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GOVERNMENT CONSIDERING THE TEXT BOOK PROBLEM

Readers May Be Furnished
Free to The People of
Ontario

Hon. Dr. Pyne is Giving
Much Thought to This
Problem

Developments of a very important and far-reaching character to the Public and Separate schools of the Province are, The Planet understands, in contemplation by the Education Department, relative to the forthcoming supply of new and permanent authorized text books.

These include a serious consideration of the advisability and possibility of supplying the Readers free, as well as of reducing the other authorized text books down to the minimum of price to the purchaser. Hon. Dr. Pyne, Minister of Education, has recently inaugurated a careful and extensive investigation of the school book problem to this end. The systems for supplying free books and for best reducing their cost to the parents have, it is believed, for some time held the attention of the Minister, who has set his heart upon obtaining something radical in this respect.

It is now believed that this project was in view when the temporary eighteen months' contract for the publication of the existing Readers at the present reduced prices was concluded. Ere it lapses it is anticipated that the Minister of Education will have completed his series of conferences with the Prime Minister, Hon. Mr. Whitney, and the Provincial Treasurer, Hon. Mr. Matheson, as to whether the supplying of free Readers to the children is financially practicable at the present time. Should the plan meet with approval, the new Readers, the selection of the subject matter for which is already under consideration by Dr. Goggin and his associates, will be issued to the parents and pupils entirely free of charge.

The project is recognized to be a radical and somewhat daring one from a financial standpoint. The probability of its consummation seems to rest in the fact that it will be money directly saved to the pockets of the parents of the Province, and is along the lines of Mr. Whitney's declared policy of relieving the school book tolls, where they bear most severely.

The free books are not expected to extend further than the Readers at the present time, but preparations have been made to secure a very material reduction in the price of all other authorized text books.

The advisability of the establishment of an official Government bureau for the publication of the books has not, so far as The Planet is informed, been considered. It is hardly likely, however, to immediately follow, if the Government is able to secure tenders from publishing firms approximating in price the figures of their own estimates for the work.

SMALL FIRE

The firemen had a call at twelve yesterday to the rear of Parson's Fair, where the breakwater had caught fire. The fire had just got nicely started at the bottom of the breakwater, and the firemen were on the scene before it got much headway.

The damage done was very light.

GENEROUS ACTS

Mrs. Spencer Stone, Mrs. J. B. Kelly, Mrs. Sandys and Mrs. Fred Stone, of this city, have contributed parcels to the woman who was recently confined in the Rankin Hotel. Miss Berhorst, a trained nurse, has also been quite considerate in lending her services to the woman, who is now progressing favorably. Mr. and Mrs. Pleasance, of the Rankin House, request that no more parcels be sent at present, as those which have been received are sufficient to supply the woman's wants.

HAS LOST HOPE

Let. Edmunds, of Blenheim, was in the city to-day, and in speaking to Detective Skirving, said that he has lost all hope of ever discovering who the man was who robbed him of his money at Dresden, and of ever regaining possession of the \$250.

He says that he is doubtful as to whether he would be able to identify the man on oath, or swear positively that he was the man who took the money. Detective Skirving feels sure, however, that O'Brien, who shook the dust of Canada off his feet a few days ago, is the man who took Edmunds' money.

NOT GUILTY OF ARSON

Blind River Fire Chief Gets
Benefit of
Doubt

Magistrate Dismisses The
Case, Fires Were
Incendiary

Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., Oct. 17.—Tuesday night the summary trial of George Raymond, chief of the fire department at Blind River, who was accused of causing incendiary fires there, came to an end at a late hour and the accused was discharged. Raymond elected summary trial before Magistrate Williams on the charge of arson, in connection with Edwards' and King's boarding houses.

He pleaded not guilty and was defended by Barrister Mulligan of Sudbury. The case for the prosecution was conducted by V. McFadden of the Soo, who acted for the crown attorney, and the large amount of evidence was taken and the trial consumed the whole day. The municipality of Blind River had three secret service men in town endeavoring to locate the fire fiends.

On the night of the Edwards' fire Charles Clark, a clerk in the Huron Hotel, swore he heard Raymond talking to two unknown men and using the words, "They are on our trail; we must be careful."

At the same time Raymond is said to have referred to Edwards' boarding house and the Presbyterian church. When Rogers divulged the information to the police several constables were put on guard.

Detective Hart of the Thief Secret Service Agency positively identified Raymond as the man who acted between the Edwards and King boarding houses. The magistrate stated there was some doubt in his mind as to the guilt of the accused and dismissed the case, although he expressed the opinion that recent fires had all been of incendiary origin. Three other suspects—Gowrie, LaBlanc and Gaudreau—were allowed to go.

THE NEW WONDERLAND

In an interview with The Planet this morning, Manager Robt. Rolph, of Wonderland, said that it is the intention to have Wonderland bigger and better than ever when rebuilt.

The new theatre will be completed and opened to the public on Saturday, and will no doubt prove more popular than ever.

CHATHAM WON

The Chatham football team defeated Darrell yesterday by a score of 3 to 0. All three goals were scored by Brundage.

The Chatham lineup was—Goal—Haley.
Backs—Harper and Johns.
Halves—Jordan, Parrott and Stonehouse.
Forwards—Harris, Phibs, Parrott, Brundage and Williamson.

MEAT INSPECTION

A citizen this morning commended The Planet the stand taken on the inspection of meat and bread being delivered in this city. He says that he has seen instances that were enough to spoil one's appetite for these foods.

"Why, I saw a wagon-load of meat being taken along King St. yesterday in a manner that was enough to disgust one," he said. "It was uncovered, and the dust and dirt must have been settling on it. I think that the Sanitary Officer should get busy."

