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ACCIDENTAL SHOOTING IN LUMBER CAMP

Girl's Brother-in-Law Unloading Rifle Which Went Off Causing Her Death—Sad Procession.

Special to The Standard.
Perth, N. B., Dec. 19.—Accompanying the arrival of the remains of Miss Martha McLaughlin at her home in Ortonville today, comes a gruesome tale of an accidental shooting and death in the wilds of the Madawaska county woods on Sunday.
Martha McLaughlin was the victim, and her brother-in-law, Frank Crane, also of Ortonville, was the innocent cause.

Crane was taking charge of a lumbering camp 20 miles up Green river, which the young woman's father, Wm. McLaughlin, was operating. Miss McLaughlin was an assistant cook. After dinner on Sunday he placed his Winchester rifle on the table and was cleaning some shells from the magazine when one shell caught and exploded. The bullet struck Miss McLaughlin, who was standing by, on the hand, tearing off three fingers and passing through her abdomen.

The scene of the accident was 20 miles from a physician, so the horrified Crane and other members of the camp did everything possible for the unfortunate girl while aid was sent for within three hours, however, she was dead. The body was placed on a tote team, and the march through the woods to civilization was begun on Monday.

Arriving at the railroad at the mouth of Green River, the remains could not be brought down until today. Crane was well nigh beside himself with grief, and wept bitterly. No charge has been brought against him, and it is believed that none will be brought, although that will not be known until a coroner's inquest has been held. Miss McLaughlin was one of the most popular girls in Ortonville, and the entire village is tonight plunged in grief.

She is survived by her parents and two sisters, Mrs. Rose Crane, the wife of the man who innocently caused her death, and Mrs. Esther Deo, and four brothers, Eldon Newman, John and Ernest. The funeral will be held on Thursday.

NON-APPEARANCE OF MACEDONIA CAUSES SOME UNEASINESS
Cibraltar, Dec. 19.—Some uneasiness is felt here at the non-arrival of the Peninsular and Oriental steamer Macedonia, from London, for Bombay, which was due here early this afternoon. She had not been sighted at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

MATTIE LEBLANC IS TO MARRY FELIX LINDEN NEXT MONTH
Arichat, Dec. 19.—Mattie LeBlanc, who was a prominent figure in the Glover murder trial in Boston, is to be married on Jan. 14, to Felix Linden, of Louisiade, Richmond county, now employed with the N. S. Steel and Coal Co., Sydney Mines.

A BETTER SYSTEM IS PLANNED

Hon. George E. Foster Hopes to Increase the Number and Sphere of Utility of Trade Commissioners.

Special to The Standard.
Ottawa, Dec. 19.—The announcement of the names of the trade commissioners to fill the positions of those who have been dismissed, is expected any day now. The vacancies fall on December 31st, so that the appointments will have to be made at once. There are at present five positions vacant, Shanghai, Berlin, Havana, Paris, and Amsterdam.

Hon. George E. Foster is planning a wide extension of the trade commissioners. Agents will be appointed at important European centres, and through the West Indies and South America. In fact wherever there is an opportunity for a development of Canadian trade.

The American consular system has the advantage that it is practically self-supporting. Years ago, it only cost the American government the amount of \$100,000. With Canada, on account of the consuls being British, the expense is enormous and there is no revenue.

TOO POPULAR GIRL FALLS VICTIM TO OVER EXERTION
Roosevelt, Long Island, Dec. 19.—Too much popularity caused the death of Miss Caroline Carpenter, the belle of Roosevelt, at a dance here last night. The young woman, who clustered about her, the split her dances and was constantly on the floor.

STRIKERS ATTACK DRIVERS OF TAXIS WITH SILENCED GUN
St. Louis, Dec. 19.—Renewed police activity in connection with the strike of taxicab drivers, resulted today from attacks on non-union drivers, which culminated in a collision of a taxicab with a street car, early today, while the non-union scheduled chauffeur was fleeing from assailants. Fifteen persons were injured in the accident.

