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Open Our Oil Areas to Prospectors.

The discovery of a new well in the Parson's Pond oil area re-awakens public interest in a subject which a few years ago was a general topic of conversation. For a time everyone believed that anywhere might be found a gusher. Many who had dug post holes unnecessarily deep in their back yard awoke from their dreams of wealth untold only to discover that the welcome sound of gurglings which had aroused them came from nothing more serious than an overflow from the bath. The philanthropy of the promoters of the mythical oil wells that were said to be flooding Western Canada at the time was but fuel to the flames, until anything that bore the slightest resemblance to oil, from the scum on the top of a stagnant pool to a clear spring of water in the hill-side, was believed by the credulous to be a sufficient foundation upon which to build their castles in the air.

The exposure of the Calgary exploiters, and the lack of success met with by prospectors in Newfoundland, resulted in disillusion, and but for the persevering efforts of those engaged in operations at Parson's Pond, no further serious attempts to locate oil were made. In 1921 an Act was passed through the Legislature which again called attention to the subject. A company called the D'Arcy Exploration Company, Ltd., appeared to be desirous of prospecting for oil, and under this Act, known as the Petroleum Act, 1921, they were given "exclusive rights during a period of two years to prospect the unoccupied Crown Lands and search therein for petroleum oil, bitumen, natural gas, bituminous clays, and shales capable of yielding petroleum oil on distillation." They were given a further period of three years in which to test any part of the Crown Lands which their survey led them to suppose contained oil.

At the time when this act was passing through the Legislature, it was said that the Company was affiliated with the Persian Oil Co., and there were several who suggested that somewhere in the background loomed the Imperial Government. Remarks were made about the importance of our oil containing areas, and the necessity for preserving the as yet undiscovered oil for the use of his Majesty's warships.

From all that can be learned, nothing has been effected by the act during the two years that passed beyond warning all others to "keep off the grass." We understand that the rights given to the Company have now elapsed or are about to lapse, but that until the reservation is rescinded, no claims can be filed by other prospectors. It is most improbable so long as the Act remains in force that any prospector is going to undertake extensive boring operations, and as it seems most unwise to place restrictions in the way of

for the Government to rescind the Act at the earliest possible moment.

Circuit Court Returns on S.S. Watchful

S.S. Watchful, Capt. Bragg, which ship took the Supreme Court on the Northern Circuit, arrived in port on Saturday night at 7 o'clock. The ship occupied a period of four weeks, and many places of interest were visited. The Supreme Court on Circuit comprised the following: Chief Justice, Sir W. H. Horwood; Deputy Minister of Justice, P. J. Summers; Messrs. Cyril J. Fox, and Eric Jerrett, representing the Bar, besides the following court officials: Messrs. W. J. Carroll, Sheriff; D. F. Kent, Clerk; Jas. Cahill, Crier and H. Garland, Stenographer.

The court had very few civil cases to dispose of, but four criminal cases were dealt with during the Circuit. The case of Moses Young, who broke into three stores at Bishop's Falls last month was heard, and the accused was sentenced to two years' imprisonment. Four days were spent at Twillingate, where two cases of indecent assault were heard. Both the accused men were convicted and sentenced to six months each. Another case, that of perjury, was withdrawn.

During the trip the court had the pleasure of inspecting the work of the Grenfell Mission at Battle Harbor and St. Anthony. At the latter place an Orphanage has been built recently. The building, which is a most commodious one in every detail, is built of concrete, and will fill a long felt want in the North. In addition to the Orphanage, an Industrial School has also been built, the proceeds from which amount to a large sum annually and the work on the new Grenfell Hospital at Battle Harbor is reported to be progressing rapidly. Besides the resident physician, a full staff of nurses are in attendance. There is very little improvement reported in the fishery along the French Shore, and the whole outlook is very discouraging.

Promenade Concert To-Night

Beginning to-night the Committee formed to assist in the celebration of Mount Cashel Silver Jubilee, will hold a series of Promenade Band Concerts in the Prince's Rink. The Mount Cashel Band under Mr. Arthur Bulley, will furnish the music. Patrons are assured of a most enjoyable evening, and no doubt the affair will be largely attended.

Express Passengers.

