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BLAIR SAYS FARMERS MAY GO "HANG" IN THE GRIP OF THE BELL MONOPOLY

Government Will Give No Help to the Markham and Pickering Yeomen.

HOT DEBATE IN PARLIAMENT

Ottawa, June 24.—(Special.)—Thru Hon. A. G. Blair the Dominion Government has officially made it known that it will do nothing to rescue the farmers of Markham and Pickering from the grip of the Bell Telephone Company.

W. F. Maclean brought the question to the attention of the House to-day in connection with the Railway Commission bill. He proposed a strong clause declaring such agreements as exist between the Bell Telephone and the C. P. R. shutting out private telephone systems from C. P. R. stations illegal. This clause, which would have given to the farmers of Markham and Pickering and other municipalities equal justice with the subscribers to the Bell Telephone Company, received support from William Ross, Liberal member for South Ontario, but it was fiercely assailed by the Minister of Railways.

Blair Ridicules It.

Mr. Blair would not even accord the amendment the small consideration of criticism on its merits. He ridiculed the suggestion that the C. P. R. should open its stations to every telephone and every telephone subscriber who sought admission. For proposing the amendment Mr. Maclean was described as a Socialist, a Radical, a would-be confiscator. Ridicule and sneers were the weapons which the Minister of Railways used in his defence of the outrageous agreement that protects the monopoly of the Bell Telephone Company and enables the C. P. R. to discriminate in favor of the partons of the monopoly and against the users of a private system.

Mr. Maclean argued that the clause he proposed was in no sense confiscating. He invited the Minister of Railways and Canals to appear before the farmers of Locust Hill and use the words he had used in the House in justification of the agreement between the Bell Telephone Company and the C. P. R.

At six o'clock Mr. Blair, evidently anxious to shelve the question, said the Railway Commission bill could not be considered at the evening sitting of the House. The issue, therefore, is not yet fought to a conclusion, but Mr. Blair has made the Government's policy clear and the patrons of private telephone systems may expect no relief from Ottawa.

Grievance of Canadians.

Mr. Maclean, in proposing his amendment, said he was bringing up a question that involved a substantial grievance all over Canada. The C.P.R. and the Canadian Northern had made an agreement with the Bell Telephone Company to give the latter an exclusive service in their stations. If a municipality established a service, as in Port Arthur and Fort William, or if farmers organized an independent system, they were refused admission to stations on these railway lines.

"In my own township of Markham and in the township of Pickering," said Mr. Maclean, "farmers who are good customers of the C.P.R., when they established a telephone system of their own, and asked to have connection with Locust Hill station, were refused. Now the cannot ask if a train is on time or if their goods have arrived. They have none of the privileges which patrons of the Bell Telephone Company possess.

Mr. Maclean then told how he consulted an eminent legal authority respecting this grievance and had the Bell Telephone Company indicted before the grand jury. The grand jury was instructed by the judge to dismiss the case and there the matter rests.

Also in Port Arthur.

Another case in point came from Port Arthur and Fort William, where the People's Telephone was similarly excluded from C.P.R. stations. If the people are to be encouraged to go in for municipal telephones there must be no discrimination. Mr. Maclean declared farmers' telephone systems are popular in the United States.

It had been suggested that granting private telephone companies admission to railway stations would mean a loss of time to station agents. "I deny this," said Mr. Maclean. "Station agents must answer the enquiries of a man who presents himself in person and why should they not answer customers over the telephone? Is it good law that the Bell Telephone Company should discriminate against patrons of any railway?

I claim that it is not in the interests of the people who have given these railways immense subsidies. We simply want those agreements rescinded and discrimination terminated."

Mr. Maclean went on to say that the Minister had promised to bring in a bill regulating telephone companies, but the bill was not forthcoming. "I have a bill before the sub-committee," said Mr. Maclean, "and I don't know that it will reach the House."

Ross Goes Half Way.

William Ross of South Ontario said the question was a keen one in his constituency, and the constituency of East York. He could not see why the independent lines should not have communication with railway stations. So far as the time of the station agent is concerned there could be no difference, Mr. Ross argued, between a customer making inquiries in person or over the phone.

"I am not sure," said the member for South Ontario, "that the government should not own telephone trunk lines and give connection to any company that desired it."

Mr. Wright of North Lanark urged that telegraph companies should be prevented from disfiguring the streets of towns and cities with unsightly poles.

At this point Mr. Ross modified his support of Mr. Maclean's clause, with the observation that the penalty subjecting an offending operator to a fine was too drastic.

Based on the Bill.

