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## MONCTON RESIDENCE BURNED; OWNER'S NARROW ESCAPE

Home of A. E. Peters Was Gutted This Morning at a Loss of \$8,000—Charles Govang Had Jaw Broken

MONCTON, N. B., March 15.—The interior of A. E. Peters home, one of the finest residences in this city, was badly gutted by fire early this morning, the damage amounting to seven or eight thousand dollars, which is covered by insurance. In attempting to rescue some effects during the fire, Mr. Peters, who is one of the managers of the Record Foundry and Machine Co., had a narrow escape from suffocation, being almost overcome by smoke in one of the rooms, and was barely able to make his escape. The fire started about five o'clock, the woodwork igniting from a blaze in an open fire place in the room of Miss Mary Peters, who was awakened by the smoke. The fire worked its way into the walls which had to be chopped out by the firemen and a large quantity of valuable furnishings and effects badly damaged in several rooms. The house was deluged with water, which caused a heavy loss. During the fire Chief Ackema had his eye badly burned by falling plaster. There was ten thousand insurance on the house and three thousand on the furniture. The house was of brown stone and brick, and a very handsome residence. Chas. Govang, of Legere's Corner, a young man, had the misfortune on Wednesday morning to have his jaw broken while binding a load of hay. The windmill at the rear of the hay rack was fitted with a wooden and iron bar. When the rope had been pulled up tight, the wooden bar broke, and the iron bar struck Govang on the jaw, causing a bad fracture and knocking out several teeth.

## SAYS THAW WAS SANE WHEN HE KILLED SANDFORD WHITE

NEW YORK, March 15.—The cross-examination of Dr. Austin Flint, the alienist, will be the first thing taken up in the Thaw case this morning. When Mr. Jerome finished his direct examination yesterday by asking one question, which it took an hour and 15 minutes to read, Mr. Delmas announced that he was not ready to begin his cross-examination and asked that court be adjourned until this morning to give him an opportunity to study the question. This request the court granted and this morning the cross-examination will be begun. When it is finished, District Attorney Jerome will call to the stand five other alienists. All have been sworn and all have heard the hypothetical question read. Mr. Jerome will qualify them all as experts and will ask but two questions, one based on hypothetical question, asked of Mr. Delmas' experts, and the other on his own hypothetical question. The cross-examination of these experts will probably be brief.

Abraham Hummel will be recalled by Mr. Jerome in another attempt to get the famous affidavit before the jury. It is probable that considerable time will again be taken up in argument on the admissibility of his testimony. Practically all of yesterday morning's session was taken up in discussion whether this evidence should be admitted and Mr. Jerome succeeded in eliciting one answer from him. There is a strong probability that Mrs. Evelyn Thaw will be called to again tell the story of the affidavit which contained sensational charges against Thaw. The defense also threatens to call Mr. Jerome to the witness stand as a witness in an attempt to impeach Hummel's credibility.

NEW YORK, March 15.—District Attorney Jerome has consented to Mr. Delmas' request that he defer the cross-examination of Dr. Austin Flint, who yesterday said he believed that Thaw was sane when he killed White.

Dr. Hirsch is connected with the Cornell Medical School in the city. Mr. Delmas offered no objection to Dr. Hirsch stating his opinion on the hypothetical questions read yesterday without their being re-read.

"Was the person described in the defense question suffering from such mental derangement that he did not know the nature or quality of his act or that the act was wrong?" asked the prosecutor.

"He certainly was not."

Dr. Hirsch gave the same answer to the hypothetical question given by the district attorney.

"Now what is a brain storm?"

"There is no such thing as a brain storm moving with such a state of excitement as that which was described by the defense."

Dr. Hirsch was excused without cross-examination and Dr. Pritchard recalled.

Dr. Pritchard declared Thaw was sane when he killed Sanford White.

## DR. A. A. STOCKTON, M. P. FOR ST. JOHN, DIED IN OTTAWA THIS MORNING.

Pleurisy, Following Serious illness, Resulted Fatally—His Long Career as a Professional Man and a Politician

OTTAWA, Ont., March 15.—The death of Dr. A. A. Stockton, M. P. for St. John, occurred early this morning. He died in Water Street Hospital, where he has been for some time.

Dr. Stockton succumbed to that weakness which has troubled him for years and which once before threatened his life. At that time he underwent a dangerous operation. It was thought in February that an operation would have to be resorted to and a surgeon was summoned from Boston. When he arrived Dr. Stockton had so much improved that the operation was not performed. From that time on until a few days ago he continued to improve, then pleurisy set in and there was a fatal termination this morning.

