

Aberdeen Mills Are Almost a Surety

Mr. Donald Fraser Consults With Mayor McLeod and the City Will Do What the Mill Management Think Necessary---The C. P. R. Spur the Only Hitch to Be Overcome---Only a Matter of Time.

There is every prospect of work being commenced this summer by the firm of Donald Fraser & Sons, on the rebuilding of their Aberdeen Mill in this city. All that the Messrs. Fraser ask in the way of assistance from the city is considered reasonable, and Mayor McLeod has taken the matter up and hopes to push it to a successful issue. If His Worship is successful, and there is every reason to believe that he will be, work will be commenced this summer upon the erection of a new mill, and by this time next year it will be running full blast.

As forecasted in The Gleaner yesterday, Mr. Donald Fraser, sr., had a conference with Mayor McLeod at his office yesterday afternoon, and then placed before His Worship his firm's proposition.

The Fraser concern considers that it is absolutely necessary for the successful operation of a new mill that they should have a spur from the C. P. R. running up to the mill site, and for that reason they want the assistance of the city in having this work accomplished; not financial assistance of any kind, but they want the

city to bring the necessary pressure to bear so that the right of way may be secured for the tracks. Rails will have to be laid for a distance of about one-third of a mile---about 1,700 feet---and almost the entire distance will be over the O'Dell estate property. The Messrs. Fraser ask that the city do all that it can to help have this spur built. When the C. P. R. was applied to when the old mill was standing, it was then figured that it would cost about \$10,000 to build this spur and acquire the necessary land, but the C. P. R., it is understood, is now willing to put in this spur if the land can be secured reasonably.

It is felt that when the Messrs. O'Dell consider that the front of their property will be all taken up and that only the back part will be used for this spur, thus enhancing the value of their property, they will at once accede to the wishes of the people of the city and give the right of way for the spur at a reasonable rate.

With a view to placing the claims of the city before them, Mayor McLeod expects to have an interview with the Messrs. O'Dell at an early date. Mr. Fraser yesterday told His

Worship that if his firm rebuilt their mill they would expect to have proper fire protection given them by the city, and His Worship gave him the assurance that this would be done.

The Fraser concern will not ask relief from taxation, it being their wish to pay their taxes the same as other people; but they will ask that the taxes upon their proposed mill be placed at a fixed amount for a stated number of years.

This morning Mayor McLeod stated that he felt that the proposition put forward by the Messrs. Fraser was a reasonable one, and that there seemed to him to be no just cause why their requests should not be acceded to. The matter of getting the right of way for the spur from the C. P. R. tracks, he felt, would work itself out all right, and he announced his intention of interviewing the Messrs. O'Dell upon the subject at the earliest possible opportunity. He said that he thought that there was a feeling that the Messrs. Fraser should rebuild their mill in this city, and he felt that there was a strong public feeling that the City Council and the civic authorities should do everything in their power to assist them in reestablishing their business in this city.

FIRE DEPARTMENT TO HAVE A SUPPER

Chief Rutter Will Announce His New Department at Banquet at Curling Rink on Thursday Night.

The present Fire Department will go out of business in a pleasant manner, a supper having been determined upon as a most appropriate way for the men to have their leave-taking and for the announcement of the new department.

At a meeting of the captains of companies of the Fire Department held at the Central Hose Station last evening, it was decided to have a supper at the Curling Rink on Thursday evening at which the members of the department, press representatives and some others will be present, this being the last public gathering of the department. At this meeting Chief Rutter will make his announcement of the men who will be retained on the department under the reorganization scheme which goes into effect on May 1st, and which cuts down the department from its present number by eight men. It is stated that after the men have been assigned to their companies they will elect their own captains.

A general meeting of the Fire Department has been called for Wednesday evening to complete some work in connection with the passing of the old department and the coming in of the new one.

THE PYTHIAN GRAND LODGE

Fredericton Lodge, Knights of Pythias, has already commenced preparations for the meeting of the Grand Lodge in this city early this fall. As will be noticed in the advertisements in The Gleaner, the lodge is now holding meetings each week and they have installed at their room a telephone so that the members can be reached in that way when attending meetings. This is probably the only lodge in the Provinces which is equipped with telephone connections and the convenience will undoubtedly be appreciated.

The lodge has also started upon the campaign of raising the necessary funds for the entertainment of the thousand odd Knights who are expected to assemble here and arrangements have been made for the Lyceum Stock Company, which recently played a most successful engagement in this city, to play a return engagement under the auspices of the Knights on the 2nd of May, when they will put on their great society drama, Aristocracy. Further announcements will appear in the advertising columns of The Gleaner.

Mr. Arthur C. Coleby and Mrs. A. Vernon Coleby, of London, England, are guests at the Queen Hotel.