Mr. Maclean explained that he modelled his amendment after another clause in the bill, and would not insist on a penalty of $50, as stated. He said, furthermore, that the agreement between the Bell Telephone Company and the railways could not be particularly important to the latter, as they had left a loop-hole which would enable them to terminate the agreement. The plea of vested rights which would be raised could not therefor be accorded any weight. He also pointed out that in many cases there are independent telephone lines where the Bell Telephone Company is not established.

Then A. G. Blair turned loose a torrent of abuse on Mr. Maclean's amendment. The amendment would disfigure the Railway Commission bill, he said. It was an absurd proposition. What right had parliament to say that railways should provide walls, heat and light and space for every telephone system that applied for it? Why should they be compelled to give attendance for nothing?

It Means to the Minister.

"This amendment is not only socialistic, it is confiscating," declared the Minister of Railways. "You enfranchise a railway to do railway business, why should you require them to do these extra duties for any telephone company or individual. I don't think the hon. member for East York is serious."

"I am serious, but I don't think the hon. gentleman is," replied Mr. Maclean.

"It would be a good thing to limit the number of telephone instruments that a railway station must provide to twenty," suggested Col Sam Hughes.

In the same contemptuous tone the Minister of Railways suggested that the limit should be a hundred. Mr. Blair's cure for the grievance of private telephone companies is this: The companies should have facilities in the neighborhood of the station and employ someone to communicate their messages to the station agent. Let them pay for what they get.

"I don't know where my hon. friend will stop in his socialistic tendencies," said Mr. Blair. "Radical doesn't begin to express it. You say the agreement between the Bell Telephone Company and the railways is illegal, and you think yourself the final tribunal to decide whether it is legal or illegal. It is a binding contract, made under the laws of the land. You say Sir Thomas Shaughnessy is ashamed of the agreement. If he is, and if, as you say, the company can withdraw from its agreement, why does it not do so? There is no reason for such legislation. Let the farmers proceed on business principles and employ their own help."

Same Old Blair Talk.

Mr. Maclean replied that he had heard good deal of this kind of badinage from the Ministers of Railways and Canals in connection with these propositions, but he intended to follow him and to meet him on this question before the people of Ontario.

"He will have to settle with his supporters from Ontario for what he has said here to-day," declared Mr. Maclean. "He will have to settle with the people of Ontario for the nonsense he has spoken here to-day, AS THE ATTORNEY OF THE TELEPHONE COMPANIES, AS A SHAREHOLDER OF THE TELEPHONE STOCK AND NOT AS MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND CANALS PROTECTING THE PUBLIC INTEREST. He says that such a proposition as this disgraces the bill. Let me read Sec. 279 of the hon. gentleman's bill: Every company which grants any facilities for the carriage of goods by express to any incorporated express company or person, shall grant equal facilities, on equal terms and conditions, to any other incorporated express company which demands the same.' Is this socialistic Is this radical? Is this allowing equal terms to all? What he said of me he said of his own bill. Has he any explanation to offer to the committee? Has he any excuse to offer to the committee or to the farmers of this country for this socialistic, this confiscatory legislation?

Bell Has a Monopoly.

He says that the way for these people to do is to put a telephone in some adjoining house to the station and get somebody to get an answer from the station. The way the answers are got to-day is thru the Bell Telephone Company having a telephone in every station in this country. The railway companies are only too glad to allow them in to give wall space and to give the necessary service to answer the calls. But by reason of this contract they say that no one else shall get in. The G.T.R. and the C.P.R. and the C.N.R. are allowed free telephones in consideration of the concession. They all get something for the exclusive use of the stations, but they get it at the expense of their own customers, and if the people of Canada who want this question of telephone service to be settled only insist upon it and insist upon their representatives in this House voting for this socialistic proposition, this radical proposition, they will get what they want and the question will be settled in the public interest.

"I would like the Hon. Minister of Railways to go to any place in the

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BLOW ADDER APPEARS.

Paul Costello, Near Peterboro, Gets Away in a Hurry.

Peterboro, June 24.—Paul Costello of Ennismore figured in an incident this week which, but for his presence of mind, might have terminated with serious results. He was walking along a trail near Oak Orchard Lodge, when he heard a dull sound as tho something were falling, and, upon looking ahead, saw a large blow-adder on the trail immediately in front of him. The snake, which was about three feet long, had his head erect in a position to strike. Mr. Costello supposes that the adder had seen his approach from the branches of a tree and had dropped to the ground in preparation for battle.

Not wishing to meet such a deadly reptile without a weapon of defence he took a circuitous route out of the vicinity.

The scene of this incident is just about 300 yards from the Lodge

WEDDING GUESTS HIT.

Collided With a Street Car in Kingston Yesterday.