CAREFUL CONDUCTORS

"I think that the conductors and the motormen on the C. W. & L. E. cars should be commended on the great care they take in passing spirited horses in the city," said Judge Houston this morning.

"Just recently my horse became badly frightened at a passing car, and the conductor actually stopped his car and came out and led the frightened animal past. This treatment on their part is quite different from what one gets from many of the autoists, who apparently care little what damage results from horses being frightened by their machines, and it is just this spirit on their part which is arousing so much animosity against the auto."

NITRO-GLYCERINE EXPLOSION SHAKES TOWN OF PETROLEA

400 Quarts of The Deadly
Fluid was Ignited This
Morning—A Mystery

Shock Was Plainly Felt in
This City—People Were
Awakened

(Special to The Planet.)

Petrolea, Oct. 17.—A terrific explosion startled the inhabitants of Petrolea and the surrounding country at four a. m., when the magazine of the Petrolea Works Company exploded with terrific force. The magazine is on the 12th line, about two miles north of the town, and it contained about 400 quarts of nitro-glycerine. The cause of the explosion is a mystery. No one was around the works since early yesterday morning, and when the employees left the place everything was in good order. It is thought that the heat of the building caused the explosion. The company's factory, situated about 100 yards from the magazine, is a complete wreck. The residences near the magazine were all more or less damaged, doors being torn off and windows smashed. Wes. Glass and Mr. Braybrook were the heaviest losers. The former's residence was wrecked, and the latter's barns were demolished. Mr. Braybrook's loss will reach \$1,000.

The magazine was built of brick on a concrete foundation 30 feet by 20 feet. There is nothing left of it. In Petrolea eight plate glass windows were broken. The north of main street was completely destroyed. The explosion was also felt at Wyoming, a town eight miles from here. This is the first of several such explosions in Petrolea where there was no loss of life.

A complaint was made some time ago by the Township of Enniskill, that the magazine was too near the residences. This will effect the present matter of damages. The company will no doubt rebuild. A young lad named Glass was badly cut by flying glass.

The shock of the Petrolea explosion was plainly felt in this city, and hundreds of people here were awakened by it in the early hours of the morning.

Claims Agent Archie Skirving says that it happened at exactly 3.35, as he looked at his clock at the time, and when he afterwards heard the city bell tolling the hour at four he found that his clock was right. In many of the stores and offices where Planet reporters called this morning, people who had not heard anything about the explosion at Petrolea were discussing the shock which they heard during the night, and were inquiring of the newspapermen as to whether there was an explosion during the morning anywhere.

Among those who reported being awakened by the explosion this morning were Mr. and Mrs. A. Coltart, J. Simon of the Bank of Commerce, Mrs. John Northwood and daughter, Grand avenue; A. Gregory, Lorne avenue; A. E. Pilkey, A. Sheldrick, West street, and scores of others. Many local people thought that an explosion had taken place in the oil fields, and some of them say that the windows in their houses rattled for several seconds.

SURROGATE COURT

Probate of the will of Ralph Storey has been granted to S. G. Storey and S. H. Storey.

Probate of the will of Adam Henry has been granted to Thomas F. Henry and Margaret Henry.

QUAIL PLENTIFUL

It is quite evident that a great many local sportsmen will hie them to the woods in a few weeks when the open season for quail commences. Quail are reported to be very plentiful only a short distance from Chatham.

Some difficulty is being experienced in getting bird dogs this year. They are very scarce, and good dogs command a high figure.

Twenty Cars Derailed.

Ottawa, Oct. 17.—A spread rail caused a freight train on the G. T. R. from Killaloe to Ottawa to leave the track early yesterday morning. Twenty cars in all were derailed, of which sixteen contained lumber and four grain. No one was injured, but traffic will be tied up for a day or two owing to the accident.

ELEVATOR GAVE WAY

Accident at Wolverine
Brass Works at Eight
This Morning

Henry Salter, John Steers
and Clarence Tickner,
Were Injured

Harry Salter, Taylor avenue, leg, arm and head badly bruised, and suffering from the effects of shock.

John Steers, Wallaceburg, ankle badly sprained.

Clarence Tickner, Van Allen avenue, side badly bruised.

At eight o'clock this morning the scaffolding from which a construction elevator was suspended in the Wolverine Brass Works, gave way, allowing the cage to drop from the third storey to the basement—a distance of about 35 feet. Henry Salter, John Steers and Clarence Tickner, three employees of Contractor Raymont, were in the elevator at the time, and their escape from serious injury or perhaps death is considered miraculous.

The elevator was being used for taking up mortar and bricks, and it had reached the top when the scantlings gave way. The cage went down with a crash, hurling the men, mortar and bricks with it. Salter received the worst injuries, and had to be taken to his home on Taylor avenue, where he is attended to by Dr. Geo. T. McKeough. Tickner received a bad bruise to his side.

Steers caught on a scantling as he was falling and thus saved himself the shock at the bottom. One of his ankles was severely sprained. The construction of the Brass Works is being rapidly rushed to completion.

EVENT OF THE SEASON

The program to be given at the Brisco Opera House to-morrow night under the auspices of the Senior Guild of Christ Church, promises a rare treat for all who attend. The program consists of the best of Chatham talent. The admission is only 25 cents, and this concert should be well patronized, as the ladies are not making a canvass amongst the merchants to sell tickets.

COSTLY DAMAGE

City Engineer E. B. Jones yesterday interviewed the management of the C. W. & L. E., who told him that they would immediately set about having the inadequate bonding on the Aberdeen bridge repaired. The work is urgently necessary as the City Engineer fears that the big main under the river may become affected through the action of the electricity. The reconstruction of this main would cost in the neighborhood of \$600. Besides this, the St. Clair street pavement is being ruined through tearing it up to repair water mains.

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