

QUEBEC DISASTER AVERTS SIMILAR WRECK

An Object Lesson to Scientific World Explains How Tenders Were Called for the Big Bridge— Compliments Officials

OTTAWA, Ont., May 3.—In an interview with your correspondent in reference to some of the findings of the royal commission which investigated the collapse of the Quebec bridge, Hon. S. N. Parent, president of the Quebec Bridge Company, stated today that he was informed on good authority that in spite of the utmost attention to every detail of the plans and specifications a similar disaster on one of the largest bridges in the world in the United States was only averted, thanks to the knowledge and the object lesson derived by the scientific world through the unfortunate experience of the Quebec bridge. Only the prompt action of the engineers in charge of the bridge referred to, and the strengthening of the units shown to be defective as in the case of the Quebec bridge prevented a collapse of the second bridge, involving probably as great a loss of life and almost as large a property loss.

The manner in which the tenders were called for and on this point Mr. Parent said it was ten years ago that the tenders were asked for and then the company asked for tenders in the best manner open to them and in accordance with the general custom in such exceptional cases. The financial limitation was no question with the company. Competition was necessary both as to price, as in the ordinary system, and as to the design for the bridge, it could be either cantilever or suspension. Several large firms declared their willingness and Mr. Cooper accepted the plan. It was thought best to invite tenders to furnish their own ideas and plans, to obtain results from a broader competition than could be obtained from an individual designer. Mr. Cooper, who was considered the best man on the continent, was selected to make the selection. The design was accepted and the reputation and capacity of Mr. Hoare, the company's engineer, who was criticized by the commission, Mr. Hoare did not defend work in supervising the building of the foundation pier. On the subject of Mr. Cooper, Mr. Parent said that he had given full authority, as he did not want to be responsible for the work of any other engineer. He insisted on having complete control without interference from anyone.

BRITISH GOVERNMENT

WORRIED ABOUT INDIA

LONDON, May 2.—The morning newspapers referring editorially to the serious Indian news, generally agree that as yet there is no cause for alarm and that it is hoped that the American is not directly responsible for the attitude of the Afghan border tribes, but they point out that until the American attitude is definitely known it behooves the government to be alert and prepared for eventualities.

CLEVELAND IS FACING A STREET RAILWAY STRIKE

CLEVELAND, May 2.—Voting on the question of a strike by employees of the Municipal Traction Company closed at three o'clock this morning. The general sentiment expressed by the men after the close of the polls was in favor of quitting work in order they said, to force the demands of the motormen and conductors of that section of the Consolidated Companies formerly known as the Cleveland Electric, for an increase of 2 cents an hour and other privileges. International Vice-President Behner, of the Street Car Men's Union, said: "Not five per cent of the men voted against the strike resolution. The counting of the ballots today will be merely formal." "We have all our plans ready for a strike, there will be no tie-up and little disorder," said General Superintendent Cook, of the Municipal Company. The issue of the strike, could it be called, will be set by the executive board of the union at noon or later today, or after the counting of the ballots. It is probably will be midnight or early Sunday morning. International Vice-President Behner explained the men's grievances as follows: Disagreement with the company's abrogation of the agreement. Feeling that the low fare unionists will drive out their men. Discontent with the system with charging the men for transportation, which may amount to as high as 24 cents a day even when a man is not working.

COLLEGES THAT WILL FORM NEW IRISH UNIVERSITIES



ACCIDENTALLY SHOT WHILE AFTER DUCKS

Harold H. Gregg Brought to City With Wound in Hand and Abdomen

Harold H. Gregg, a school teacher, residing at Long Reach, Queens county, was seriously injured late Saturday afternoon by the accidental discharge of a shot gun.

Gregg along with Charles and Roy Carvell was out duck shooting on the St. John River between Williams Point and Oak Point. When on Rocky Island their boat ran on a shoal. Gregg held his gun by the barrel in his right hand. With his other hand he stooped to pick up an oar which lay on the bank. As he did so the trigger of his gun struck against the side of the boat, discharging the weapon. The shot hit part of the palm of his right hand and grazed the lower part of his abdomen.

Gregg's companions at once rowed him to Greenfield. On arrival there he was taken to the office of Dr. Gilchrist. His wounds were dressed, after which the doctor advised that he be taken to the hospital at St. John. Luckily the tug Clayton was at Jones' Creek, three miles below, on her way up river with scows. The injured man was placed on board the tug and brought at once to the city. Shortly after his arrival here he was conveyed in the ambulance to the hospital. Late Saturday night Doctors White and Christie performed an operation on his hand and abdomen. Fortunately none of the shot had entered either. Last evening Gregg was feeling easy and his early recovery is looked for.