Kingston, June 24.—In a collision with a street car this afternoon, wedding guests were injured. They were returning to the city when the trouble occurred. Peter Hunter of The News-Times had his ribs broken, his collarbone dislocated and his head and body badly cut. His mother, Mrs. Hunter, was dragged under the rig and sustained somewhat serious injuries to her spine. Mrs. Sands was not hurt to any extent. Dr. Antliff was the lucky one of the four and escaped injury. He was able to conduct prayer meeting as usual.

HURT BY FALLING MAN.

Peculiar Accident in Which Three Persons Were Injured.

Hartford, Conn., June 24.—Falling a distance of 35 feet from the cross bar of a telephone pole to-day, Albert Larkin, a lineman, struck three other persons, one perhaps fatally. Larkin was injured internally. He fell on Mrs. Mary E. Brewster of Minneapolis, her daughter Nancy, aged 11 years, and Mrs. Charles Edwards, wife of Professor Edwards of Trinity College. Most of his weight fell on the child. She was terribly crushed.

DAVID WAS HORRIFIED.

Allandale, June 24.—David Clark, pulling out of Lindsay, had a terrible experience a few days ago. As his engine rounded the curve he was horrified to see a small boy toddling along between the rails. It was impossible to stop before striking the child, but after coming to a standstill he returned and found the little one attempting to crawl out of a culvert into which he had fallen just before being struck.

FELL TO HIS DEATH.

Belleville, June 24.—Robert Leslie, an unmarried farmer 30 years of age, who resided in the 6th concession of Thurlow, was in the Belleville market this morning with a load of hogs, and while in the act of driving into the market scales he fell off his seat to the ground. Medical aid was summoned, but when doctors arrived Mr. Leslie was dead. Heart disease was the cause.

CHALLENGED TO PRAY.

Chicago, June 24.—Elijah Dowie has been challenged to a praying duel. The challenger is Mirza Ghulam Ahmad, a Buddhist of Qadian, Punjab, India.

"Come thou, O self-styled prophet, to a duel," says Mirza in his letter. "The weapons shall be prayer. Let us kneel on our knees in the dust of the earth, you and I together, and petition the Almighty that of us two whoever is the liar shall perish first."

Dowie has not accepted the challenge.

WILL BECK RESIGN?

London, June 24.—Rumors are current in the city to-day that Mayor Adam Beck purposes resigning the Mayoralty of this city at the end of the month, and that Ald. J. C. Judd will succeed him. The Mayor is a trustee of Victoria Hospital, and a member of the Ontario legislature.

PROPERTY CHANGES HANDS.

The Massey-Harris Company have bought the southwest corner of King and Strachan-avenue, and now own the land from Strachan-avenue to the subway.

FIRED ON STRIKERS.

Richmond, Va., June 24.—Six men were wounded to-night, two of them seriously, by Street Railway Company guards, who fired into a crowd of strike sympathizers outside the city limits. Two of them are seriously hurt, being peppered in the back with buckshot.

Try the decanter at Thomas', three for a quarter.

MARRIAGES.

MULOCK—FALCONBRIDGE—On June 24th, 1903, at St. John's Grove, Toronto, by the Rev. J. M. Cruise, Cawthra Mulock, younger son of the Hon. Sir William Mulock, K.C.M.G., Postmaster-General of Canada, to Adele Baldwin, fourth daughter of the Hon. W. G. Falconbridge, Chief Justice of the King's Bench.

MURPHY—DOOLING—On the 23rd inst., at St. Patrick's Church, by Rev. Father Dodsworth, Miss Agnes Dooling to Mr. Oliver Murphy.

SPARLING—HALL—June 24th, On Wednesday afternoon, at the home of the bride's parents, 60 St. James-avenue, William Victor Sparling, to Annie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Hall.

DEATHS.

HALL—On Wednesday, June 24, 1903, Thomas Jerrold, beloved son of Thomas J. and Laura Hall, aged 1 year and 1 month.

Funeral from the residence of his grandmother, 73 Czar-street, Friday, June 26, at 2 p.m., to Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

TYMON—Mrs. Catharine, wife of Capt. A. J. Tymon, suddenly at her late residence, No. 1 Church street.

Funeral Friday morning at 9 o'clock to St. Michael's Cathedral, thence to St. Michael's Cemetery.

WILLIAMS—At her late residence, 44 Noble-street, on June 23rd, Anne Williams, relict of John Henry Williams, in her 63rd year. At rest.

Liverpool (Eng.) papers please copy.

McHENRY—On June 23, 1903, at her father's residence, 214 Eastern-avenue, Toronto, Florence Willis, youngest daughter of Henry James McHenry, aged 21 years 5 months.

