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## WHAT ST. JOHN TUG HIRE COSTS THE GOVERNMENT

### Pugsley and Brodeur Tell of Contracts with John E. Moore

#### The Lord Kitchener Got \$125 a Day Last Year But This Season the Owner Lets it For \$85 Per Diem, the Marine Department Finding Everything but Captain and Engineer--Hon. Mr. Fisher Tells How the Public Are Fooled in Canned Goods--Other News of the House.

(Special to The Telegraph.)  
Ottawa, April 27--In reply to a question by Mr. Foster, Mr. Pugsley said the tug Lord Kitchener and Lord Roberts were employed in April 1902 to tow the dredge New Dominion from St. John to St. Andrews, and \$150 was paid for the joint service. The Lord Kitchener has since been employed at \$125 a day towing the scow of the dredge W. S. Fielding, from Lunenburg to St. John, and reached its destination on April 24. The owner is John E. Moore.

Hon. Mr. Brodeur said the marine department employed the Lord Kitchener on the day of the late earthquake and buoy service. The first charter was \$125 a day, all found. The present charter was for \$85 a day, the owner furnishing the tug, the captain and first engineer and the department providing the remainder of the crew, the fuel and stores. In 1902-03, \$21,762 was paid for the boat, 1907-08, \$14,653.

Mr. Foster was also told by Mr. Pugsley that the dredge Fielding arrived at St. John, it had done twenty-five days work and the superintendent reported the Fielding had removed a shoal patch 300 feet in length inside the bell buoy from fifteen feet to a depth of 21 feet low water. Then commenced 700 feet outside the bell buoy west of the centre line of the channel at 30 feet low water, and laid moorings and worked in about 100 feet, and is now continuing inward.

### The Scootown Wharf.

Mr. Wilnot was told by Dr. Pugsley that an application had been made for the construction of a wharf at Scootown, Kings county (N. B.). The department had surveyed the site and prepared specifications for a wharf 470 feet long, 7 feet deep and at an estimated cost of \$4,500.

Mr. Lemieux told Mr. Armstrong the widow of W. H. Eldridge, of Sand Cove, was carrying out her husband's last wish by carrying the mail between Digby and Westport. He had offered to renew the contract with her.

The minister of railways informed Mr. Standfield the condition of the Truro station was receiving the consideration of the department. Large expenditures have to be made on the freight yard at Truro immediately.

In answer to Mr. Blain, Mr. Pugsley said the contract for the new custom house was let to Mr. Kiffe for \$250,000, this being the lowest tender. The work was to be completed September 15, 1904. Minor extras to the amount of \$228 were paid on the main contract on which the amount of \$3,072 is still held. The work has been completed to the satisfaction of the contractor and has \$200 remaining. As it was necessary to pay this off before the W. J. Rusch, architect, was the in- and has been paid \$4,130.

## KING'S DAUGHTERS IN ANNUAL SESSION

### But \$500 of Mortgage Now Remains; Encouraging Reports.

Tuesday, April 28  
The annual meeting of the King's Daughters was held last evening in the guild rooms, Prince William street, and was attended by many. The reports received were encouraging and told of good work well done. The executive elected was as follows--Mrs. R. A. Jamieson, Mrs. C. P. Sanford, Mrs. J. H. Ogilvie, Mrs. J. H. Wood, Mrs. S. Ellis, Mrs. J. Foster, Mrs. Puddington, Mrs. J. Bullock, Mrs. A. C. Crockett, Mrs. J. S. Flagg, Mrs. H. Bond, Mrs. G. W. Campbell, Miss E. Barlow, Miss A. Robb, Miss M. McCormick, Miss Barker and Miss Armstrong. The officers will be selected at a meeting of the executive next week.

Mrs. R. A. Jamieson was in the chair and opened the meeting with a cheering address. Then followed reports from the branches of the order. Miss E. Barlow submitted the recording secretary's report. The sum of \$1,000 had been paid on the mortgage and has \$200 remaining. As it was necessary to pay this off before the house, a special effort is to be made. Reference was made to the death of Miss Adam, Miss Robb and Mrs. Quinton. Mrs. J. H. Wood presented the treasurer's report. The sum of \$3,000 had been expended by the city union project and was finished with a small balance on the right side of the ledger. The house committee's report showed there were thirteen permanent board and eighty-four transients accommodated during the year. An effort was to provide good board at reasonable

whereas the statements of Major Hodgins were set out in the British Columbia papers at great length and in great detail, so much so that the observations of Mr. Parent as to the vague and indefinite character of the charges do not seem to be shared by the people of the west. He suggested that the words be added "as set forth in the statements purporting to come from Major Hodgins in the public press."

The prime minister did not know that there was any justification for the enlarged motion. If there was anything more it could be made the subject of future consideration.

