

MR. S. BLACK SAYS HALIFAX IS THE NATURAL PORT

Member Of Pickford And Black Line At Halifax Discusses Points Brought Out By Commission Here.

WANTS TO SEE ST. JOHN GET DIRECT BOAT.

Special to The Standard. Halifax, N. S., Oct. 1.—The Royal West Indies Commission opened its sessions in the Legislative council chamber today with Lord Balfour of Burleigh in the chair. After welcoming addresses had been made by Mayor Chisholm and President Johnson of the Board of Trade, the Commission settled down to business.

The first subject taken up was banking. William Murray, manager of one of the Bank of Nova Scotia branches in Jamaica and E. L. Thorne, general manager of the Union Bank of Halifax testified.

Mr. Thorne suggested that considerable trade was lost to Canada by reason of the fact that merchants did not go to the West Indies to study conditions there. The grain and products trade was spoken of by Walter Mitchell, of W. and C. H. Mitchell.

The fish trade. At one o'clock the fish trade was taken up, when Hamilton Whitman, manager-director of Collas, Robin and Company, spoke on the question. He thought that Nova Scotia had itself to blame for the Government inspection should be established.

J. Walter Allison was asked to tell something of the nature of his business which, he said, was chiefly cocoa, coffee and spices. A duty on cocoa brought from other points than the West Indies would not increase imports from the West Indies, because we must have the supplies from the foreign market.

W. A. Black of Pickford and Black, began by saying that he believed a preference by the West Indies in favor of our goods would increase Canadian trade. A statement that there had been delay on account of boats coming to Halifax, this morning, headquarters, was quoted to Mr. Black, who explained that any line must have its headquarters where repairs may be made and where necessary work done. But looking at the average delay in this port, he found it averaged seven or eight days. There were difficulties in running a line from a cold to a warm climate, as compared with one from a warm to a moderate.

Lord Balfour—Supposing we had a weekly service, could not some steamers be sent from St. John direct and some from Halifax direct, and give more satisfaction.

Would Not Want Job. Mr. Black—I would like to see St. John with its direct line, but from what I know of trade I would not want to be the man managing the steamship.

Sir Daniel Morris then discussed with Mr. Black the subsidy and service. The Canadian subsidy had been paid since 1860 and the imperial since 1900 the subsidies in the aggregate being \$27,000 yearly. Mr. Black said that at first there were complaints but recently there had been none. Better time was made by the line from Halifax than from New York.

Mr. Black repeated the statement that the amount of freight offered from St. John would not warrant a line from that port. Halifax is the natural home of the West Indies trade. It has been thus in the past and is still so. We cannot compete with St. John in lumber but they cannot meet us in the West Indies with fish and other produce.

BELIEVED NOW THAT WARMAN IS INSANE

No Tidings Yet Of Missing Minister And Generally Accepted Theory Is That He Is Mentally Unbalanced.

GRAVE FEARS FOR HIS SAFETY.

Special to The Standard. Woodstock, N. B., Oct. 1.—Great interest is aroused in the parish of Lindsay over the mysterious disappearance of Rev. R. Gordon Warman, Methodist clergyman of that circuit.

About three weeks ago Mr. Warman announced his intention to visit his father in Moncton and bought a ticket at the Woodstock ticket office for that town. Not a word has been heard of him since.

Attended Meeting. On Sept. 8th, the day previous to his departure, the Methodist ministers of the district had a financial meeting in Jacksonville at which Mr. Warman was present and seemed to be all right. He told the president that he wanted to see his father and would be absent from his church a week.

One theory is that he became mentally unbalanced and that he is being entertained for his safety.

ARCHITECT ARRIVES TO DISCUSS PLANS FOR NAVY

Professor J. Howard Biles in Canada States That England Is Closely Following Dominion's Defence Attitude

Special to The Standard. Montreal, Oct. 1.—Prof. J. Howard Biles, of Glasgow, vice-president of the Institute of Naval Architects, arrived from England tonight and it is understood will confer with L. P. Broderick in regard to the creation of a Canadian navy. He states that there is a strong attitude of Canada towards imperial defence is being closely watched in Britain. He leaves for Ottawa in the morning.

