the St. Croix Paper Company's plant at Woodland, Maine. Mahar was struck by a scale box and fell 27 feet. He was 50 years of age and leaves a family.

J. A. GREGORY BILL HELD OVER

FREDERICTON, N. B. March 19—The committee on corporations met this morning and agreed to the bill to incorporate the St. Croix Water Power Co.

With respect to the bill to incorporate the J. A. Gregory Lumber Co. the chairman stated that he had been asked by Mr. Barnhill why his company did not receive as ample powers as the St. Croix Water Power Co. his reply was that the St. Croix bill was for the public utility, for the purpose of increasing the volume of water in the St. Croix river, while the latter was purely a private company. This bill was held over.

SENATOR McKEEN IS LATEST CHOICE

OTTAWA, Ont., March 19 (Special)—The report is current this forenoon that Senator McKeen is to be the Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia. It is stated that he is to resign his position in the senate and accept the office. There appears to be some difficulty in getting a man.

C. P. R. STOCKS

MONTREAL March 19.—(Special).—Shareholders of the C. P. R. today at noon approved of the increase in ordinary capital stock from $110,000,000 to $150,000,000.

CHARLIE DIGGS SENT TO THE PUBLIC HOSPITAL INSTEAD OF TO PRISON

Six prisoners sat on the bench in the police court this morning, among them the energetic canvass man, Charles Diggs. Charlie was charged with drunkenness, but denied the charge. Limping to the front the dusky boy from the south end put up the staunch plea "I slipped on de ice, Yer Honor, and most broke me leg. If it not bin fer dose men I could not get in de car. I nearly knocked de cap off ma knee, an it am berry sore yet. Im not berry well yet judge, fer I bin sick all de winter in de lumbago regin." Officer McNamee said that he was called into a house on Sheffield street and there found Diggs stretched upon the floor. He said that two men had carried him in from a snow bank, in which he had been reclining. "Couldn't he stand?" asked Judge Ritchie. "Oh, no!" answered Diggs. "I couldn't stand, fer I most broke my leg when I fell on de ice." His honor told the traveller that he was liable to be fined $8 or two months in jail, and then Diggs said that he had left his house unlocked and would like to go with a policeman and lock up the premises. Finally he said: "I have bin sick, judge, and I go to the hospital. The doctor dere fixed me up well. I had corns on my feet and dey fixed dem up fine. Dey also put a poorhouse plaster on ma side." That last speech was enough, and Charlie was instructed to go to the hospital and receive medical treatment there instead of going to jail for treatment. He will report back to Mr. Henderson about his trip to the hospital and it will then be decided by the judge if the well known traveller will escape imprisonment.

William Britt pleaded guilty to stealing a hake valued at twenty-five cents from Robertson's fish concern on Brittain street, on Saturday night. As this was Britt's second offence in that line he was sent to jail for four months.

Walter Downing was arrested by Officer Bowes on a warrant issued on January 9th. Downing was charged with profanity, and pleaded guilty. He was fined $8 or two months in jail. The language was used when Mabel Miller, who is serving six months at the Home of the Good Shepherd, was being arrested.

Edward McHugh pleaded guilty to drunkenness and was remanded.

Sergeant Kilpatrick stated that McHugh was arrested Sunday morning on Waterloo street. He said that he had learned that McHugh and a few other young men, whose names he had in his possession, had gone out the road a short distance yesterday morning and when they returned McHugh was drunk. His honor stated that he had remanded McHugh so that the police would have an opportunity of ascertaining where the prisoner had obtained the liquor. The latter stated that he had gotten it at Quirk's on Saturday afternoon but that statement was not digested well by the court.

Fred Peck was given in charge by William Smith, an employe of Allan Turner, oyster saloon keeper on Charlotte street, for assault. The complainant stated that in company with a young man the defendant entered the saloon and called for oysters. As no money was paid for the supply Smith refused to allow him to leave until he had paid. Then Peck hit him in the eye. Peck denied that and said that he went into the saloon as the result of an invitation he received from one Ken. McLaughlin. The latter fell asleep and he did not think that as he had not ordered the dish, that he had to pay for it. Peck promised to behave about two weeks ago and was allowed his liberty on that condition. He was fined $20 or two months in jail.

Peter Rourke, found lying drunk on Prince William Street, pleaded guilty and was fined $8 or two months in jail.

B. Belyea, of Carleton, was reported by the board of health for allowing offensive matter to flow from his premises. He was represented by J. B. M. Baxter and Col. Armstrong appeared for the board of health. The latter wanted the defendant to build a suitable building outside of his house but Mr. Baxter stated that his client had built his house and had rented it on the condition that he would have modern improvements. Mr. Belyea, he said, thought that a connection with the sewer would be made but it appears that the city cannot be compelled to do that but the defendant can be compelled not to use the improvements already installed. The matter was allowed to stand for a week pending a settlement.

THE TIMES NEW REPORTER

AN ALDERMANIC PLATFORM.

Mr. Jamesey Jones this morning expressed much pleasure on reading the platform of the mayoralty candidates. He then proceeded to lay down his own.

"With regard to the 'harbor,' said Jamesey, "I am proud of it. It is a fine harbor. We must not let it get away. I will resist all attempts to remove it.

"Regarding the city's debt, it should be kept down more or less, according to the circumstances, regardless of the rate of interest or the salaries of the aldermen. I am a warm advocate of a healthy and respectable city debt.

"Now we come to the waterworks. I shall firmly resist every effort to get for the contractors or others one dollar more than they want, and if they will accept fifty cents on the dollar I will not stand in their way; but the city must be protected.

"Touching other matters that may come up for adjudication, I will exercise my well known adaptability to get on the right side of the fence, regardless of what the other aldermen may do.

"I think that is all I need say at present. Yours

JAMESEY."

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A BORDER SWAIN.

A St. Stephen Lothario has sent the following in the competition for the favor of the lovely Miss McWhat:-

To Miss Birdie McWhat.

Let not your heart be troubled
That Peter has grown cold
For I love you Birdie darling
With a love that's strong and bold.

I think of you in the morning,
I think of you at night,
When I think of you dear Birdie,
The world is very bright.

Oh! Birdie, lovely Birdie,
Fly away from old St. John,
Come live with me near the "Border,"
Our lives will be one song.

I promise to love your dearly
Like gold without alloy,
So Birdie, darling Birdie,
Fly soon to the St. Croix.

You will find a lover waiting,
Who wants your for his wife
Who will give you heart and fortune,
For all your happy life.

"SAMMIE."

St. Stephen, March 16.

WEARY OF LIFE THEY TRIED SUICIDE AS A ROAD TO LONG REST

BUFFALO, March 19—Charles T. Lyttle, warrant clerk in the city comptroller's office shot and killed himself this morning. Worry over an investigation of his accounts by the the mayor some time ago is said to have caused Mr. Lyttle to take his life. "I am positive there is nothing wrong with Lyttle's accounts," said Deputy Comptroller Seereiter in discussing the tragedy.

NEW YORK, March 19—Mystery surrounds the suicide of an unknown man who jumped from a Pennsylvania Railroad ferry boat into North River today. The only thing which the man left behind was a Derby hat which he threw upon the deck of the ferry boat just before he sprang overboard. The hat bore no marks which would assist in identifying its owner. Persons who saw the man leap into the river described him as about middle aged and say that he was unusually well dressed. Their attention was first drawn to him, when, in response to a plea from a beggar, the man emptied his pocket of change. He appeared to be extremely nervous and paced the deck of the boat until it had reached mid-stream. Then he rushed toward the bow and opening the gates sprang directly in front of the boat. He was carried down and was not seen again.