Mr. Borden pressed the point that the resolution newly covered the charges outlined in the newspaper clippings attached to the memorandum, and Sir Wilfrid agreed to lay the resolution over till tomorrow. He said the intention was to deal with all the charges of Major Hodgins.

### Tenders for Dredging Now.

Answering Mr. Bennett the minister of public works said authority had been given to advertise for tenders for dredging Millard, Tiffin and other harbours.

On the third reading of Mr. Fisher's bill to amend the meat and canned food act, Mr. Marshall (Elgin), objected to an amendment inserted at the request of Mr. MacPherson, permitting the first purchaser of canned goods to put his private brand upon the can. Mr. Marshall said the canner had a reputation to maintain and was always anxious to improve his goods.

Mr. Blain, in moving the bill back to the committee to further consider this feature, pointed out that under the amendment the canner who was responsible for the quality of the goods would have no protection. A wholesaler might purchase goods from six different canners and put the same label on all, thus there would be no guarantee to the purchaser.

How the Public Are Fooled.  
Mr. Fisher thought Mr. Marshall had given his own case away when he said the canners bought the goods of other canners and put their own labels on them. Could not the wholesalers do this? There Blackwell had been cited by Mr. Marshall as an example of the value of his label to a canner. This firm bought Canadian salmon and other products in canned form and shipped them all over the world as their own goods.

Mr. Blain pointed out to Mr. Fisher's position last year in regard to the fruit market. The minister wanted to put the responsibility on the packer, now he proposes to allow the packer of canned goods to too much tinkering with this legislation.

Mr. Alcorn moved that the amendment include only fish and fish products. The discussion was continued during the first hour after the dinner session when Dr. Reid moved that the committee rise. This was defeated by 26 to 44. It was a straight party vote except that Dr. Sproule voted with the government.

Mr. Bergeron raised a breeze by asking "what about the 50,000 cans of tainted fish in Montreal?" The minister said he did not know anything about the details.

Dr. Reid observed that this was a remarkable confession. "Don't you think," he asked, "that you ought to know something about the case?"

rates to girls with small salaries, and to do this it was necessary to hold teas and sales to defray the heavier items of expenditure.

Mrs. G. A. Henderson reported for the hospital committee. Forty visits had been made and the members themselves had derived much help from the work.

## DISPUTED CHIENTAO TERRITORY AND RUSSIAN PORT IT DOMINATES



SHANGHAI, April 25--The arrival of six Japanese armor clad warships at Amoy has caused great excitement in the Fukien and Kwangtung provinces as well as in Pekin.

There is varied speculation as to the object of such a formidable display, as it happens just as the negotiations relative to the Chientao boundary dispute are reopened. The Korean population of the latter place presented a monster joint petition to the Chinese resident official, asking for Chinese protection.

Meanwhile, Colonel Sato, the Japanese military commander at Chientao, has arrived in Pekin, with the object of strengthening Baron Hayashi, the Japanese Minister, in his negotiations with King Chao Yin, the Governor of Fukien Province, in pushing the claims of the Japanese military party, who regard Chientao as of vital importance, commanding and menacing Kirin, Vladivostok and Harbin equally.

Japanese reservists, in the guise of settlers, peddlers and farmers, are pouring into the territory in increasing numbers. The British Court has confiscated the steamship Maori King on the ground of false registration under the British flag. The owner of the vessel was accused of having allowed her to be used for the kidnapping of a strip of land isolated from China and Korea by mountains and rivers. It lies, roughly, between the Tumen River and its northern affluent, is 275 miles long and from twenty to seventy-five miles wide, and contains silver mines. The district has been called Chientao and Hsiao-sao Island by the Japanese.

The controversy was originally complicated by the fact that the word "Tumen" is represented by two signs of Chinese characters, consequently the characters have been held to apply to two different rivers. The early history of the Chientao boundary dispute between China and Korea shows that the former took the ground that the two sets of characters, each representing Tumen, practically phonetically about the same sound and that they refer to the Tumen River of the historic maps showing the Chientao district with the Tumen River. The Tumen River was declared to be the boundary in the treaty of 1712 between China and Korea.

The vital feature of the controversy at present lies in the fact that China is seeking to extend the Imperial railroads of North China to Fokien, which is a city fifty miles north of Hsin-min-tsu, the present northern terminal of the imperial railroads, and which is outside the sphere of Japanese influence. To reach Fokien the railway extension would pass through Chientao, or Hsiao-tao "island." So the secret of Japan's attitude is partly evident.

The Chinese railway extension would also be in competition with the Japanese railway interest, though the Chinese project is not in conflict with that part of the treaty of Portsmouth which prevents a paralleling of the southern half of the South Manchurian Railroad between Dainy and Kuangshanching. But the Japanese have "forbidden" the construction of the proposed Chinese extension, which would be separated from the Japanese railroad by the Liao River.