S.S. Kyle arrived at Port aux Basques at 7 p.m. yesterday, bringing 120 sacks mail matter and the following passengers, who joined the incoming express:—G. Hurst, H. Lacey, Mrs. M. Johnstone, W. T. Good, W. A. Maloney, W. B. Morrow, R. L. Harris, H. J. Crowe, Rev. S. W. Murphy, Mrs. W. Omond, Miss J. Bennett, G. H. Wambolt, Mrs. H. H. Davis, J. R. and Mrs. McLean, J. M. Forbes, J. and Mrs. Gullage, Mrs. R. Penney, L. Gallop, A. S. Snow, L. West, Mrs. J. F. Anderson, A. Ingraham, Mrs. M. Anderson, Mrs. S. Ezekiel, Miss E. Ezekiel.

Ecclesiastical Appointments

According to a recent issue of the Harbor Grace Standard that the Rev. G. Thibault, Parish Priest of Conche, has been appointed to the Parish of North River, as successor to the late Rev. Dr. Whelan, whose death is so deeply regretted. At Conche, Fr. Thibault will be replaced by the Rev. Father Williams.

An Appreciation

The summer residents in the West End suburbs patronizing the Royal Garage Bus on its special morning and evening trips to Kiltville during the past three months, showed their appreciation on Saturday night to the driver Mr. Motty for the excellent services rendered by him. When the Road de Luxe was reached, Mr. Geo. Soper, in a pleasing address presented Mr. Motty with a splendid pair of motorized gauntlets on behalf of the regular passengers, referring to the prompt and general way he had done his work. The Royal Garage Co. and Mr. Motty have proven during the past summer that a bus service can be conducted successfully on a country road, making two special trips daily and have not varied more than three minutes reaching the terminus of a four mile run.

Train Notes.

Yesterday's west bound express arrived at Bishop's Fall 5 o'clock this morning. The incoming express is due at 4 o'clock. The Carbonear and Trepassay trains arrived on time.

Supreme Court.

(Present: Full Bench and Grand Jury.)

The fall term of the Supreme Court opened this morning at 11 o'clock. The opening ceremony was marked by a parade of the Constabulary under Inspector General Hutchings. The force, numbering 64 infantry and 6 mounted men, lined up on Duckworth Street and gave a salute as the Chief Justice passed into the Court.

The Grand Jury was present and the following were sworn: J. A. P. Colford, foreman; Arthur B. Smith, George F. Morris, Harvey Davis, Pat. J. Reardon, Jas. Tobin, Joseph C. Sapp, Chas. Cantwell, George Lawrence; Frederick Lukins, George LeDrew, J. A. Hiscok, John Ryan, Rupert Lester, Joseph Farrell, Augustus Volsey, Jas. Butler, Eli Lewis.

Two jurors who were summoned, Messrs. Peter Young and W. J. Ryan, were excused from service. His Lordship the Chief Justice addressed the jurors as sworn, informing them that there was no business to engage their attention at present, but he understood that there were several bills of indictment which would come before them in due course. The jury thereupon retired.

Orange Crush Co. and the British Aerated Water Co. and Gaden's Aerated Water, Ltd.

On motion of Mr. Conroy and by consent of Mr. Hunt the hearing of this appeal is set for Saturday next, 6th inst., at 11 o'clock.

Arthur M. Earle vs. J. W. Hiscok. On motion the hearing of this appeal is set for the first day of the November sittings.

Court adjourned at 11.30 till tomorrow at 11.

Road Commission Continues Good Work

Matters of finance having been settled within the past few days the Road Commission, which has done such excellent work on the main line from St. John's around Conception Bay, has resumed operations on the section beginning at Rourke's, and before the frosty season sets in it is hoped to have the road in first class condition as far as Holyrood Main Beach. Six advance gangs are at work in Harbor Main, Avondale and Conception Harbor sections making ready repairs, blasting dangerous boulders and generally making the road more safe for traffic. It is the hope of the Commission to have permanent repairs in these sections completed early next season. Some complaint has been made because the road bed in places had softened up. This condition can scarcely be avoided and is a usual occurrence before the materials bind, especially after heavy rain.

Steamer Ashore

Messrs. Bowring Bros. received a radio from Cape Race this morning stating that S. S. Troutpool was ashore at St. Pierre Island. A tug boat immediately put out from St. Pierre to go to her assistance. No further particulars had been received up to 1 p.m.

Boy Missing

A young lad, named Harold Lockyer, of Hayward Avenue, was reported missing from his home on Saturday last, and his parents are anxious to know of his whereabouts. It is understood that he was last seen on Harvey Co's wharf by a number of boys prior to the sailing of the Rosalind on Saturday, and it is quite possible that he took passage to Halifax.

McMurdo's Store News.