Mr. F. B. Dunn, of St. John, is at the Queen.

Mr. John J. Bradley, of St. John, is at the Barker House.

Mr. J. Herbert Crockett, of St. John, is among those registered at the Queen Hotel.

WILL CONSTRUCT SECTION G. T. P.

Westinghouse Co. Take a Sub-Contract from G. T. R. Construction Co. for Chipman-Moncton Section.

St. John, N. B., April 23.—J. Tucker, representing the Westinghouse Construction Company was in the city yesterday afternoon. He left last night for Chipman. The Westinghouse Co. will have charge of the work of construction of the Chipman-Moncton section of the Grand Trunk Pacific, and Mr. Tucker, who will be in charge, went there for the purpose of going over the ground where operations on this section will commence.

The construction of the G. T. P. was awarded the contract for the Chipman-Moncton section, and the Westinghouse Co. later signed a sub-contract to take over the whole work.

While in this city yesterday Mr. Tucker stated that work would be commenced on his section as soon as the snow left the ground.

GIVEN 5 YEARS \$40,000 FORGERY

Montreal, April 23.—Joseph G. Martard, senior, of the firm of Martard Sons, local agents, who was recently arrested on the charge of forging cheques and notes to the amount of \$40,000, was today sentenced to five years penitentiary. He was tried on two charges or small amounts only and the judge was disposed to be lenient on account of the previous good record of the accused.

Runaway Caught.

Mr. Donald B. Winslow of the Public Works Department, yesterday captured last evening a pair of horses owned by J. Boyle & Sons, which had run away from the Intercolonial station where Mr. J. Boyle was getting some shipments which had arrived by freight train from Miramichi. The horses were galloping up Brunswick street at a lively pace when Mr. Winslow sprang out from the sidewalk and captured them, bringing them to a standstill before they did much damage.

Tennyson's Holy Grail.

No literature loving citizen should miss the lecture on Tennyson's Holy Grail, to be given by Bishop Richardson in the Church Hall on Wednesday evening of this week, April 24. There are no reserved seats but the tickets have been fixed at 25 c. to all parts of the hall. The chair will be taken by Principal Bridges of the Normal School at 8 o'clock. Proceeds for the Cathedral Organ Fund. Those who have the lecture in hand have been sparing no efforts to make it a success and from all reports a packed house will greet Bishop Richardson on Wednesday evening.

Mr. Percy P. Guan, who has succeeded Mr. Jack Martin as traveller for McFarlane Son & Hodgson, of Montreal, is here on a business trip, being registered at the Barker House.

Mr. G. P. Gallagher, of Montreal, is among the guests at the Queen Hotel.

QUARTER MILLION YEAR'S BUSINESS

Hartt Boot and Shoe Factory Has Had the Most Successful Year in Its History—\$50,000 Paid in Wages.

On Monday next the cutters at the Hartt Boot & Shoe factory will do their first work on the new run for the fall output. The spring run is over and the factory has been closed down for stock-taking purposes. After the cutters get back to work again the other departments of the factory will continue the work in rotation, so that pretty soon the factory will be running full blast again.

While it is impossible to make any definite statement as yet, The Gleaner learned this morning from Mr. John Palmer, one of the directors of the company, that the past year's business would amount to about \$250,000, showing quite an increase over the previous year, when the business amounted to less than \$200,000.

The past winter has been one of the most successful in the history of the factory, if not the best, and it is now believed that the business will warrant a substantial dividend to the stockholders, a dividend not having been paid as yet.

It is estimated that the company has during the past year paid out \$50,000 in wages, the pay roll for some time during the last run amounting to \$1,200 per week.

Good reports are coming into the factory from the travellers who are out with samples, and Fredericton now has the reputation of building a shoe the equal of any put up in Canada.

DEFAUDED WIVES OUT OF \$150,000

Chicago, April 23.—A despatch from Marshall says: "John Carter, alleged bigamist, who is said to have at least seventeen wives, was captured to-day. Carter is charged with defrauding his wives out of \$150,000. The specific charge on which he was arrested was that of defrauding Miss Lolo Dans, of Battle Creek out of \$25,000. Carter married her at that place. They went to New York and they wanted to buy a boarding house. He told his wife to go home and raise all the money she could on her property and forward him a draft. In a few weeks everything had been settled. He got the money it is said and disappeared. Carter is wanted in Cincinnati, Pittsburg, Grand Rapids, Norfolk, Sagway, and officers have been after him for three years. He is a graduate of the Pittsburg dental college, is forty years of age and procured his wives through a matrimonial bureau."

ANOTHER COTTON STRIKE.

Hamilton, April 23.—There is another strike on at the Imperial Cotton Company's mills, about 150 hands being out. The strikers want an increase of two cents an hour in wages.

