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E. H. ALLEN'S \$1,600 A YEAR JOB IS STILL VACANT

Minister of Railways Gives Parliament a Little Information on the Subject

Dr. Daniel Declares the French Treaty is a Jug-Handled Arrangement--R. L. Borden Punctures Government Contentment That They Were the First to Negotiate a Trade Agreement Without Aid of British Officials--Snags in St. John River Cost Over \$2,000.

(Special to The Telegraph.) Ottawa, Feb. 20--Mr. Lemieux, replying to a question if he had received a protest from the Nova Scotia Prose Association against the discrimination upon weekly newspapers of Nova Scotia going to the United States, said that he had. The reason for this was that many United States weeklies were not desirable for Canada and Canadian weeklies could be sent to the United States and remailed at one-half cent a pound.

In answer to a question placed on the order paper by G. W. Fowler, Sir Wilfrid Laurier said that no tenders were asked for removing snags from the St. John river. There was paid for this \$2,072. Mr. Sinclair (Guyboro) was told that the cost per column of publishing the Hansard was \$6.42 a column.

Another question on the order paper from O. S. Crockett was answered by the minister of railways, who said that E. H. Allen was appointed on Nov. 10, 1900, as claims agent of the Intercolonial railway at a salary of \$183 per month. The position was established on Nov. 9, 1900. Mr. Allen retired and his successor was not yet appointed.

Dr. Daniel resumed the discussion of the French treaty in the house today. He went on to show that the bargain might be a good one to France, but that it was not much of anything in it for Canada. From the reports he saw from the French chamber of deputies there was only one item referred to which was calculated to interfere with the manufacturers of France and that was boots and shoes. Apart from that single item France was well satisfied with the bargain she had made. But as there was only \$441 worth of boots and shoes imported from Canada to France last year as the old duty was only ten cents a pair, one could see how little importance could be attached to that item. During the nine months ended March 31 last Canada imported from France \$6,079,340. We only sold to France \$1,409,872. This meant that for the twelve months trade with France we bought over \$8,000,000 worth from France while she purchased from us a little over \$1,000,000 worth.

HEROIC GENERAL STOESSEL SENTENCED TO DEATH FOR SURRENDERING PORT ARTHUR

(Special to The Telegraph.) St. Petersburg, Feb. 20--Lieutenant-General Stoessel was condemned to death this evening by military court for the surrender of Port Arthur to the Japanese. General Fock, who commanded the fourth East Siberian division at Port Arthur, was ordered reprimanded for a disciplinary offence not connected with the surrender. General Smirnov, acting commander of the fortress, and Major-General Reider, chief of staff to General Stoessel, were acquitted of the charges against them for their part in the defence.

Stoessel maintained a rigid, soldier-like impassivity. General Smirnov also was seemingly unmoved, but there were tears in the eyes of General Reider. The sentence of death was pronounced upon General Stoessel for surrendering the fortress before all the means of defence had been exhausted for failing to display his authority and for military misdeemeanors. Commutation of the sentence was asked on the ground that Port Arthur, beset by overwhelming forces, defended itself under General Stoessel's leadership with unexampled sturdiness and filled the world with astonishment at the heroic courage of its garrison; that several assaults had been repulsed with tremendous losses on the part of the enemy; that General Stoessel throughout the siege had maintained the heroic courage of the defenders, and finally that he had taken an energetic part in three campaigns.

Before the sentence was read, measures were taken to prevent a demonstration in favor of Stoessel, by a number of the younger officers and witnesses who were present. These later sent a despatch to the emperor, saying that they would humbly bear testimony that General Stoessel was the soul of the defence of Port Arthur; that he always encouraged and put heart into the garrison to the best of his endeavors, and that in case of war they would wish to serve again under such a hero. They asked the emperor graciously to bespeak from the emperor a full pardon.

There was a dramatic moment after the reading of the sentence when a detachment of soldiers filed into the hall. The spectators were told that this was the detachment of the emperor's body guard. (Continued on page 2, fifth column.)

Mr. Laurier (Conservative) spoke in favor of the treaty, which would be advantageous to Canada. The French treaty bill was read a second time. Mr. Lanester said that the treaty would ruin the wine industry of Western Ontario. Mr. Paquet (Conservative) spoke in favor of the treaty, which would be advantageous to Canada. The French treaty bill was read a second time.