WE ARE OFFERING THIS WEEK IN OUR FRIDAY AND SATURDAY SPECIALS the following popular toilet articles. Johnson's Baby Powder . . . 35c. With Cake Baby Own Soap . . . 50c. Pompadour Face Powder . . . 80c. With Pompadour Bloom . . . 1.30c. Peppermint Tooth Paste . . . 65c. With Prophylactic Brush . . . 1.25c. Palm Soap, 12 for . . . 1.00c. Mylady Soap, 12 for . . . 1.00c. Guest Soap, 12 for . . . 40c. Wm's Shaving Cream . . . 40c. Johnson's Shaving Cream . . . 40c. Also our usual Special Cans. Everybody likes our candy and we always have something new. This week we have added the delicious Korn Krisp 5c. and 10c. packages, and some others you will like when you see our window. Cherry Choc., Dipped Raisins . 80c. Burnt Almonds, Stuffed Dates . 80c. Mocha Walnuts, Creamed Brazil 75c. Scotch Nuts, Klondyke Nuts . 60c. X.X.X. Choc., Nougatines . 75c. Apricot Fruits, Dessert Fruits . 70c. Three favorites at our usual special price this week end. Italian Mixture . . . 35c. Bon-Bons . . . 45c. Choc. Creams . . . 35c.

See Miss Maria Hutton in "All-of-a-Sudden Peggy" Monday and Tuesday, October 8th and 9th in the Casino Theatre. Oct. 11.

TO-DAY'S MESSAGES.

A TANGLED SKEIN.

LONDON, Oct. 1. A special cable to the Canadian Press, by George Hambleton, Staff Correspondent, says "Imperial Conference opens to-day in a chaos of speculation and conjecture," with Great Britain on the verge of an acute fiscal controversy. What secrets of foreign policy Premier Baldwin will have for the premiers when they meet at his official residence, in Downing Street, at eleven o'clock; the story of conversations between the British and French premiers some days ago and the scheme now entered into with France remain yet to be told. The tangled skein of reparations and menace of the situation in Germany, with their inevitable reactions on trade, and the Australian premier's campaign for wider tariff preference in the markets of Great Britain; have for the time being driven the consideration of empire defence and constitutional relations into the background. Australia has a great irrigation scheme in the Murray Valley, which it is claimed will ultimately add work for a quarter of a million people. "Give us preference on fruit grown in Murray Valley," Premier Bruce reported in effect to have said "and we absorb some of your surplus population." The war between British Free Traders and Tariff reformers in consequence has already opened. Hy Asquith has begun a strenuous campaign in support of free trade and the conservative free trader group cite Bonar Law's pledge not to change the finance policy of the country during the life of the present parliament. Tariff reformers retort that Bonar Law's promises are not binding on Premier Baldwin and they have formed a committee of members of parliament to press for imperial preference at the Imperial Conference. It is expected the Australian premier will have the support of premiers Massey of New Zealand, and Smuts of South Africa for preference. Plan of Premier King of Canada, while welcoming any additional preference, will, it is expected decline to take any steps which might be interpreted as attempting to force the hand of the British Government particularly in view of the present controversy.

ONE MILLION DOLLAR LOSSES.

OMAHA, Neb., Oct. 1. Iowa is slowly recovering from a tornado cloudburst and floods which brought death to twenty-two persons and injured scores and caused unknown property damage Friday and Saturday. Property damage at Council Bluffs, it was said, would run close to one million dollars. Several places reported losses of thirty thousand dollars.

WATCHING GERMANY'S ACTIONS.

AILLYWOOD, France, Oct. 1. "A sudden proclamation of truce, she could not avoid, is nothing; it is what she does that is everything; we await Germany's acts." This was the keynote of Premier Poincaré's speech here on Sunday.

CITY UNDER ARMS.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Oct. 1. The entire force of arms of the state will be thrown into action on Tuesday to prevent the holding of a Special State Election, at which a measure would be submitted providing a way for the Legislature to consider the impeachment charges against Governor J. C. Walton and to curb any rioting that might result from the closing of the polls, it was announced by the Governor on Sunday night.

Magistrate's Court.

The postponed hearing of the case against Arthur Dessert, charged with a breach of Section 3 of the Prohibition Act, was resumed in the Magistrate's Court at noon to-day. The case for the crown concluded when a stoker from the S. S. Sagona gave evidence. Mr. W. J. Browne, B.L., opened his defence by calling Dessert himself. The taking of his evidence did not conclude up to 1 p.m. when the court took recess until 3.30 o'clock.

Coastal Boats.

GOVERNMENT.