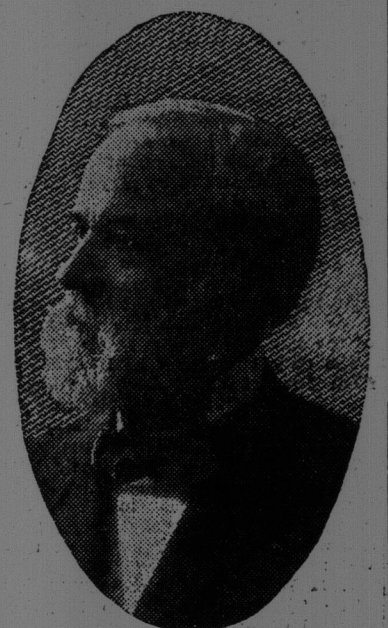
The death of Dr. Stockton following close on that of Hon. A. G. Blair removes another important figure from the political arena of this province. It falls to the lot of few men in political life to make so many warm friends and at the same time enjoy the distinction of having so many active and energetic opponents as did the late Dr. Stockton. At the outset of his political career there was a period of tranquility which was undisturbed for six years. He first entered the House of

In the newly founded Paritown (St. John), his wife being Hannah Lester. The ceremony took place on April 4, 1884, and was performed by Hon. Geo. Leonard.

After attending the parish school near his home Dr. Stockton went to Mt. Allison University, from which he graduated in 1888 with the degree of B. A. Three years later he was awarded the degree of M. A. and subsequently D.C.L. After leaving Mt. Allison he attended Coburg University and graduated as B.C.L. in 1893. Meanwhile he had been entered as a student at law with his uncle, C. W. Stockton, and had been admitted to the bar. Few men in these parts have had their abilities more generously recognized than the late representative of St. John, who was not only a D.C.L. of his alma mater but had received a similar honor from King's College, Windsor, N. S., had been awarded the degree of Ph.D. by the Illinois Wesleyan University and LL.D. by Victoria University.

In addition to making for himself the reputation of a leader at the bar, Dr. Stockton found time to do considerable literary work, much of it above the average. He also did excellent service for the legal profession in editing Berton's reports of the Supreme Court of New Brunswick. In 1888 he published an excellent work on the Monroe Doctrine, which attracted much attention, and for some time past he has been editing a work on the early judges of New Brunswick, which is appearing in serial form in Acadia. He was also keenly interested in all educational interests, and for many years was one of the regents of Mount Allison and for a time lecturer in the St. John Law School, and a director of the Mechanics' Institute when the water course in connection with one of the institutions of the city. He was deeply interested in the work of the Historical Society, and occupied the position of its president. For a time he was prominently identified with the temperance movement and a frequent speaker on that subject. The only public positions held by Dr. Stockton other than those of a representative character were registrar in vice admiralty and one of the commissioners to report on the law and practice and constitution of the courts in New Brunswick. In his younger days Dr. Stockton was attached to local militia retreating with the rank of captain. He was also a past master in the Masonic fraternity.

He was married September 5, 1871, to Amelia E. daughter of Rev. Humphrey Pickard, D. D., of Sackville, one of the most prominent educationists of the Maritime Provinces. Seven children survive. Elsie, the oldest, has been with her father since his illness became serious. Evelyn is attached to the Hannemann Hospital in New York. Veda, Sylvia and Carolyn are at home. Goldwin P., the eldest son, is with the firm of C. E. Hyman & Co., of London, Ont., and Ronald P., is a third year arts student at Toronto University. Mrs. Stockton left last night for Toronto when it was learned that her husband's illness was further complicated by an attack of pleurisy, but death had taken place before she could get to her destination.



THE LATE DR. STOCKTON.

## OPPOSE ASSESSMENT BILL TAXING CHURCH PROPERTY

FREDERICTON, N. B., March 15.—The municipalities committee at their meeting today took up the consideration of the Fredericton assessment bill.

Father Carney said he appeared on behalf of the 1500 Catholics of Fredericton to oppose the clause in the bill which taxed church property. The same clause affected almost every other religious denomination. His church distributed annually in charities amongst the poor of the city about \$10,000 and any taxes that were put on their property would deprive them to the extent of these taxes of their power to assist the poor and would indirectly cost the city more in poor relief. In other respects the Catholic community had nothing to say against the bill.

Dr. Henry said he appeared on behalf of the parishioners of Christ Church, and he quoted figures to show the amount of income of their church property. He claimed that the rents received by the church were by no means exorbitant, but on the contrary as compared with the rents exacted by private owners, was very reasonable. All their rents were fixed on the basis that there was no taxes to be paid in respect of property. It taxes as proposed were levied upon their

property it would lessen their income by \$300 a year and against this they had no redress. He asked for no favor, but he thought that such a state of things would be scarcely fair.

Rev. Mr. Cowie followed on the same lines. He would like to suggest that no taxes should be levied on church property till the present leases expired when they would be able to make new terms with the tenants, taking the taxes into account.

Mr. E. R. Machum representing the insurance interests next addressed the committee in opposition to clause 9. He urged that any taxes would have to come out of the pockets of policy holders and what the city would earn in one way would be lost in another.

The bill was under discussion on adjournment at noon.

The public accounts held a short session this morning. The opposition members criticized the expenditures of the executive government, the cost of telegrams, etc.

The immigration and game expenditures also came in for discussion.

The premier is confined to his room this morning with a heavy cold. His illness is not serious and a couple of days' rest it is expected is all that is needed.

## EMPRESS WENT SOUTH TO AVOID THE ICE

The Empress of Ireland is expected to arrive here at 3 o'clock this afternoon. When last heard from she was 150 miles off.