MONCTON TRIMMED THE FREDERICTON CAPITALS

Victorias the Victors 4 to 2 in Sensational Game of Hockey Thursday Night Twenty-five Hundred People Present to See Rival Teams Struggle for Lead in League Race--Montreal Referee Enforced the Rules and Made the Contestants Play Clean--Two of the Players Hurt.

(Special to The Telegraph.) Moncton, N. B., Feb. 20--Twenty-five hundred people saw the Moncton Victorias defeat the Fredericton Capitals in Victoria rink here tonight by a score of 4 to 2. The game was even faster than the first one in the league played between the same teams here and was full of excitement every moment. It was not only fast, but clean hockey by reason of the sharp work of Melrum, of Montreal, who refereed the game. Every attempt at rough play was closely watched by Melrum and he was particularly sharp on off sides. He found it necessary to impose many penalties, principally for tripping, and there was a player from one side of the other on the boards nearly all the time, sometimes as many as two or three at a time.

The big crowd went expecting to see a great game and they were not disappointed, for from the time the game started until the end there was something doing on the ice and the puck travelled from one goal to the other with lightning rapidity. Much of the lifting noticeable in other games was abandoned and the defence on both sides figured in many brilliant runs.

Contrary to all reports that have been in circulation the Victorias did not appear on the ice with imported upper province stars, but selected their line up from men who have been playing on the team during the winter. One or two changes from their last appearance here, were made and the result was a strengthening of the team. A change was also made in position. Joe Crockett, who has been playing over the last few seasons, appeared on the left wing against Murphy and Rolie Norman, who replaced Stoyles, took Crockett's place as rover. Gregory was the star of the Moncton team and Norman also played a fast game. The home forward line were all in the game and played much superior to the Fredericton forwards.

The puck was in Fredericton territory two-thirds of the time, and Morrison in fact, had many brilliant stops to his credit. The stellar work on Fredericton's forward line was done by Oren and Williams, while Mispic was prominent in several sensational runs. Sensational Play. Honors in scoring for the home team fell to Gregory, who made the most sensational play of the game, carrying the puck from Moncton's goal down through the whole Fredericton forward line and defence and scoring. It was one of the most brilliant runs ever seen in the rink and the spectators went wild over it. For the Capitals Dunphy scored the first goal of the game in the first half on right wing and Oren scored in the second half on a pretty run through the Moncton line.

THIRTY KILLED IN EXPLOSION OF POWDER WORKS

Berkeley, Cal., Feb. 20--An explosion occurred in the nitro-glycerine mixing house of the Hercules Powder Works at Pinole, fourteen miles north of here, late this afternoon. The building was completely destroyed and it is reported that between 20 and 25 Chinamen and four white men were killed and that six white men were seriously injured.

Wholesale Arrests of Russian Terrorists. St. Petersburg, Feb. 20--Attempts that had been planned against the lives of exiled persons were frustrated by the police tonight by a succession of arrests in various parts of the city, aggregating fifty men and women. This is the greatest number of terrorists ever taken by the police in the capital. The majority of them were heavily armed, some with bombs and they made desperate resistance against the police. During the course of the arrests ten policemen were wounded and one was killed.

Names Sifted as Manager of Imperial Pulp Co. Edmonton, Feb. 20--In addressing a public meeting of Conservatives last night, Dr. A. L. McInnis made public the names of the officials of the Imperial Pulp Company, of Winnipeg, which came into the limelight at Ottawa in connection with the recent timber limit exposures. The president of the company resides in Edmonton, but of Fullers Express Company, fired a bullet into his brain today while seated at his desk and died shortly afterwards. Friends declare that he had long been a sufferer from asthma, and was unable to breathe when the police approached them, wounding three of the officers.

May Sue Former Directors of Ontario Bank. Shareholders to Decide by Majority Vote Whether They Will Try to Recover \$2,000,000. (Special to The Telegraph.) Toronto, Feb. 20--The shareholders committee of the Ontario Bank is today forwarding to every shareholder a circular designed to bring in as many votes as possible to back up the committee in a \$2,000,000 actions against the former directors. The question as to whether these actions will be tested in the courts will be decided at a shareholders' meeting March 4. A struggle will occur on that day between the parties of shareholders and the weight of proxies will decide.