ALLAN DENY RUMOR OF LINE'S PURCHASE

Absolutely No Truth in Report Says Mr. Andrew Allan Who Adds That All Former Rumors Were Groundless.

Special to The Standard. Montreal, Oct. 1.—Mr. Andrew Allan, vice-president of the firm of H. and A. Allan, proprietors of the Allan Steamship Line declares that there is absolutely no truth in the rumor which was given prominence in the local afternoon papers that their fleet of ships had been bought by the Canadian Pacific Railway.

JAMES GILCHRIST WINS MASONIC LOTTERY

Special to The Standard. Hamilton, N. B., Oct. 1.—This evening the building committee of Corinthian Lodge, A. F. and A. M., held a drawing of numbers for holders of tickets sold by which the Masonic hall property on Main street, Hamilton, was to be disposed of. Within ten minutes the prize was reached, the successful number being No. 15, the holder of which ticket is said to be Mr. James Gilchrist, of Central Norton, who by the terms of the drawing is entitled to the option of receiving one hundred dollars or to take the property, the nominal value of which is four hundred dollars.

VERDICT OF MANSLAUGHTER IN CASE OF ITALIAN POLLI

The Insurance Loss Rate Is Below Average Official Report Issued At Ottawa Shows That Rate Fell 4.7 Per Cent. Below Average Of Past Forty Years.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Oct. 1.—During the calendar year 1908 according to the official report just issued, the cash received in Canada as premiums by the fire insurance companies amounted to \$17,027,275 being an increase of \$922,800 over the previous year. The amount paid for losses was \$10,279,455 an increase of \$1,334,414. The 21 Canadian companies paid for losses \$2,835,326 and received for premiums \$3,819,372; eighteen British companies paid \$5,776,725 for losses and received for premiums \$9,919,408; fourteen American companies paid \$1,465,224 and received for premiums \$2,288,500.

Superintendent's Statement. The superintendent of insurance observed: "The loss rate for 1908, 60.37, is 4.71 per cent below the average for the 40 years over which our records extend."

The gross amount of the policies, new and renewed, taken in the year by fire insurance companies was \$1,466,294,021, which is greater by \$109,089,030, than the amount taken in 1907. The premiums charged thereon amounted to \$2,068,432, being \$1,475,569 greater than the amount charged the previous year. The loss rate 60.37, is nearly 8 per cent greater than that of 1907. The excess of receipts over expenditures was \$1,274,218 for British companies and \$4,074,974 for American companies. Canadian companies doing fire and marine insurance in Canada, and abroad received a total cash income of \$7,885,504, while the expenditure was \$8,374,293. For every \$100 of the amount received, \$109 was paid out, namely, for losses, \$69.38; for general expenses \$35.38; for dividends to stockholders \$1.51.

UNIFORM BILL OF LADING GOES INTO EFFECT TODAY

Special to The Standard. Montreal, Oct. 1.—The new uniform bill of lading which was authorized by the Board of Railway Commissioners some months ago, went into effect today. Every railway in Canada with the exception of the Intercolonial is affected. As this it is expected will shortly adopt the same, the matter having now been referred to Ottawa. The new document, it is believed, will have the result of greatly simplifying relations between the shipper and the consignee.

JUSTICE CURRAN IS DEAD AT MONTREAL

Decease Of Well Known Jurist A Shock To His Many Friends—Was Former Solicitor General.

Special to The Standard. Montreal, Oct. 1.—The sudden death of Mr. Justice Curran of the Superior Court bench which took place at noon today was a shock to the entire community, only a few close friends knowing that there was anything serious the matter.