Gregg, who is eighteen years of age, belongs to Seider Mountain, Kings county.

MAY DAY BRINGS FEW DISTURBANCES THIS YEAR

BERLIN, May 2.—The Socialistic May Day demonstrations passed off without disorder despite the fact that the unemployed were numerous participants. Twenty-two Socialist mass meetings were organized in Berlin and its suburbs, a smaller number than in previous years. It is estimated that 38,000 persons, including 2,000 women, abstained from working, as against 42,000 last year and 53,000 in 1906.

Despatches received from the principal cities in the provinces report that May Day everywhere passed off quietly.

WESTERN PAWNBROKER BRUTALLY MURDERED

PORTLAND, Ore., May 2.—Nathan Wolf, a pawnbroker and jeweler, who has been in business in Portland for twenty-five years, was murdered by robbers last night. Wolf was evidently first shot in the neck and then beaten to death. His face and head were hacked to pieces. There is little doubt that robbery was the sole motive for the crime. Wolf carried a large stock of diamonds. It is believed that the robbers took jewelry and money to the amount of \$1,700.

FIRE BRINGS DEATH TO SCORE OF PEOPLE IN INDIANA HOSTELRY

Twelve Have Been Traced and Many More Are Missing—Work of Recover- ing Bodies Difficult—Some Sensational Rescues.

FORT WAYNE, Ind., May 3.—At least twelve persons lost their lives in a fire which destroyed the New Avenue Hotel here early today. The entire interior of the building is a smouldering mass of ruins, and how many dead are concealed by the debris can only be conjectured.

The hotel register was consumed by the fire and there is no accurate means of determining who is missing.

The complete destruction of the interior of the hotel makes the work of recovering the bodies a difficult task. A confused heap of charred wood, bricks and twisted iron is piled up between the walls to beyond the second story. Pieces by pieces this must be removed before the roll of the dead can be completed. Some of the bodies taken out are mangled and charred beyond recognition.

Infantry company D and Battery B, of the National Guard, are on duty and are aiding the fire and police forces to clear away the debris.

The fire was discovered at 2:30 o'clock this morning in the elevator shaft by Night Clerk Ralph Hopkins. He rushed to the upper floors, alarming the guests until the flames, which had spread with great rapidity, drove him back. His efforts, however, saved many lives.

The hotel was erected half a century ago and the woodwork was dry as tinder. It burned like matchwood, and within a few minutes from the time the fire was discovered the whole interior of the hotel was a mass of flames and the only means of escape was by the windows.

WOULD BE MORE THIRSTY IN JULY

Moncton Pastor Sees Through Plot Hears Why Scott Act Elec- tion Should be Put Off— Praises Police Chief

MONCTON, May 3.—The intermediate baseball league opened their season Saturday afternoon on the diamond at the rear of the J.C.R. general office building. The Orioles defeated the Mohawks by eleven to ten.

Adam Dickson, who had been on the Moncton police force the past year as special Scott Act man, left for Chatham Saturday night with the understanding he is to be reappointed chief of police there. Dickson was formerly chief at Chatham, but was dismissed for reasons in connection with the Scott Act. Since the election of the new council he applied for the old position, and it appears with success.

The Scott Act enforcement in this city was made the basis of a strong temperance sermon by Rev. H. Gratia Dookwell in the first Baptist church this evening. Rev. Mr. Dookwell says Magistrate Kay's decisions imposing the jail sentence being sustained last week by the supreme court of New Brunswick is a great victory for the Scott Act. He predicts the Scott Act will be more vigorously enforced this year than last.

He praised the work of Chief Rideout, who he pronounced fearless and unapproachable in the enforcement of the C. T. A. Speaking of the pending Scott Act election repeal in this country, he said he understood the repeal had delayed the election until July in the hope that electors would be more thirsty then and more likely to vote for license.

Comencing yesterday the I. C. R. mechanics will have a Saturday half holiday until October 1st.

This morning, in the Presbyterian church, Rev. D. MacDermid made a plea for a similar half holiday for clerks and shopkeepers. He thought it unfair that the I. C. R. men should enjoy Saturday afternoon off and clerks by compelled to stand behind the counters until all hours Saturday night.