Funeral Friday at 2.30 p.m., to Norway Cemetery. Friends and acquaintances kindly accept this intimation.

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REPORT OF ATLAS LOAN FAVORS THE DEPOSITORS

Situation at St. Thomas Not So Gloomy, But Still Contains Elements of Uncertainty.

St. Thomas, June 24.—(Special.)—The statement of the Atlas Loan Co. was issued to-day and the figures are favorable. Excitement has simmered down very materially here. There is a much better feeling established. President Wallace has given out a statement in which he declares that if the assets are properly handled the loss of the depositors at least will be nominal. The stockholders of the Atlas, however, will probably lose their investment if not an extra assessment. The Elgin Co.'s affairs continue to look dark. It is now conceded that the shortage of the fugitive manager will run into the hundred thousand, in fact so many discrepancies have been found in the deposits that the officials are completely in the dark. Tho Rowley is supposed to be in Spanish Honduras the Attorney-General declares no officer has yet been sent after him. A meeting of the creditors will be held this evening to discuss the report.

The statement is as follows:

ASSETS.

Mortgages	$64,380.00
Mortgages assigned to Metropolitan Bank, $23,930, less bank's claim of $28,000	35,330.00
Loans on personal security	45,275.00
Loans upon the security of stocks and bonds	12,080.00
Notes given by shareholders on account of reserve fund	10,402.00
Real estate, less incumbrance	13,500.00
Stocks, bonds, etc., not hypothecated, par value	207,820.00
Cash on hand	26,477.31
	$415,864 31

Realizations on unpaid shares to be added.

LIABILITIES.

Deposits	$474,747.86	
Currency debentures	280,600.00	
Sterling debentures	81,905.00	$837,252 86
Contingent liability:		
Reserve fund payments		$101,379.80

The report declares that the mortgages have not been taken in detail, but that information is being sought to determine present worth of such securities. Some of the figures will be altered, too, by the claims of some of the debtors who are also depositors and offsets an offset. In debentures the explanation is made that comparatively small sums have been borrowed on these securities in some instances on their face value and the charges will be reduced considerably. Those shareholders who made payments on the increased reserve fund claim to rank as depositors, and as this is being contested it will constitute an uncertain element for the present. No effort has been made to estimate the amount due ordinary creditors. The hypothecated stocks and bonds in brokers' hands are expected to net considerable return, but that depends upon the state of the market. Securities found in the vaults, unlisted, have been accepted for the present at their face value and this adds to the uncertainty of the proposition.

President Wallace says:

"It was probably only such as could at the present time be issued by the Trust Company. The paragraph referring to accounts with brokers was important, and would, even at the present low level of securities, show a very large surplus which would add materially to the resources of the company. An average advance of few points would increase this considerably. Knowing the character of the securities, as I believe I do, I am naturally solicitous that they should not be sold at the present low level. Values must eventually fix prices, and I firmly believe the estate could be handled in such a way as to leave the loss to depositors merely nominal. I shall do all in my power to assist the liquidators to realize the most possible out of the assets."

HONEST JOHN AGAIN.

Hon. John Dryden, Minister of Agriculture, addressing the Farmers' Institute meeting in the Parliament Buildings last night, said: 'What we need to-day are enthusiastic agriculturists. I am looking for a Minister of Agriculture, for we may need one soon. But the man is hard to find."

OIL FUEL FOR WARSHIPS.

Belfast, June 24.—The summer meeting of the Institute of Naval Architects opened here Tuesday. Admiral Cleveland (retired), discussing fast coaling ships for the navy, deprecated a large expenditure because "oil will be the future fuel of war ships, and experiments in this direction are being carried on by the Admiralty with great success."

CLOSED THE DEAL.

Ottawa, June 24.—Mr. Wood, who has been in the city for a month back negotiating for the purchase of The Free Press, is reported to-night to have closed the deal.

IN THE MARKET.

Spends so much time fixing himself the other fellow may win her.
—The St. Paul Pioneer Press

Shunting Time is Limited For Benefit of the Public

Traffic Must Not Be Interrupted For More Than Three Minutes.

Ottawa, June 24.—The House this afternoon went into committee on Mr. Blair's Railway Commission Bill. The clause requiring railways to limit their speed over unprotected highways in thickly-populated districts to six miles an hour was at the suggestion of the minister amended to restrict the speed to 10 miles an hour.

This provoked a long discussion.

Mr. Lancaster of Lincoln said greater precautions should be taken to prevent accidents on crossings in towns and villages.

E. F. Clarke made a strong plea for the protection of level crossings. Increasing the rate to 10 miles an hour over public highways would be a serious thing, he said, unless the railways gave protection to such crossings.