Argyle arrived at Argentia 8 p.m. yesterday. Clyde arrived at Lewisporte 12.45 p.m. yesterday. Gloucester—No report since leaving Argentia Friday. Hump arrived at Humbermouth 5.30 p.m. yesterday. Kyle arrived at Port aux Basques 7.05 a.m. yesterday. Meigs—Last report was anchored off Seal Island 5.30 p.m. Saturday.

Address by Mr. C. E. Hunt, B.L.

AT WESLEY MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

"When Autumn Comes" was the subject of an inspiring address delivered yesterday afternoon before the Wesley Young Men's Bible Class, by Mr. C. E. Hunt, B.L. A hearty welcome was extended to the lecturer by Mr. E. P. Nicholls, on behalf of the class. Mr. Hunt, in his address, carried the thoughts of the gathering to conditions as at present existing in other countries. He laid particular stress on the terrible earthquake which has recently visited Japan. The whole world sympathizes with her in the loss which has been unsurpassed in world history. Previous to the great earthquake, there was a bitter hatred between Japan and the United States, and a terrible war was threatened at any moment. The Americans, however, overlooked all past grievances and to-day they are offering the Japanese people their deepest sympathy. The learned lecturer also spoke of the unemployment situation as existing at present in other countries. A hearty vote of thanks was tendered Mr. Hunt for his excellent address by Mr. Harry Chaplin and seconded by Mr. Fred Gushue and was carried unanimously. A synopsis of Mr. Hunt's address will appear in to-morrow's issue.

Will Prospect for Salt in Nova Scotia

A license to prospect for salt in Hants County, Nova Scotia, has been taken out by Messrs. Chamber and McKay, of New Glasgow. The license covers an area of 35 square miles. Prospecting in this district will be watched with considerable interest, as salt has been discovered near Falmouth, across Minas Basin from Cheverie.

Casino Theatre.—On Monday and Tuesday evening's, October 8th and 9th, Mrs. John Baxter and Miss Kathleen Fraser will present "All-of-a-Sudden Peggy" a comedy in three acts. It's a great London and New York success.—Oct. 11.

BORN.

This morning, October 1st, at Southcoast Hospital, a son to Mr. and Mrs. J. Doyle.

DIED.

On Sunday, Sept. 30th, Kevin Francis, infant son of Patrick and Catherine Connolly, aged three months. Passed peacefully away, at 8 o'clock this morning, at the General Hospital, Francis (Frank) Cooper, husband of the late Charlotte Cooper, aged 80 years. Left to mourn are two sons and one daughter. Funeral on Wednesday at 2.30 p.m. from his son's residence, 39 Job's Street, R.F.P.

Suddenly, at Grand Bank, Saturday, Frederick T. Coxworthy, leaving a wife and two sons. (Canadian papers please copy.)

IN MEMORIAM.

In memory of our dear son and brother, Albert Spilre, who departed this life October 1st, 1913. May the Sacred Heart of Jesus have mercy on his soul. —Insured by his Mother and Sister.

IN MEMORIAM.

In memory of Albert Spilre, who died Oct. 1st, 1913. R.I.P. Thou art gone but not forgotten. Never shall thy memory fade. Fondest thoughts will always linger Around the place where thou art laid.

NOTE OF THANKS.—The mother and family of the late Richard O'Brien of Topsail, desire to thank very sincerely the following for their kindness to their boy during his illness and death at the Sanitarium:—Dr. H. Rendell, Medical Supt.; Miss Coen, Nursing Supt.; Sister Moores, Assistant Nursing Supt.; the Nurses, Mrs. Jones, and all other kind friends who helped in any way to assuage his suffering. They also wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Kieley for their kind visits and little favors performed; also Miss Constance and Miss Josephine Kieley, for various acts of kindness. To Michael Gough, whose devoted care and kindly ministrations last winter were the admiration of all; and to Miss Lottie Gleason, Mrs. Michael and Miss Lillian Carbage for Johnny kind visits; and the many sympathizers who sent wreaths and messages of condolence, or helped in any way to lighten their great sorrow.—Adv.

General Post Office.

WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY.

Section 137 of the Post and Telegraph Act, 1906 says:—No person shall establish, install or work any apparatus for wireless telegraphy in any place in Newfoundland except under and in accordance with a license granted by the Post Office. Forms for Amateur License may be obtained at office of Minister of Post and Telegraphs, St. John's, and call signals furnished and recorded.

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PATIENT DOING WELL.—Mr. Arch

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S.S. Sabie I, bringing a two thir-

day and one passenger, arrived at

port at 5 a.m. The ship sails for

Halifax to-morrow at 10 a.m.

S.S. Silvia arrived at Halifax to-

day and is leaving for this port to-

morrow.