Represented Montreal. Judge Curran represented Montreal Centre in the House of Commons from 1827 down to his appointment to the bench fourteen years ago. He was also Solicitor General in the Thompson Government. He was one of the best platform speakers in the country and accompanied Sir John Macdonald on several of his Ontario tours. He unsuccessfully opposed Hon. L. B. Huntington in Shoford in 1874.

Jury After Little Deliberation Renders Verdict On The Lesser Count—Mercy Asked For.

Prisoner On Stand in Own Defence Pleads Provocation For Deed—Sentence Today.

Special to The Standard. Andover, Oct. 1.—The verdict of manslaughter was rendered in the Gorman murder case this afternoon after two hours' deliberation of the jury. It was almost expected that there would be a disagreement. Throughout the trial Polli has shown remarkable nerve and when the verdict was returned showed no signs of emotion.

Today the defence called two witnesses, one of whom was Polli himself and the prisoner made a very good impression. He told a straightforward story claiming he had resisted the attack of Gorman and that the revolver went off in the scuffle.

At the afternoon session Polli was placed in the box to tell his own version of the affair. He did so with very little apparent effort, with the air of a man who is telling the truth.

Began Life in Italy. He began with his life in Italy, coming to this country nine years. He had worked for Mr. McDonald some time in the capacity of Italian foreman. He had gone to the men's camp at about 9 o'clock in the morning to get a shave, but the barber was engaged in a game of cards and told him to come back after a while.

He then broke away and ran to his own camp. On reaching that place he found it empty and fearing they would pursue him he seized the revolver and tucked it in the bib of his overalls and intended going back to the men's camp for protection.

To Scare Gang. He took the revolver to scare the gang if they attempted to molest him again. On the way in he met Mr. Gorman, who told him to go back and he turned to do so. Then Gorman rushed down at him swinging his arms and calling him names and told him to shoot. He did not care. He put up his arm to ward off Gorman's blows and called out four or five times "keep back Jim." Gorman continued to press him and finally he beat him and finally pushed him out.

Cross-examination failed to expose any flaws in his story. This closed the case for the defence. Mr. Carvell made an eloquent and impressive speech speaking for nearly an hour. His defence was also brief and was entirely impartial and fair. The jury retired at 4:02 and returned at 6 o'clock. Through their foreman, R. Bruce Ritchie they gave the verdict of manslaughter with a recommendation to mercy. Sentence will be imposed tomorrow morning. Polli took the verdict calmly and outwardly seemed but little excited.

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Tragic End of Nun. Ottawa, Oct. 1.—Sister Mary Emmanuel, aged 35 years, a lay sister of the Precious Blood Monastery, fell from a ladder this evening and broke her neck. She died instantly. She was a Miss Catherine Boulet, of Hull, prior to entering the order.

MARSHES ARE FLOODED BY GREAT TIDE

Outlying Portions Of Moncton And Amherst Inundated And Much Loss Of Property Is Reported.

Special to The Standard. Amherst, N. B., Oct. 1.—Not since the Sable gale have the tides been so high as they are today and thousands of acres of marsh are simply flooded.

The spectacle viewed through other eyes than those who stand to lose is a grand one and gives one the impression of looking out upon the ocean. Hundreds of tons of hay will be ruined. About half the acreage of the broadleaf marsh has been gathered, the other half is still uncut or in swath. The greater portion of this will not be touched this season.

At Moncton. The tide on the Petitcodiac river here this afternoon was the highest in twenty years and set since the great Sable tide of Oct. 5, 1869. Most of the dykes are broken and the marshes are flooded, doing damage to the extent of thousands of dollars.

The Moncton Athletic grounds and club house are flooded and several houses on the low lying ground along the river front are also inundated, compelling the occupants to fly for safety.

CAMPBELLTON FIRM IN LIQUIDATION

Well Known Contracting Firm Of Mann And Baxter Assigns For Benefit Of Its Creditors.