Mr. Blair replied that the board could be depended upon to see that increased danger should be met with increased safeguards.

Mr. Fowler of King's said there was no effective protection to crossings, except gates and watchmen.

The minister's suggestion that the road should look after the question of protection to public crossings did not appeal to Mr. Lancaster. He did not believe in delegating to the board duties which the House was in a better position to prescribe. Many people had been killed at public crossings, and, tho damages might be obtained, the courts could not make such things right.

Dr. Kendall said he knew of a case where roads were blocked for 15 and 20 minutes by trains shunting.

Mr. Fowler of King's complained particularly of the I. C. R. in this respect.

W. F. Maclean told of a grievance at the Grand Trunk yards in East Toronto. There all the shunting is done on tracks that converge on the main line. The train runs back and forth on the crossing perhaps a dozen times while shunting cars, and sometimes 20 vehicles are held up for half an hour. Mr. Maclean asked that the Board of Commissioners be empowered to make the railways check up in such cases and let the people over. The company should not be allowed to use a public crossing as a switch yard.

MR. BLAIR INSERTED AN AMENDMENT TO THE CLAUSE PROVIDING THAT IN THE SHUNTING OF CARS PUBLIC TRAFFIC SHOULD NOT BE INTERRUPTED FOR MORE THAN THRED MINUTES AT A TIME.

UNKNOWN MAN KILLED.

Was Walking Tracks Near Thamesford—May Be From St. Catharines.

Thamesford, June 24.—After investigating the circumstances, Coroner Fraser decided that an inquest on the body of the unknown man killed on the railway tracks this morning.

The victim is a man about 40 years old, black hair and sandy moustache. He carried a Northumberland Life Association pass book with H. O'Loughlin, district agent, St. Catharines, stamped on face of the fly leaf of the book was written: "G. W., St. Catharines, Ont. In case of accident notify Mrs. — Box 766, St. C—" He also carried bunch of keys, on the tag accompanying was stamped. Diamond Hotel, No. 20, J. N. Brown. Unless identified he will be buried to-morrow.

PETER ON HIS THRONE.

Belgrade, June 24.—King Peter arrived here at 10 o'clock this morning. He was received with great enthusiasm. The Russian and the Austrian ambassadors were alone at the reception tendered him.

The introduction of officers was followed by the traditional, picturesque ceremony of the offering of bread and salt by the Mayor of Belgrade.

He was crowned at a cathedral service.

A torchlight procession was held to-night, and the King was cheered.

YIELD OF 85,000,000 BUSHELS.

What Mr. Metcalf of Winnipeg Predicts for the West.

Montreal, June 24.—(Special.)—T. H. Metcalf of Winnipeg made the following statement to the Montreal Board of Trade: Careful estimates give this year's acreage at more than three and one half millions in Manitoba and the Territories. Last year the wheat crop was estimated to have amounted to 65,000,000 bushels, so this season the most conservative estimate of the prospective yield is 85,000,000 bushels.

MINISTER WAS IN JAIL.

Elmira, N.Y., June 24.—Rev. Dr. Evans of Kingston, Ont., who claims to have been a medical missionary in the Holy Land, was to have lectured on Palestine in the Riverside M. E. Church to-night. When the time came to deliver the lecture Dr. Evans was in jail at South Waverly, charged with grand larceny in obtaining money from D. A. Vishanoff, a Macedonian, who is studying to be a missionary. Vishanoff alleges Evans sold him a magic lantern for $100, which he represented was new and worth $150. Vishanoff alleges the lantern was old and useless. The matter was settled to-night and Evans released.

NOW A LOVE FEAST.

London, June 24.—The debate on the Irish Land Bill in the House to-night was a decided love feast. The evening was spent in the submission of amendments by the Nationalist members, which were successively debated in an amicable spirit, and then withdrawn without division.

STRANGE FATE PURSUED THESE BRIGHT SCHOLARS

Douglas Plumb Was Third "Head Boy" of Trinity College School to Die by Drowning.

The body of Douglass O'Burr Plumb, who was drowned while fishing at Romaine, Que., has not yet been recovered.

His untimely death cut short a career which was full of the greatest promise.

Born in Toronto in 1883, the son of the late Thomas Plumb, an eminent lawyer, from his earliest youth he showed signs of an intellect which was sure to place him in the front ranks of whatever walk of life he might choose to adopt.

Entering Trinity College School, Port Hope, at 12 years of age, he went thru the school from the lowest to the highest form, carrying off nearly every prize for which he was eligible. Many a Trinity school boy has occasion to

gratefully remember the timely aid which "Duggy" lent him in doing some difficult exercise, when his own ignorance might have brought upon him the wrath of the master.