AXE FALLS ON MORE OFFICIALS

Only Two Liquor Licenses to be Issued in Madawaska This Year

FREDERICTON, May 2.—The following appointments have been made by the provincial government and assented to by the lieutenant governor: John R. Dunn, to be registrar of probates for the county of Queens, in place of Jotham F. Bulger, removed.

Charles M. Oakley, to be commissioner of parish court of Canning, in place of Jotham Daniel Palmer, Jr., removed.

Edmund E. Porter, to be commissioner of parish court of Canterbury, York county, in place of Hurd M. Edwards, removed.

Edward McInerney, to be liquor license inspector for Kent county, in place of R. A. Irving, removed.

Edward H. James, to be clerk of the county court in Kent, in place of R. A. Irving, removed.

John Hutchinson, to be police magistrate of Wellington parish, Kent county, in place of R. A. Irving, removed.

CASTORIA For Infants and Children.

The Kind You Have Always Bought Bears the Signature of J. C. Steeves

OLD STEEVES PLACE
BURNED TO GROUND

The two story frame dwelling situated on the Manawagonish road, about a mile and a half from Fairville, and known as the old Steeves place, was totally destroyed by fire last evening. The house was untenant.

The house was owned by the widow of the late Dr. Steeves, who for years was superintendent of the hospital for nervous diseases. The Steeves family resided in it about twenty-five years ago. W. A. Quinton had a two years' lease of the place, but his lease expired on Saturday. The last tenant was William Dunham. He and his family moved out about two weeks ago.

It is believed the house was insured for a small amount.

can be issued this year in Madawaska county outside of the town of Edmundston will be to Fred Morneau and Joseph A. Long of Gonnors Station. Twenty-six applications for licenses were made and the commissioners allowed thirteen, but in view of the ordinance by the federal government prohibiting the sale of liquor within ten miles on either side of the G. T. P. while under construction, a cut to only two licenses was necessary.

WATER IS VERY HIGH AT FREDERICTON

Most of the Wharves Under Water

Henry Culligan, 100 Years
Old, Dead at Peniac
of Old Age

FREDERICTON, May 2.—A heavy rain set in here last night and continued throughout the day, accompanied by a high wind. The river is coming up very rapidly and is now above the ordinary freshet height. Since yesterday it has risen two feet, rising about a foot during today, and it is still rising. All the wharves with the exception of the high water wharf below the highway bridge are under water. The steamer Victoria last night was obliged to tie up below the bridge. The schooner and barkentine stationed at the Star Line wharf are experiencing much difficulty in landing their cargoes and have stationary bridges erected between them and the shore. The Star Line house is two feet under water.

Henry Culligan, one of the oldest residents in the province, died at his home in Peniac today. The deceased was one hundred years old, a native of Ireland, coming to this country when a lad, and has resided at Peniac ever since. He was married four times. By his first wife he had one son, by his second two daughters, and by his fourth, whom he married only fourteen years ago, a son and daughter. He was a member of the Victoria lodge, as well as the widow survive. The cause of death was old age. He was in the best of health up to a short time ago, and maintained his faculties to the last.

Rev. Mr. McDonald of the Brunswick street Baptist and Rev. Mr. McConnell of the Methodist exchanged pulpits this morning.

Rev. Canon Cowie leaves on Thursday next to attend the Pan-Anglican congress in London. During his absence the Rev. Mr. Gillies will take charge of the parish church services. Mr. Gillies arrived here yesterday and took part in the service at St. Ann's today.

Most of the legislative members spent Sunday at their homes.

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DETECTIVE IN TOWN WITH STOLEN JEWELS

Were Missed in Montreal by Passenger Who Sailed on Empress of Ireland

L. G. Crevier, chief of the C. P. R. detective service, was in the city last week in connection with the recent robbery of jewels at Montreal. The jewels were valued at \$8,000. They were the property of H. B. Burroughs, an Englishman, who with his wife and family were returning from the Orient to his home in England, embarking on the Empress of Ireland at this port.

The jewels, which included valuable diamonds, rubies, necklaces and watches, were left in a green leather bag. The bag was in charge of the maid, and was put in the cab with a portion of the belongings of the family, which was returning from the Orient. When the cab arrived at Windsor station the green leather bag was missing. The maid had not seen the bag some half an hour. Mr. Crevier was at once notified and he went to work on the case. He came to the conclusion that the theft had not been committed by professional thieves, but by people who thought to obtain reward by returning the contents of the bag.

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