Special to The Standard. Campbellton, N. B., Oct. 1.—The well known firm of Mann and Baxter, general building contractors assigned today for the benefit of creditors. It is said that nearly every merchant in town is involved for amounts ranging from \$300 to \$3000 and that the liabilities exceed \$30,000.

The firm have several good contracts on hand among them being one for the erection of four houses for Wm. Currie, M. P. P., two of which are almost completed.

Garret Fenton Dead in the West. Word Reaches Chatham Of The Sudden Demise Of Popular Young Man—Was Doing Well.

Special to The Standard. Chatham, N. B., Oct. 1.—News of the death of Garret Fenton, at Watertown, Sask., reached here yesterday and proved a great shock to his relatives and friends. The deceased was only 28 years of age and was doing well in the west when he moved two or three years ago.

CELEBRATION IS OVER WITH SHIPS GONE

Henry Hudson Sails North Again And The Symbolism And Life Of Great Historical Pageant Is Departed.

ADMIRAL SEYMOUR IS BANQUETTED.

New York, N. Y., Oct. 1.—Henry Hudson has sailed north again and the waters of Manhattan in which are anchored the warships of eight nations have departed the symbolism and the life of the Hudson-Fulton celebration. They left New York today as revivals; they will return after a space as museum curiosities. An era has passed in a week.

Pageant Starts. Promptly at nine o'clock this morning the escort squadron and merchant parade with its freight of 500,000 passengers, which were to join the two little ships of progress at Cornwall and tow them in Newburgh Bay, fell into line in the North river, upstream. The Dutch cruiser Utrecht, the United States scout cruisers, Salem and Birmingham, the submarines and their parent ship, the Castine, together with the gunboats and naval auxiliaries had preceded them and the only ships of war in the line were the destroyer Worden and the six torpedo boats which followed at 100 yard intervals.

The Robert Fulton, carrying the original ship's bell of the first Clermont and commanded by Captain George A. White, president of the Passenger Carrying Lines Association of America, led the way with the most distinguished guests and officials.

Brooklyn. The repetition in Brooklyn today of the historical pageant which was held in New York on Tuesday was witnessed by enormous crowds, but with some bewilderment, for only half of the original fifty-four floats were to be seen and there was a strange juxtaposition of historical pictures.

Admiral Sir Edward Seymour was the guest of honor at a luncheon given on board the U. S. S. Mayflower today by the secretary of the navy, Geo. von L. Meyer and Mrs. Meyer. Secretary Meyer tonight gave an official dinner to the commanding officers of the existing naval divisions and their aides.

ST. STEPHEN FAIR ON IN FULL SWING

Attendance Is Large On Second Day And Promoters Are Well Satisfied With Results Of Their Efforts.

Special to The Standard. St. Stephen, N. B., Oct. 1.—The promoters of the Agricultural Fair are pleased beyond measure with the success of the second day. The exhibition building and the grounds have been crowded all day and all have been enthusiastic in their praises.

The old St. Stephen driving park had a successful reopening under the Agricultural Society's auspices, in the neighborhood of one thousand people being in attendance. The judges were Chas. Keefe, C. J. Lyford, Jas. H. McMan, The timers, Jas. Eagan, Frank Littlefield and Chas. B. Gardner, while Thos. J. Doyle officiated as starters, giving excellent satisfaction.

Continued on Page 7. Cobalt Range Found Way Back in Seventies Records Of Young Scotch Geologist Lain Buried In Archives Department Are Rectified And Verified.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Ont., Oct. 1.—The Dominion Geological Survey can now claim the honor of first discovering Cobalt in the valley of the upper Ottawa, though it remained for LaRose, Prof. Miller and others to show the economic value of the discovery. As far back as 1872 Walter McQuat a young geologist and associate of Dr. Bell, was sent on a geological survey trip to James Bay, by way of the Upper Ottawa and Lake Abitibi. At Lake Opazatica, a lake some thirty miles north of Lake Temiskaming, he found a big deposit of mineral.