Won Many Honors.

He was also a first rate gymnast, and when he left the school in 1900, carried off the Governor-General's silver medal for mathematics, and the second prize for gymnastics, besides being head boy of the school. At about the same time the Royal Military College examination results came out, showing him to be first, with a lead of 800 marks, which was almost unprecedented. During his two years at the Military College, he continued to stand in the front rank, and enjoyed the admiration and good-will of his fellow cadets. Deceased was a stepson of Justice Nesbitt.

Brother's Tragic Death.

It is a strange and sad coincidence that three boys who stood highest in Trinity College School have since gone to watery graves—Charles Farncombe, who had also stood at the top of the Sixth Form, was drowned during summer vacation, together with his brother, Jack, who stood top of the next form below.

After the boys had been drowned, Canon Farncomb, their father, received word that the elder had won a scholarship in classics on his entrance examination to Trinity University, and that the youngest stood first of all the candidates for the first part matriculation in the province.

NAILED TO CROSSES.

How Chinese Robbers Are Treated by Their Fellow-Countrymen.

Victoria, B.C., June 24.—Mail advices have been received from Kiating, China, of the crucifixion of some Chinese robbers. The Kiating correspondent of The North China Daily News says:

"A horrible spectacle is seen here of two men nailed to wooden crosses and four others hung in wooden cages, being paraded along the streets and followed by thousands of people. All of the men are dead except one of the two on the crosses.

"They were finally piled at the entrance of the west gate, where they were left exposed alternately to the rains and sun. The live man on the cross did not die for three days, and then he was poisoned with medicine. Large spikes were driven thru his wrists, and his legs just above the ankles.

"Their crimes were robbery of a house, burning and murder. The two on the crosses had caught a Yamen runner, tied him up to a tree and sliced him to pieces."

SMITH SUCCEEDS PATTERSON.

Uxbridge, June 24.—(Special.)—Major Patterson of the 34th Regiment, paymaster, has retired, and is succeeded by William Smith, ex-M.P., who has the command of the 4th Company of the regiment. Major Patterson was presented with a silver service by the regiment.

Summer Pearls Are Fashionable.

The pearl of summer hats is the grey Alpine. It is becoming and always most comfortable even in the hottest weather, and for summer evening wear it's the only proper hat. The Dineen Co. have imported some new designs by Italian, French, English and American makers. They also have Dunlap's and Heath's designs, for which they are sole Canadian agents.

UNSETTLED, WITH SHOWERS.

Meteorological Office, Toronto, June 24.—(8 p.m.)—Showers and local thunderstorms have occurred to-day in all parts of Ontario except Western Lake Superior and the extreme eastern counties. Elsewhere in Canada fair weather has prevailed. The area of low pressure has remained almost stationary over Lake Huron, but is now slowly dispersing.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Victoria, 56—62; Calgary, 34—70; Qu'Appelle, 52—76; Winnipeg, 50—82; Port Arthur, 48—68; Parry Sound, 54—62; Toronto, 56—62; Ottawa, 50—64; Montreal, 52—64; Quebec, 54—68; Halifax, 42—48.

Probabilities.

Lakes and Georgian Bay—Moderate to fresh winds; partly fair and cool, but still unsettled, with some local showers.

Ottawa and Upper St. Lawrence—Easterly and southerly winds; unsettled with local showers and about the same temperature.

Lower St. Lawrence—Easterly winds, becoming unsettled and showery.

Gulf—Easterly winds; cloudy and cool.

Maritime—Easterly winds; cloudy and cool; local showers in western portion.

Superior—Fair and moderately warm.

Manitoba—Fair and warm.

STEAMSHIP MOVEMENTS.

June 24.	At.	From.
L'Aquitaine	Liverpool	Montreal
Michigan	Liverpool	Montreal
Noordland	Queenstown	Philadelphia
Ivernia	Queenstown	Boston
Bulgaria	Hamburg	Baltimore
Rhynland	Antwerp	Philadelphia
Carthaginian	Halifax	Glasgow

50,000 WAVE TRICOLOR FOR ST. JEAN BAPTISTE

Monument to Archbishop Bourget Unveiled and Paid for to Last Cent.

Montreal, June 24.—(Special.)—This has been a great day for French Canada. Some fifty thousand people are celebrating St. Jean Baptiste night royally. The strong feature of the celebration was the unveiling of a monument to the late Archibshop Bourget in front of St. James' Cathedral, Dominion square.

There were present the Bishops of Montreal, Ottawa, Quebec, St. Boniface, Sherbrooke, Antigonish, St. John, N.B., Kingston, Syracuse, Three Rivers, Nicolet, Pembroke and Valleyfield—the papal delegate officiating at high mass after the statue had been unveiled.