The Empress arrived in Halifax shortly after midnight and docked at deepwater terminus, where she landed a number of cabin passengers and 140 mail passengers. The liner had 145 cabin, 471 second cabin and 732 steerage passengers. The liner had an ordinary winter passage and would have made a fast trip had she not been forced to go away south of Sable Island to avoid ice. She made the run in six days one hour and nine minutes. The Oriental mails will be landed at St. John.

## GRANTED A PENSION TO MISS MAXWELL'S MOTHER

MONTRÉAL, Q., March 15.—The Quebec legislature prorogued yesterday. Among the bills passed at the last moment was one introduced by Premier Coulin, which granted an annual pension of \$300 to Mrs. Maxwell, mother of Miss Maxwell, principal of the Hochelaga School.

## THE BOATS ARE STILL FAST IN THE ICE

PICOTU, N. S., March 15.—There is no change in the position of the Minto or Stanley. The eighteen passengers who left the Minto on Wednesday for the Prince Edward shore, did not succeed in getting there on account of meeting running ice. They returned to the Minto the same day. Seventeen of them called to Picot Thursday.

## THE DISASTER ON THE FRENCH WARSHIP

TOULON, March 14.—The thorough search of the interior of the battleship Iena was completed this afternoon when the men engaged in this work penetrated to the engine room where a large number of bodies were found.

The faces were burned beyond recognition. It is believed that all the bodies have been recovered. At the hospitals the shattered remains of the dead are being examined and then put away in coffins.

The authorities have decided that it will be necessary again to flood the drydock and to explode under water the contents of the central and forward magazines. The explosives there still constitute a grave danger.

Elaborate preparations are being made for the funeral of the dead in the disaster, which is to be held next Saturday in the square of the dockyard. President Fallières, Premier Clemenceau and many prominent government officials and diplomats will attend. The unidentified dead are to be buried in a common grave given by the city, over which a commemorative monument will be erected. The identified dead will be sent for burial to their native towns at the expense of the state.

## FIRES IN PITTSBURG AND NO WATER TO EXTINGUISH THEM

PITTSBURG, March 15.—The crest of the flood, which sixteen feet was recorded at the Market's wharf. The authenticity of this stage, however, is not known, as the gauge was buried under water last night long before midnight. At eight o'clock the weather bureau announced that the rivers had begun to fall, although inundated districts of both Allegheny and Pittsburgh show no perceptible change of conditions. The fears for the bridges at 16th and 9th streets, where the Associated Press were driven from their posts early today were dispelled about eight o'clock.

PITTSBURG, Pa., March 15.—Fires today destroyed the plant of the American Sheet and Tinplate Company in South 14th street and slightly damaged the bolt works of the Oliver Iron and Steel Works adjoining. Loss to the tinplate firm was about \$25,000 and the Oliver Company \$1,000.

The fire originated from a car of lime which was set on fire by the high water.

A second fire broke out on Mount Washington about the same time and at 10 o'clock eleven business houses and dwellings had been destroyed. The fire had assumed such threatening proportions that it was decided to use dynamite to destroy adjoining buildings to prevent more valuable property being burned. No water is available to fight the fire.

A standstill. The water works is out of commission and the reservoir supply is low. The electric light plant is flooded. Cleveland and Pittsburgh Railway trains have been annulled.

WHEELVILLE, Ohio, March 15.—Twenty-three streets here are under water. About 300 houses are flooded. The water is so high that it is impossible to reach the town from the west.

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## THE DEATH ROLL

CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I., March 14.—Jos. Fairchild, aged 77, of Georgetown, one of the veteran ship builders and ship owners of the province, died today.

Mrs. Prowse, widow of the late Senator Prowse, and mother of Samuel Prowse, W. H. Prowse, of Winnipeg, and A. P. Prowse, M. P., died at her home at Murray Harbor today.

## TO REDUCE THE SPEED OF PASSENGER TRAINS

Western Traffic Managers in Conference—Safety the Principal Object

CHICAGO, March 15.—Passenger traffic managers of all western lines met yesterday to discuss plans to reduce the speed of passenger trains. Their conclusions will be presented to the officers of the operating departments.

It is probable that some of the accommodation trains which have been operated at a loss will be discontinued. The operating officials are a unit in the contention that the move is not so much an economic measure as one of safety.

A fine of 20 per cent. of the mail returns is imposed by the government for a delay of thirty minutes or more. In July, 1906, some of the roads operating fast mail trains, were forced several thousand dollars for fines imposed. It is believed that the lengthening of the schedules will enable the roads to escape fines.

Another reason for the discontinuance of fast mail trains is a new order by the postmaster general. The postmaster has ordered the carrying of the mails on seven days instead of six. This, the railroads claim, is a hardship, as the government does not recognize service performed on Sunday, and while the mails might be reckoned on a basis of seven days, the pay would be on a basis of six working days.

## THIS EVENING.

Kelth's vaudeville at Kelth's. Myrtle-Harder Co. at Opera House. Marysville vs. Marathons in championship match in Marathon Rink. Ladies' night at the Queen's Roll-away.