

**News Summary.**

Rear Admiral Wm. T. Sampson, retired, died at Washington Tuesday.

Mackenzie and Mann will begin construction work on the Halifax and Yarmouth railway almost immediately.

J. Boyd McNeill, of Weymouth, has been appointed registrar of deeds for Digby county.

William McAleer, of Bedeque road, P. E. I., while building a load of hay fell, breaking his neck.

A Hartland despatch says there was a severe thunder storm there Friday with sharp lightning and hail. No damage is reported.

At Princeton Theological Seminary the Scribner prize for seniors in the New Testament exegesis was awarded to a Japanese.

Rev. W. W. Weeks, formerly of Moncton, now of Toronto, received the degree of D. D. from McMaster University, Toronto, on Wednesday.

Shortly prior to his death Archbishop Corrigan sent the Pope a check for \$50,000 as a personal gift in connection with the Pontiff's jubilee.

Baroness Burdett-Connors, now eighty-eight years old, intends to look at the procession out of the same windows from which she looked on Queen Victoria's sixty-four years ago.

Hon. L. P. Farris, accompanied by Ora P. King, left Montreal Tuesday for New Brunswick with seven stock stallions, which they have purchased for the provincial government. The average cost of the stock was \$500 a head.

In the House of Representatives at Washington the bill for the admission of Oklahoma, Arizona and New Mexico was passed without division as it came from the committee except for a few verbal amendments.

The premiers of Ontario, Quebec and Prince Edward Island have replied to the invitation of Hon. James Sutherland to meet at Ottawa on May 20th and discuss the control of the provincial fisheries.

The residence of John Fraser, a prominent farmer of Covered Bridge, on the Nashwaak, was totally destroyed by fire Friday morning, with all its contents. The members of the family had barely time to escape in their night clothes.

At Fredericton William Brown, a young Englishman employed at G. G. Scovill's portable saw mill at Little River, Sunbury, was caught in the hand-up chain on the mill and flesh torn off one of his legs below the knee and the foot wrenched completely off.

Arthur Sweatman, son of Bishop Sweatman, of Toronto, was killed by a fast Grand Trunk train Monday. He was seen to walk out from the entrance of High Park and deliberately throw himself in front of the quickly moving train. A note was found pinned to Sweatman's clothing avowing his intention to commit suicide.

The London Daily Chronicle says that sailors from the United States cruiser Chicago have indulged in disorderly behavior in a cafe at Trieste. Four of the Chicago's men were arrested. The Chicago left Venice May 2nd for Trieste. The London Daily Express reports that one man was wounded as a result of the disorderly conduct at Trieste of the four sailors from the cruiser Chicago.

John M. Swan, of the Swan Company, of Tweedside, York county, had his right leg cut off near the body while at work in the company's saw mill Tuesday afternoon. His injuries proved fatal. George Swan, the son, was walking over a board laid across the beams of the building, when the board broke and he was precipitated eight or nine feet to the floor. Part of the broken board was driven into his thigh, inflicting an ugly wound.

Cruiser Curlew, Capt. J. H. Pratt, arrived in St. Andrews Friday with three captured vessels, the first fruits of the dynamite prohibition law. Two of the vessels hail from the United States, being the schooners Satellite and Nellie Gaskill. They were under charter to Melvin and Pearl Morse, of Whithead Grand Manan. The other was the sloop Zelma, of Whithead, Capt. Henry Franklin. They all had dynamite on board.

The Berlin correspondent of the London Post sends the text of orders which have been issued to the Russian troops forbidding them to parley with mobs when the military is called during disturbances, and saying that aimless shooting over the heads of rioters must be avoided. Weapons must be used conscientiously and zealously in accordance with orders. The orders were remarkable as confirming the reports that the soldiers are disinclined to act against the insurgents.

The Ariadne, the new flagship on the North Atlantic station, will not come to Halifax until after the coronation review in England.

A cable from the imperial war office announces that the rates of pay for the officers with the fourth contingent are to be the same as those paid to the Imperial Yeomanry.

The old I. C. R. station building, Moncton, took fire Friday afternoon and the upper part was badly gutted. It has been used during the past two or three years for offices and store house, but was of little value.

The London newspapers are circulating rumors to the effect that Lord Strathcona and Mount Royal will probably resign the high commissionership after the coronation and that his successor is likely to be the Hon. Israel Tarte.

Sheriff J. A. McQueen on Friday levied an execution at the instance of Barton E. Kingman, of New York, upon the Mineral Products Company, Moncton, for the sum of \$187,875.41. Hon. L. J. Tweedie is the Plaintiff's attorney.

The Manufacturers' Association have decided to invite the premiers of Australia, New Zealand and Canada, and also the members of the British cabinet, to attend the annual meeting of the association, to be held in Halifax next August.

It is said the British government instructed the law officers of the crown to examine the agreements and documents connected with the shipping combine. The government will give a day for the debate on the subject in parliament.

Mr. J. Sails, formally of Bath, working at Parkhurst siding as a farm hand, recently received a remittance of money, the first instalment of a fortune left him by his uncle, George Sails, of Sheffield, England. Mr. Sails will leave for England the coming June to look after his inheritance.

At Halifax Tuesday three thousand people assembled in the armories to witness the presentation of the distinguished service order to Mayor H. B. Stairs, of Halifax, who was in South Africa with the first Canadian contingent. The presentation was made by Lieut. Governor Jones.

Governor Jefferson Davis, of Little Rock, Ark., pardoned a negro on condition that he go to Massachusetts within 30 days with the intention of becoming a citizen of that state. The negro was convicted of assault with intent to kill and sentenced to three years in the penitentiary.

The people of Attleboro, Mass., have effectually met the beef trust. They simply resolved to abstain from purchasing meat, and the result is that whoever wants it can get what he wants at the markets in that town at figures no higher than have prevailed in the past and lower than in any other place in the region.

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