Mgrs. Begin of Quebec and Duhamel of Ottawa, Sir William Hingston and Hon. L. O. Taillon delivered addresses. It was remembered in this connection that Sir William Hingston was the one English-speaking Catholic who supported the late archbishop in his great contest with the Sulpicians years ago about the division of the diocese.

Mgr. Bruchesi also spoke and announced that the monument had been paid for to the last cent.

It was noticed that very few of the Sacred Heart flags were in the procession and it seems quite evident that the French-Canadians will stick to the tricolor and the Union Jack.

MADE APOLOGY TO HOUSE FOR OFFENCE TO MEMBER

H. J. Pettypiece Reports Reporter on The News for Writing a Personal Note.

Hector Charlesworth, the legislative reporter of The Toronto News, appeared before the bar of the house yesterday. It was the first time in the history of the legislature that any one has been similarly situated, and quite a little interest attached to the incident. The offence was a note marked "personal" which Mr. Charlesworth directed to Mr. Pettypiece, the member for East Lambton, while the latter was on his feet making a speech on the Gamey resolutions.

Mr. Pettypiece had been criticizing the attitude of Mr. Willison, editor of The News, and former editor of The Globe, towards the government. His remarks provoked the reporter to write that he (Pettypiece) was attributing his own journalistic ideas to Mr. Willison. Accompanying the note was an offensive word. This was on Tuesday afternoon. Mr. Charlesworth saw the member for East Lambton after the adjournment of the house, and it was thought that nothing more would be heard of it. Mr. Pettypiece, however, had other intentions, and placed the offensive communication in the hands of the Speaker, and on the opening of the house yesterday morning the Attorney-General brought the matter up. He said the usual practice in such cases was to ask the gen-

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HON. MR. TARTE'S POSITION IN THE VIEW OF MR. BORDEN

Former's Resolutions Were in Line With Conservative Policy and Were Backed Up.

Montreal, June 24.—(Special.)—The leader of the opposition being in town to-day was asked to define Hon. Mr. Tarte's position. "Mr. Tarte," said Borden, "brought in very strong protectionist resolutions, which the Conservative party, as avowed protectionists, were bound to support. If Mr. Fielding or Sir Wilfrid Laurier had bought in the same resolutions, we would have voted for them, and would have supported the mover with every demonstration of warm approbation.

"Last year, for example, I made a formal offer to Sir Wilfrid Laurier across the floor of the house that the Conservatives would vote for a resolution affirming the benefits, not only to Canada, but to the empire as a whole, of the policy of mutual preferential trade. This offer I made for the purpose of strengthening the hands of the government at the then approaching colonial conference.

"The fact, therefore, that Mr. Tarte sits on the ministerial benches did not blind us to another fact—that his resolution was in line with the Conservative policy. We have always recognized the fact that Mr. Tarte is a man of broad views; we never concealed our conviction that he was on the right track in regard to protection. We do not propose to change our policy of adequate protection because he had been forced—concurring with us on that great question—to resign a most important portfolio."

It would have been quite possible for Mr. Tarte, had he suppressed his convictions with regard to the fiscal policy of the country, to have remained in the cabinet. Every thoughtful man will concede that Mr. Tarte's refusal to do so is greatly to his credit and should give to the people the utmost confidence in the sincerity of his convictions.

Green Turtle Soup to-day at Clancy

THE ANNUAL STORY.

Train pulls into Summertown,
All is love and laughter;
Pretty maidens clamber down,
Eager swains come after.

Hearts are in the baggage car,
Nothing could be rasher,
For, behold, we see afar
Cupid, baggage smasher.

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Degenerate Negro Caught Held For Murder Suspect

Hamilton, June 24.—(Special.)—The police here believe they have captured one of the men suspected of being one of the slayers of little Glory Whalen at Collingwood. The most peculiar thing about him is the fact that he eats raw chickens, and says he likes that kind of food.

He is a strange acting fellow, who shambles about with stockingless feet thrust in an old pair of boots. He is unkempt, filthy and hard looking. He has been hiding in the sheds at the Jockey Club, and has rarely moved outside.

His favorite pastime was to commit indecent acts before little girls. He has given several names. At first he said he was Charles Kennedy and later that he was Charles Kenor. He can give no clear account of his movements, and has contradicted himself scores of times.

In the morning he will be charged as a vagrant in the police court, and the police will ask to have him remanded until they find out more about him. He admits that he had a pal, but the police have been unable to find any trace of him. Detective Bleakly and Special Officer Nichol made the arrest.

