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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 \$185 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



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 order not connected with the surrender. General Smirnov, acting commander of the fortress, and Major-General Reisin, chief of staff to General Stoessel, were acquitted of the charges against them for that part of the service. The court recommended that General Stoessel be committed to ten years' imprisonment in a fortress and that he be excluded from the service.

General Vodar, president of the court, read the sentence amid a tense silence. By a great effort self-control, General

Stoessel maintained a rigid, soldier-like impassivity. General Smirnov also was seemingly unmoved, but there were tears in the eyes of General Reisin. The sentence of death was pronounced upon General Stoessel "for surrendering the fortress before all the resources of defence had been exhausted for failing to display his authority and for military misdeemeanors."

Computation 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

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. Excitement was at fever heat when Moncton scored in the first half tying the game. Fredericton made some attempts at combination and had several pretty plays, but the fast work of the forward line of the Vics broke up the effectiveness of this play. The game started a little slow, both teams holding in reserve. For the first five minutes the puck was kept pretty well in the centre of the ice, but Fredericton started a fast pace and had the

THIRTY KILLED IN EXPLOSION OF POWDER WORKS

Wholesale Arrests of Russian Terrorists

St. Petersburg Police Gather in Fifty Men and Women After Desperate Resistance--Many Bombs Secured.

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.

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.

The operations centred around the palace of Grand Duke Nicholas, Nicholas-vitch, who, it is surmised, was the immediate object of the plot. Late today several hundred mounted gendarmes drew a cordon around an entire city block in the vicinity of the grand duke's palace, comprising six hundred occupied apartments. Agents of the police searched these apartments from top to bottom and unearthed stores of explosives and firearms.

A fashionably dressed woman was arrested on the street. She carried a maff in which was concealed a quantity of dynamite and she was escorted by a man who wore flat under his belt an infernal machine of a new type. Both opened fire 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 Puller 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 sleep at night.

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. of Newswale, also spoke and, with the candidates, came in for a great reception.

Notwithstanding a pressing invitation to the members of the government to take part in a joint debate none of the gentlemen found it convenient to put in an appearance. Large posters calling attention to the fact that the opposition candidates were anxious to meet the nominees of the government party have been displayed round the county for some days and their failure to answer the challenge is regarded as significant. A. B. Canon occupied the chair and briefly introduced the candidates. R. O'Leary, F. K. Robitoux, Edward Hanan and others were on the platform. Dr. Bourque was the first speaker and devoted his attention to the school book question. Col. Sheridan followed with a scathing criticism of the road act and the financial extravagances in connection with the Central Railway.

MONTRÉAL STREET RAILWAY MAKES SERIOUS CHARGES

Alleges City Padded Payrolls for Snow Removal, Which They Are Under Agreement to Pay Half.

(Special to The Telegraph.) Montréal, 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.

The street railway company is under contract to bear half the cost of removing the snow from the streets where its tracks run, and has for a long time been complaining vigorously against the antiquated and wasteful methods adopted by the city under the patronage system. Their latest complaint was not only to the effect that the system was bad, but that the men were loafing on the streets and that there were not nearly so many men employed as the city officials represented. The company said it had had men investigate the way the city did the work, and that these inspectors reported that where the city charged for eight men in a gang they could only find from four to six.

OPPOSITION ADDRESS BIG MEETINGS IN QUEENS COUNTY

Government Selling Cheap Tickets on Central Railway to Rally a Crowd at Chipman.

(Special to The Telegraph.) 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.

Each meeting held in Queens county in the interests of the opposition has been most encouraging. The latest on the part of the government party is an advertisement posted in the station houses of the Central railway advertising cheap rates to Chipman to the meeting announced for the 20th, in the interest of the government at that point. What next! Messrs. Slipp and Woods must have been gratified with the reception given them at the hall, Cody's, Queens county, on Tuesday evening, the 18th inst. Close attention was paid to their remarks by the large audience assembled. Many traveled several miles over bare and bad roads to attend. The candidates were in good form and dealt with the important issues to be decided on March 3 next in a vigorous and convincing way. Coun. A. H. Vradenough acted as chairman of the meeting. At the close a hearty vote of thanks was extended to the speakers, and suitably acknowledged.

'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.

NAMES SIFTON 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 Puller 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 sleep at night.