PROMISED TO MAKE HIM A MAGISTRATE

Interesting Evidence Adduced At Hearing Into Tweeddale Charges—D. R. Kennedy Found Nothing Wrong.

CASE CONCLUDED BEFORE SURVEYOR GENERAL.

Special to The Standard. Andover, Oct. 1.—The taking of evidence in the Stevenson investigation has been concluded. In concluding his testimony, Mr. D. R. Kennedy, organizer for the Canadian Order of Societies said he had found no intentional wrong doing on Mr. Stevenson's part but condemned the system of taking court funds to pay the dues of delinquent members. Mr. Stevenson was heard and claimed he was out of pocket as the result of shortage found by Mr. Kennedy in auditing the books.

D. R. Kennedy. Mr. D. R. Kennedy was the first witness. He said as the result of a letter and telephone communication from Mr. Campbell went to Arthur Carter to investigate financial affairs of Court Tobique, No. 1039, C. O. F. He went to Mr. Stevenson, the financial secretary, and got books, took them and audited them, found a balance due from the secretary to the High Court of twenty-three dollars and some cents, which Stevenson had paid to him subsequent to an audit.

Cross-examined by Mr. Carter the witness said he found no evidence of concealment or attempt to manipulate the books. The books were in a bad state in the respect that the ledger had not been posted for a long time, but in other respects he had interviewed the different members of the court and found that all sums paid by members were charged against the secretary in his cash book. He found no evidence of intentional wrong doing on the part of the secretary. The books had never been audited. Stevenson was a member of the Court Tobique in good standing at present time. The members of the court who had made public the affairs of the court had violated their obligations as Foresters. It was contrary to the constitution to use court funds to carry delinquent members, and he did not approve of this course but it was frequently done.

John Campbell Recalled. John Campbell recalled and cross-examined by Carter, said no fault was found with Stevenson until after the last provincial election. Witness was a brother-in-law of J. F. Tweeddale's. It was his duty as chief ranger to appoint an auditor. He had never appointed one. He had signed one semi-annual report. This report should show the financial standing of the subordinate court with the high court.

J. B. Stevenson was examined by Mr. Carter. He had been financial secretary of the court since August, 1903. It was the duty of the members to bring their monthly assessments to him on or before the last day of the month. But in most cases he had to go to the members to collect assessments, and in many cases assessments were not paid until after he had made monthly remittance to high court. He had carried these delinquent members from time to time, using any available means for this purpose.

When Kennedy came he handed over books and papers to him and he took these to St. John and made his audit. He had not since had the books or papers to verify his audit, but accepted the same as correct and paid the balance found due from him by that audit, which charged him with assessments of delinquents, he had paid out of pocket part of this amount, which had not been repaid to him by the delinquent members. After the audit at a special meeting convened by the assistant organizer he was unanimously elected Chief Ranger of the Court. The witness produced in evidence a letter written to him from Frederick by J. F. Tweeddale, in which the latter promised to have him appointed a magistrate under the District Court Act, which had never been brought into force. Frank Peterson said he was recording secretary of Court Tobique and produced the record of the meeting held after Kennedy's audit, showing that Stevenson was unanimously elected Chief Ranger of the Court. The Court seldom met and Stevenson had never been installed as Chief Ranger. He did not think an auditor had ever been appointed.

Continued on Page 8. in Quebec not far from the boundary he found a big deposit of mineral. McQuat died three years later and his discovery remained unclaimed until last spring, when a member of the House of Commons ran across his report in the archives and seasonal papers of 1873. As a result a syndicate was formed, and a prospecting party sent north this summer to try to locate the lost mine. The party was successful and succeeded in getting on the surface good values in silver and Cobalt bloom on the claim. This establishes the contention of the Cobalt silver range in Quebec, and shows that nearly forty years ago the great Cobalt veins were known to a young Scotch geologist.