MANY FIRES IN NEW YORK CITY

Four Italians Lost Their Lives in One of the Conflagrations.

PROPERTY LOSS OF \$200,000.

Two Fire Engines Were Wrecked While on Their Way to a Fire.

250 HORSES WERE CONSUMED.

Twelve Firemen Who Were Cut Off by Flames Badly Burned.

New York, April 23.—Four men burned to death, twelve firemen injured, some of them seriously, two engines overturned and wrecked by collision with street cars, several thrilling escapes from the burning building, and a property loss of \$200,000. That is the story of the fire department work for the seven hours following last night. Six fires in the upper east side, off Broadway, in the middle east sides, and a stable fire at Christopher and Barrow streets kept the firemen constantly at work. The dead are four Italians, whose bodies, burned beyond recognition, were found in the ruins of the stables in the block bounded by Christopher Barrow, West and Washington streets. Three alarms called out a great battery of fire apparatus, including two big fire boats, but it was only after the most desperate of fighting that the firemen saved the big adjoining tenements and the Palace and Knickerbocker hotels.

Two hundred and fifty horses were cut off by the flames and burned to death. The bodies of the four Italians were found an hour after the fire had been extinguished. The money loss in the stables fire is placed at \$100,000. Another fire started in the Madison laundry in east 73rd street, and swept up through the five storey building, the upper storey of which is occupied as a tenement. It was while on the way to this fire that the two fire engines were wrecked. The two drivers were injured, but it is believed neither of them fatally. The firemen had a hard time before the flames were subdued because of lack of water pressure.

It was in a huge building in Wooster street that most of the firemen were injured. Fire had been discovered on the top floor and the firemen had dragged their hose up the stairs to fight a stubborn blaze in the factory of the R. R. Frome Co. The full company had reached the scene when the back draught was opened and the flames swept over them and a dozen men were blown down a flight of stairs. Several of them were severely bruised and burned.

THE HONDURANS BROUGHT TO TIME

Puerto Cortes, April 23.—An amusing instance of armed resistance to American marines by Honduran revolutionists came to light yesterday in the official correspondence of the gunboat Marietta. Col. Louis Isaula, who is commander of the Lela, of Honduras, drew a revolver upon Ensign MacNair of the gunboat, when the latter was sent ashore to say that the marines would protect foreign property. Col. Isaula threatened to kill the ensign if he did not desist in his purpose of landing the marines. Captain Fullam, of the Marietta, sent a body of marines ashore to demand an apology from Isaula. These marines found the Colonel with eight men drawn up in skirmish line and were told that Col. Isaula demanded an apology of the Americans. When, however, the Americans advanced and said they intended to have an apology, Isaula backed down and wrote one. Among the acts for which an apology was asked was the cutting down of a British flag at Salado. Isaula's soldiers threatened the life of a Mr. Collins, a British subject, who had raised the flag for protection. Commanded Fullam informed the colonel that the American marines would not allow insults to be done the British flag.

PERSONAL.

Mr. Edgar H. Fairweather, of St. John, is a guest at the Queen Hotel to-day.

Turpentine will remove wheel grease pitch and tar stains.

Clean gift frames with a sponge moistened in turpentine.

To Injure the North West

Many of the Stories of Hardships Through Winter Sent Out by Southern Railroads in Attempt to Divert Travel.

Montreal, April 23.—The insinuation is made in connection with many stories of hardships sent out from the Canadian North West last winter that it was a part of a plan of campaign on the part of representatives of southern railways in the United States to divert travel and immigration from the North West not only of Canada but of the United States to the Southern States. Some startling and thrilling yarns were sent broadcast last winter of the freezing to death of settlers, or wild animals lurking on the outskirts of towns and villages, even of Winnipeg, and general horrors which might be conjured up incidental to a severe and stormy winter, with scarcity of coal as a side line.

Herbert Vandehoof, representative of the Western Canadian Immigration Association is here for the purpose of setting on foot a campaign to rectify the efforts which the spreading of such infamous stories might have on the North West.

NEW PRESIDENT TORONTO UNIV'Y

Toronto, April 23.—The Board of Governors of Toronto University are at last converging towards the appointment of a new president for the university. According to today's World one name stands out preeminently as the man who will probably be elected by the board if he will accept it. This man is Dr. R. A. Falconer, principal of the Presbyterian Theological College at Halifax. Dr. Falconer is in the opinion of men, qualified to judge, a very strong man for this position.

STOCK MARKET VERY QUIET

Montreal, April 23.—The stock market continued stagnant today. Apart from some fractional lots changing hands business was very light. Some blocks of Montreal Power changed hands first at 9 1/2, and later at 9 1/4. Dominion Coal recovered the recent lost ground, selling at 59. N. S. Steel sold at 71.