Treating a Corrupt Practice in Ontario New Election Bill. (Special to The Telegraph.) Toronto, Feb. 20--Under the new election bill which is now before the legislature "treating" is made a corrupt practice. Some years ago when an attempt was made to unseat Dr. Rutledge, member-elect for East Middlesex, evidence was given that before he became candidate, Dr. Rutledge was in the habit of offering refreshment to his acquaintances. The court held that on that account his continuing the habit after he became a candidate did not constitute an offence.

WILL AWAIT ACTION OF BRITISH COLUMBIA COURT

Dominion Government Would Rather Shift the Responsibility of Deciding About Constitutionality of Natal Act Than Act Themselves. (Special to The Telegraph.) Ottawa, Feb. 20--In the senate today, Senator Loughheed asked the government to take action with reference to the disallowance of the Natal act by the legislative council of British Columbia. To this Hon. V. Scott replied: The government has been advised that the Japanese have been arrested and imprisoned. The justice department named agent to look after the interests of the men. The stipendiary magistrate ordered the fine of \$500 to be paid, otherwise the two men were to be imprisoned. The agent for the department of justice has made an appeal which, I understand, the chief justice of British Columbia will hear within a week. Under these conditions it is better not to take any action here at Ottawa. Of course at any time the act could be disallowed, but if the court would pronounce upon it that would be more satisfactory both for British Columbia and the dominion government. Senator Loughheed--Then the government will wait the action of the British Columbia courts? Hon. Mr. Scott--Yes.

KENT GOVERNMENT CANDIDATES DODGED JOINT DEBATE

Pressing Invitations to Take Part in Rexton Meeting Declined--Opposition Three Will Sweep the County. (Special to The Telegraph.) Rexton, Feb. 20--One of the largest meetings in years in this section of the county was held in the public hall here this evening to hear addresses from Dr. Bourque, Dr. Landry and Col. Sheridan, the three opposition candidates. John Morrissey, M. P. P., of Newcastle, also spoke and, with the candidates, came in for a great reception.

MONTREAL STREET RAILWAY MAKES SERIOUS CHARGES

Alleges City Padded Payrolls for Snow Removal, Which They Are Under Agreement to Pay Half. (Special to The Telegraph.) Montreal, Feb. 20--A lively time was experienced at the meeting of the city road committee this afternoon when a letter was presented from the street railway company practically charging the city with presenting padded statements of the men employed removing snow from the streets, and thus getting the best of the company.

OPPOSITION ADDRESS BIG MEETINGS IN QUEENS COUNTY

Government Selling Cheap Tickets on Central Railway to Rally a Crowd at Chipman. Chipman, N. B., Feb. 20--The meeting at Brunswick, Queens county, on behalf of the opposition on the 18th inst., was entirely satisfactory. The people who filled the hall listened most attentively to Mr. Woods, who spoke for two hours. Jason Corey presided.

LOW CAMPAIGN WORK IN ALBERT

Government Party Circulate Scurrilous Sheet as Campaign Literature. Hopewell Cape, Feb. 20--(Special)--The government party are conducting a questionable campaign in Alberta, and it is believed that it will be found to react strongly against them. A large number of scurrilous weekly published in Moncton and containing an attack upon George W. Fowler, M. P., have been placed in the hands of several public officials and are being distributed as campaign literature. A great deal of indignation is expressed over the matter.

AS MANAGER OF IMPERIAL PULP CO.

Edmonton Speaker Charges Graft in Timber Limits in the West. (Special to The Telegraph.) Edmonton, Feb. 20--In addressing a public meeting of Conservatives last night, Dr. A. L. McInnis made public the names of the officials of the Imperial Pulp Company, of Winnipeg, which came into the limelight at Ottawa in connection with the recent timber limit exposures. The president of the company resides in Edmonton, but of Fullers Express Company, fired a bullet into his brain today while seated at his desk and died shortly afterwards. Friends declare that he had long been a sufferer from asthma, and was unable to breathe when the police approached them, wounding three of the officers.

NEW YORK EXPRESS PRESIDENT

New York, Feb. 20--Without leaving anything to indicate why the act was committed, Colonel Eugene Guindon, president of Fullers Express Company, fired a bullet into his brain today while seated at his desk and died shortly afterwards. Friends declare that he had long been a sufferer from asthma, and was unable to breathe when the police approached them, wounding three of the officers.