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MINISTER OF RAILWAYS MEETS LARGE NUMBER OF CITIZENS AND DISCUSSES HARBOR IMPROVEMENTS

Dredges Now Available to Be Set to Work at Once on 600 Foot Berth, and Government Will Be Asked to Provide Other Machines to Work at Rodney Slip and Deepening of Channel--Commission Will Be Appointed to Consider Future Development.

At a large and representative meeting of the board of trade and common council, held in the board of trade rooms this morning to meet Hon. Mr. Emmerson, minister of railways and discuss the needs of St. John for harbor improvement, a resolution was adopted approving of the plan to set at once the dredges now available here at work on the 600-foot extension and requesting the government to provide a powerful dredge to carry on the work at South Rodney slip and to deepen the channel at the harbor entrance.

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HALF FROZEN THEY CLUNG TO WRECK A NIGHT LONG

When This Morning Dawned a Handful of Survivors Were Still Clinging to the Battered Remnant of Wrecked Steamer Berlin --- Efforts to Save Them During the Night Were Futile.

HOOK OF HOLLAND, Feb. 22--When day broke this morning a handful of survivors of the Great Eastern Railway Company's steamer Berlin, from Harwich, England, to Rotterdam, which was wrecked on the Hook of Holland, could still be seen clinging to the after part of the steamer. The efforts made to rescue the survivors yesterday were continued last night and today but up to the time of this dispatch none of them had been taken off.

CHAMPLAIN MONUMENT

Government Plans to Get Imperial Loan of \$5,000,000 To Help Rebuild.

KINGSTON, Jan. 20--A careful estimate by the leading merchants places the loss on buildings in Kingston (exclusive of church and government property by the earthquake and fire at \$8,000,000; the loss in church property at \$300,000, and government property (public buildings) at \$250,000.

PROBATE COURT

The will of the late George A. Anderson, of Musquash, was today admitted to probate by the probate court.

AN UNIQUE CLUB FOR "SKIDDOW" GOLF PLAYERS

THE DOWN AND OUT CLUB OF PINEHURST AND AMERICA. Its bridge and liberally sprinkled with golf balls; just beyond and at the left of the sand pit, with more balls; half way up the steep hill the ditch, with more balls; and just beyond the putting green, with two balls lying near the tiny flag, and, surrounding the whole, the scrub oak growth which is a characteristic feature of the course and the dress of the golfer who cannot play long and straight.

THE TIMES NEW REPORTER

A GRAVE OMISSION. The fact that the forestry branch of the St. John department of public works was not represented at the convention in Fredericton has aroused considerable comment.

MAGISTRATE RITCHIE AGAIN FLAYS SO CALLED "CHRISTIAN FAMILIES" OF THE LOWER COVE

The case against Mrs. Mary Burns for illegal liquor selling was again taken up in the police court this morning, and although the defendant was discharged for lack of evidence, some of the "Christian families" of Lower Cove were severely flayed by Judge Ritchie, who again told of complaints that he had received from clergymen and others residing in that section of the city.

THE MINISTER MAKES A SUGGESTION TO ST. JOHN

"I have this suggestion to make to the citizens of St. John. Let St. John itself put in concrete form what they want for the future development of the port. I will present it to the government."

CHARLES MCGEEHAN DROWNED OFF A SCOW NEAR THE LONG WHARF

He Was a Longshoreman and is Survived by Wife and Baby a Week Old --- Accident Took Place While McGeehan Was Working About Four O'clock This Morning.

COMING TO THE ST. JOHN SUN

John P. Patterson, of the Toronto Mail and Empire, Has Been Appointed Manager of The Sun.

OBITUARY

Constantine Thomas Gibson received word yesterday of the death of John McGorry, in Cambridge, Mass. He was a native of this city. Mr. McGorry was about 55 years of age, and up to three years ago conducted a grocery store at the corner of Adelaide and Main streets.

FRED PALMER

MONCTON, N. B., Feb. 22--(Special)--Conductor Fred Palmer, after a tedious illness, lasting for a year or more, passed away at 11:30 o'clock this morning at his home, Bonaventure street, during his condition improved times yet he did not sufficiently recover to work for the past year.

MAJOR SEARS REPLIES TO MINISTER'S SPEECH

The mayor said the minister had put the matter before them in a very happy shape and he was sure he would do all he could to assist St. John. Of course the city, as a city, could not expect to borrow money from the government, but if a commission were appointed, as the minister suggested, this could no doubt be done.

APPOINT COMMITTEE ON A HARBOR SCHEME

T. H. Somerville moved that the principle of the minister's second suggestion be approved and that a nominating committee be appointed to get three men to serve on the committee with the deputy minister of railways.

A FINE CHOIR

German street Baptist church bids fair to have one of the finest choirs in the city. The choir has been under the direction of Geo. Cooper for some time past, and numbers amongst its members several of the city's finest soloists.