TORONTO MAN ON HONEYMOON IN INDIA IS DEAD
Toronto, Dec. 19.—A cable message received by the family this morning announced the death in Delhi, India, of Dr. Elmore Harris, of Toronto. Dr. Harris was on his wedding trip having left the city a few weeks ago, intending to be absent a year. He was in Delhi for the Durbar festivities when attacked by smallpox and died suddenly.

OTTAWA RIVER HAS A NEW RECORD FOR LATE NAVIGATION
Ottawa, Dec. 19.—A record for late navigation of freight traffic on the Ottawa River was made today, when the steamer Russell reached Ottawa from Rockland, Ont. In the history of navigation on the Ottawa, this record has been exceeded only once, when on Christmas day, 1877, a passenger excursion was run from the city to a point about 20 miles down the river.

PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT WILL ACTIVELY AID IN AN IMMIGRATION CAMPAIGN

Arthur Hawkes, Canadian Commissioner for Immigration, Confers with Provincial Government and Board of Trade.

Two Conferences and Dinner Held Yesterday at which Valuable Ideas were Brought Out—Premier Flemming Promises Co-operation of His Government and Suggests Plan Which the Board of Trade Accepts.

The question of promoting immigration to the Maritime Provinces was discussed at length at two conferences and a dinner, held here yesterday between Arthur Hawkes, special commissioner of immigration for the federal government, and representatives of the local government and legislature as well as A. S. Barnstead, representing the government of Nova Scotia. The whole subject of immigration was discussed with special reference to the needs of the Maritime Provinces, and various proposals put forward with the object of arriving at a scheme of co-operation between the local government and the federal government, calculated to bring more settlers to this part of Canada. It is understood that while the local authorities put forward no definite scheme, they made a number of valuable suggestions which commended themselves to Mr. Hawkes and that one of the suggestions was that the federal government should assume responsibility for the cost of gathering in immigrants in the Mother Country and Europe, thus leaving the province with their limited resources free to devote their attention to the work of preparing for the reception and absorption of immigrants when they arrive here.

Premier Flemming when seen after the close of the second conference which took place after the evening's dinner, said the discussion had proved very interesting and instructive and that he had no doubt much good would result from it in the way of bringing new settlers to the province.

"Nothing definite was decided on," he added. "Mr. Hawkes only came here for suggestions and had no authority to pledge the federal government to any policy. But he seemed to be impressed with the views of the province and deserved greater consideration than that some special measures should be taken to diversify the province's resources to the east."

Those who attended the conference in the government besides Premier Flemming were: Hon. A. G. Turner, minister of agriculture, Hon. Robert Maxwell, J. B. M. Baxter, M. P. for the province, Hon. P. P. S. Slipp, M. P. for the province, Hon. W. P. P. W. Hubbard, secretary for agriculture, A. G. Turner, provincial horticulturist, A. S. Barnstead, secretary for immigration and industry of Nova Scotia.

Mr. Hawkes will leave this morning by the Dixie boat for Nova Scotia. He will be accompanied by A. S. Barnstead, secretary for immigration and industry of Nova Scotia. Next week he will leave for the west to visit the agricultural school at Truro and other parts of Nova Scotia. Next week he will leave for the west to visit the agricultural school at Truro and other parts of Nova Scotia.

LAST EVENING'S DINNER
The banquet given by the council of the Board of Trade to the special commissioner on immigration for Canada, Arthur Hawkes, and his wife, was held last evening at the local government evidenced the interest being taken by the business men of St. John in the problem of promoting immigration and promoting the development of the many and varied natural resources of the province, and will doubtless mark an important step in the forward march of the province along the path of progress and prosperity.

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M'NAMARA'S APPEAL IS MUTUOUS

Long Contest for Possession of Books of Iron Workers Ended with Action of John J. McNamara.

Special to The Standard.
Ottawa, Dec. 19.—The department of trade and commerce is in receipt of an extensive report which may have an important bearing upon the negotiations for closer trade relations between Canada and the British West Indies. The report comes from E. H. S. Flood, Canadian trade commissioner at the Barbados.

Mr. Flood places the production of sugar, available for export by the islands in a good year at 240,000 tons. Last year the seven colonies exported 238,733 tons, and the estimate for 1912 is 220,800 tons. Mr. Flood goes into the sugar raising conditions of each of the larger islands, and alludes to a bill now before the legislature to prohibit the blending of Barbados molasses with sugar.