WOULD FORCE THE RECTOR TO RETIRE CANON SANSON SAID TO BE TOO OLD

Pitilessly Plain Talk at Special Meeting of Little Trinity Vestry Last Night.

The internal troubles in connection with the pulpit of Little Trinity Anglican Church, on East King-street, culminated in a special meeting of the vestry last night, when there was much acrimonious debate and heated discussion. The rector, Rev. Canon Sanson, is now past 80 years of age, and it would seem as tho some of the congregation and of the vestry consider that it would be in the best interests of the church if he should retire. Some time ago differences between the rector and the curate, Rev. Mr. O'Meara, led to the latter leaving the church, and recently the vestry passed a resolution cutting off any allowance for a curate, and also making it necessary for the choirmaster to resign. All this, friends of Canon Sanson say, was for the purpose of forcing him to retire, as his age makes it impossible for him to undertake all the work.

Rector Makes Charges.

Last night the rector was in the chair, and he spoke very plainly to the members of the vestry. He said that the offertory had been interfered with, the choir members had been asked not to participate in the services, and even the children had been requested not to attend the church.

The meeting was called to consider certain resolutions passed at the regular vestry meeting on May 1, whereby the services of the choirmaster had been dispensed with and the stipend of the curate cut off. The rector held that the previous meeting had been illegally called, and Mr. Chisholm stated that W. H. Blake, K.C., had given a legal opinion to this effect. The churchwardens had consulted N. W. Hoyles, K.C., however, and his opinion was entirely opposite to Mr. Blake's.

Church Warden Threatens to Quit.

A resolution was introduced authorizing the rector to engage a curate, which was afterwards amended so as to make it a motion rescinding the previous action regarding the curate's stipend. The people's warden, Mr. Stagg, spoke very strongly and tendered his resignation to the rector to take effect in case the resolution carried. Mr. Cooper, the rector's warden, said that he had been appointed by the rector for the current year, and refused to be displaced. He was accused of occupying a false position by working against the rector while holding an office at the disposition of the rector. He replied forcibly, saying he wished the rector to retire, but it was not because of any feeling against him. Mr. Sanson was an old man, and had earned a rest and he believed it would be the best thing for the church.

Rector Says "Unchristian Feeling."

The resolution was defeated by a vote of 36 to 26, and the rector announced that he would think over the matter and say what he would do in a few days. He was deeply affected, and said that during his sixty years in the ministry he had not experienced such unChristian feeling and uncharitable conduct as had been shown toward him during the past five months. It was suggested that a motion be put, authorizing the rector to again engage Rev. Mr. O'Meara, but Mr. Sanson refused decidedly to consider any such proposition. He showed considerable heat and much energy, saying that Mr. O'Meara had told him to get out of the rectory and allow him to run the affairs of the church.

Appointed a Committee.

It was apparent that the strife was between the friends of Rev. Mr. O'Meara and Rev. Mr. Murphy, the latter being the choice of Rev. Mr. Sanson, who offered to contribute $300 to his stipend. Mr. Stagg put a motion to adjourn, but the members persisted in discussing the matter. Mr. Kingston, the clerk, endeavored to reconsider the factions, and a committee composed of Messrs Ross, Chisholm, Beavis and Kingston was appointed to confer with the church-wardens and endeavor to arrange some solution of the trouble, which will be laid before the rector. The meeting adjourned sine die.

Green Turtle Soup in a tie in the London style to-day at Clancy's Restaurant.

FREIGHT HANDLERS WILL STRIKE

Chicago, June 24.—The Chicago & Alton freight handlers were called out on strike this evening because of the discharge of two of their number. Only half the men obeyed the summons. President Curran of the Freight Handlers' Union declared that he would call out every freight handler on the Alton system to-morrow morning.

Green Turtle Soup a treat for epicures, to-day at Clancy's Grill Room.

LACK SWEETNESS.

One thing is noticeable in connection with the wet, cool weather. Strawberries have not yet had the rich flavor they should have, and they have not been as sweet as desired.

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TO-DAY IN TORONTO.

American Association of Farmers' Institute Workers, to Guelph, 8.30 a.m.

St. George's Masonic Lodge, 25th anniversary, 8 p.m.

Doric Masonic Lodge, ladies' night, 8 p.m.

Dramatic recital, by pupils of Miss Bessie Violet, Normal School, 8 p.m.

Trades and Labor Council, 8 p.m.

General meeting of Old School Boys' Associations, St. George's Hall, 8 p.m.

Vaudeville, Hanlan's, 3 and 8 p.m.

Vaudeville, Munro Park, 8 p.m.

Toronto v. Jersey City, Diamond Park, 4 p.m.

Concert in aid of Western Hospital, Association Hall, 8 p.m.

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