On Wall Street.

New York, April 23.—Narrow price changes resulted in the opening dealings in stocks and the movement was irregular. Business was on a small scale. Illinois Central sold at an advance of 1 3/8 and Peoples Gas and Common Oil large fractions. New York Central, American Smelting and National Lead declined large fractions. The market opened irregular.

FUNERALS.

Mrs. Thomas Murray. The funeral of the late Mrs. Thos. Murray, whose death was referred to in The Gleaner yesterday, will take place from her late residence on Needham street to-morrow morning at 8.45 o'clock. The services will be held at St. Dunstan's church at nine o'clock, when Father Carney will sing High Mass of Requiem.

The late Mrs. Murray was formerly Miss Bridget E. Donnelly, of Lake George, being a daughter of the late James Donnelly, of that place. Besides her husband, the deceased is survived by four daughters, Ethel, Sadie, Kathleen and Florence, and two sons, Lewis and Fred. Three brothers, one sister and a widowed mother also survive, the sister living at Enfield, N. S.

Sarah E. Fraser.

The death occurred last night at the residence of her parents at Victoria Mills of Sarah E. Fraser, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Fraser, after an illness of congestion of the lungs. The funeral will take place to-morrow afternoon.

Jean Isabelle Mitchell.

The funeral of Jean Isabelle Mitchell, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Mitchell, will take place from their residence at Lincoln to-morrow afternoon at 2.30 o'clock. Funeral services will be conducted by Rev. Mr. Boyer, of Gibson.

Tennis Club Annual.

The annual meeting of the Fredericton Tennis Club will be held this evening at the office of Mr. T. Carleton Allen, clerk of the pleas. At this meeting the plans for the season will be formulated. The club's lease on the property which they occupy for courts on Lansdowne street expires this year, and at the meeting this evening arrangements will either have to be made for purchasing the property or else acquiring a new lease. The property is owned by Miss Mary Quinn. It is expected that tennis will continue to prove popular in this city. The annual tournament of the New Brunswick Tennis Association will take place this year at Sackville and Fredericton will be represented.

Dr. A. J. Murray, of Fredericton Junction, registered at the Barker House this morning. Mr. R. M. Belyea, of Montreal, is at the Queen.

TOULON ARSENAL IS IN FLAMES

Toulon, April 23.—The fire which broke out at the arsenal here shortly after midnight continues as this despatch is forwarded, and has assumed alarming proportions. Private residences in the vicinity of the arsenal are threatened, immense quantities of stores have been burned, and damage amounting to many millions of francs has been done. The wall of a storehouse fell in, burying twenty men, ten of whom were severely injured. Two or three are believed to have been killed.

Large bodies of soldiers and sailors were adding in fighting the flames throughout the night, but all the efforts to control the fire have been without success up to the present. The building in which the commission of inquiry appointed to investigate the explosion on board the battleship Iena had been holding its sessions, is in flames, and it is said that most of the documents relating to the investigation have been destroyed.

AN ALDERMAN IN BAD ODOR

St. Catharines, Ont., April 23.—The City Council met last evening and recommended that the report of the County Judge on the charges against Ald. Landis C. Bradt be received. The report found him guilty of gross misconduct in relation to his duties and obligations as a member of the council. The aldermen should, in justice to the ratepayers and out of respect for the good name and dignity of the council resign his seat. Ald. Bradt made a remarkable reply in which he characterized the whole enquiry as a fruitless endeavor to drive him from the council, as he was not wanted particularly by his fellow members of the Board of Works, who found him in the way of their ideas. "Bring me a petition signed by the men who elected me and I will resign, but for men like Mayor Riddell and Ald. Campbell never, I'll be thrown out by the neck first."

WEST AFRAID OF A TIE UP

Calgary, April 23.—P. Burns & Co., and other Calgary stock dealers are rushing grain loads of stock to British Columbia and coast points in anticipation of a tie-up on the C. P. R. Wholesalers and manufacturers are also shipping as fast as possible for the same reason.

JAPS REFUSED ADMISSION TO U. S.

Vancouver, B. C., April 23.—Three hundred Japanese laborers from Honolulu, the admission of whom to the United States at San Francisco had been refused, arrived here yesterday afternoon on the steamer Monterey. They have Japanese passports.

THE FIGHTING GAME.

Chicago, Ill., April 23.—Boxing is to be resumed in Chicago again under certain restrictions after being under the ban for two years. Announcement was made last night by the Chicago Athletic Association that the wrestling bouts scheduled for April 27 had been supplemented by boxing bouts. The contest at the Chicago Athletic Club today and tonight will be without decision, as will all future contests in Chicago.