He says that the favorable market offered by Canada to West Indian sugar and molasses, and the absence of destructive competition from best growing countries in Europe, have not been sufficient to increase the sugar production of the islands, and that the industry is being ruined by the speculative character of the industry.

CRUISER RESCUES ICE-BOUND VESSELS OF FISHING FLEET
Curling, Nfld., Dec. 19.—Ploughing through a great field of ice which for some hours had held the vessels of the Gloucester, Mass., fishing fleet prisoners near the mouth of the Hammonds river, a Newfoundland government cruiser today finally succeeded in liberating them. Tonight the cruiser turned to the northward where a few miles away at Middle Arm, several vessels of the fleet are in danger of being crushed by the mass of ice.

ITALIAN WANTED FOR MURDER STILL AVOIDS LIMELIGHT
Albany, N. Y., Dec. 19.—Although Mrs. Mary A. Morner, her son and two daughters were murdered at DeForestville a week ago today, the authorities have failed to locate Edward Donato, the Italian farm hand who was employed at the Morner homestead, and who is wanted in connection with the crime.

CONNECTED WITH THE DEFENDANTS, ON STAND FOR THE PLAINTIFF
New York, N. Y., Dec. 19.—Thomas Lawson, the Boston stock operator, testified today in the case of Alfred Chester Beatty who is suing to recover about \$700,000 in cash and shares from the Guggenheim Exploration Company and the Consolidated Field Company and others. Although Mr. Lawson managed the stock of the Yukon Gold Company, one of the defendants on the market for the Guggenheims, he appeared today as a witness for the plaintiff. He declared that the very essence of such a deal as the floating of stock should be secrecy.

RAISING OF SIEGE OF CITY OF CHENTU FREES CANADIANS
Toronto, Dec. 19.—In the opinion of the officials at the Methodist Mission Board, the Siege of Chentu by the rebels in Sze Chuen province, China, which has lasted for four months, has been raised or ended by the success of the rebels, which perhaps is more likely.

CHICAGO BUILDING WRECKED BY FLAMES
Chicago, Dec. 19.—Fire which started early today wrecked the open board of trade building, one of the landmarks of the loop district, routed 1,000 guests in three building hotels, and destroyed the records of the Chicago Federation of Labor, and of a score of unions housed in the open board building. The monetary loss is estimated at \$200,000.

LIVE STOCK SUFFERS IN SHIPMENT

Railway Commission Hears Evidence Regarding Meagor Facilities Available for Transportation of Cattle.

Ottawa, Dec. 19.—The railway commission this afternoon dealt with the new regulations for the shipment of live stock in Canada proposed by Dr. J. G. Rutherford, veterinary director general. Evidence was heard but no decision was reached, the matter being adjourned to allow the railways and live stock men to agree on a draft of new rules to cover existing needs.

Dr. Rutherford explained that the companies had been asked to give their opinion of the draft regulations submitted, but had not done so, and the matter had proved more contentious than he expected.

FREIGHT SCHEDULES LITTLE IMPROVED.
The railway companies sent box cars instead of stock cars for shipments, many of the cars also being out of repair. He told of one shipment of cattle from Stettler to Winnipeg, which had occupied six days. Evidence was also given to show that cattle were injured and suffered shrinkage of weight in box cars, while in the summer hogs were frequently smothered to death. The passenger service on the different railways to the seaboard had been bettered, freight schedules showed little improvement.

HERE'S A BRAND NEW KIND OF EASY-MONEY FOR THE NEWLY-WED
New York, N. Y., Dec. 19.—A man and a woman who have been married at least three times within the last three weeks, have evolved a new method of obtaining money under false pretences, the police claim, and as a result three clergymen or more have been swindled out of \$10 each.

"MYSTERIOUS BILLY" RECENTLY SHOT, S LIKELY TO RECOVER
Portland, Ore., Dec. 19.—"Mysterious" Billy Smith, who was shot last night by Captain A. B. Loomis of the river steamer My Own, is thought to have a fair chance of recovery. Four bullets lodged in Smith's body.

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