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## SCOTT ACT AND LICENSE CHAMPIONS MAY MEET

### Ontario Experts on Both Sides of the Question Speak at Fredericton

#### Red Hot Campaign Promised for the Next Two Days and Joint Debate May Wind Up the Oratory--Petition Against Automobiles from Kingsclear--Death of Fred LaForest--Other Events of the Capital.

(Special to The Telegraph.)  
Fredericton, April 27--Joseph Gibson of Ingersoll (Ont.) addressed a large meeting at the opera house this evening in the interests of the Scott Act. He is a veteran worker in the temperance cause and seemed to make a very marked impression on the audience. He denounced the liquor license system and made a strong appeal to the electors to sustain the Scott Act.

In the course of his remarks he stated that the reason the Scott Act was rejected in Ontario counties was on account of the McCarthy act, which set forth that the dominion authorities must provide machinery for enforcing the law on account of it being a dominion measure. After the act had been rejected the privy council decided that the McCarthy act was unconstitutional. Dr. Inch was chairman of the meeting.

F. H. Summerhayes of Toronto spoke to a good sized audience in Masonic hall in the interests of license. He did not think the Scott Act measure was calculated to promote temperance and he advanced many arguments in support of his contention. He pointed out that the act had been adopted in many Ontario counties by a large majority but after a fair trial it was rejected by a majority equally as emphatic. John Oldham was chairman of the meeting.

On Wednesday evening Mr. Summerhayes is to speak at the opera house and possibly discuss the issue with supporters of the Scott Act.

A large quantity of floating ice has been passing down river today. The general health for several years and his death was not unexpected. He was about forty-four years of age and leaves a widow and six children.

Petition Against Autos.  
The death occurred at Keswick Ridge on Saturday evening of Miss Bessie B. Coburn at the home of her brother, Frank Coburn. Deceased who was aged 29 years had been ill for three weeks and was a daughter of the late Thomas Coburn. She is survived by her mother, Frank and two sisters. Mrs. Mitchell, wife of Ald. Moses Mitchell, of this city, and Mrs. Herman McKoen, of Keswick Ridge.

A petition is being circulated in the parish of Kingsclear asking that the running of automobiles be prohibited in that parish on certain days of the week.

The petition it is said, will be sent to the York county council at its session in July and they will be asked to enact a bye-law keeping the autos off the roads on Sunday, Monday, Wednesday and Saturday.

A good many of the residents have signed the petition and others have refused to sign it.

A young man named Leo Morrell was arrested here last night charged with stealing a quantity of clothing belonging to John Davis, an I. C. R. brakeman who boards at the Lorne Hotel. He was wearing the stolen clothing when arrested. This morning he was arraigned before Col. Marsh and remanded until Wednesday. After his arrest it was learned that Morrell was a deserter from the 10th Regiment, but the military authorities are not anxious to have him back.

News was received here this morning of the death at Edmondston of Frederick LaForest, the well-known barrister of that place. He was a native of this city, being a son of the late Andrew LaForest and brother of A. N. LaForest. He studied law here with J. A. W. Varnant and was admitted to the bar in 1887. Shortly afterwards he removed to Edmondston and has since practised his profession there with considerable success. He was a liberal candidate for parliament in 1898, unsuccessfully opposing Hon. John Costigan. In 1903 he contested Madawaska for the legislature and was elected as an Independent. He sat in the house one term and was defeated at the general election of 1903. He has been in failing health for several years and his death was not unexpected. He was about forty-four years of age and leaves a widow and six children.

Premier Hazen arrived here this morning and will remain for the session. Mayor Chestnut, Ald. Farrell, John A. Campbell and John Palmer left for Fredericton this afternoon to urge Fredericton's claims on the government for the Dominion exhibition grant.

Chatham is understood to be anxious to hold a firm's tournament in conjunction with their exhibition. A petition is being circulated in the parish of Kingsclear asking that the running of automobiles be prohibited in that parish on certain days of the week.

## MORNING BLAZE IN SUTHERLAND'S HALL STILL RAGING AT 4 A.M.

Tuesday, April 28  
At three o'clock this morning, fire was discovered in the rooms of the Irish Literary and Benevolent Society, in the building known as Sutherland's Hall, 296 Union street. Policeman Scott, on duty in Brussels street saw the flames and rang in an alarm.

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## IRISH LITERARY BALL GREAT SUCCESS

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The members of the Irish Literary and Benevolent Society have every reason to congratulate themselves on the success of the magnificent ball given in the Victoria rink last evening. Fully 500 guests were present, and the function was one of the largest and most brilliant social events held in the city for many years.

The decorations, consisting of flags, bunting and greenery, presented a beautiful appearance blending with the subdued light from the arc lamps which dotted the vast dome-like building, and with the bright costumes of the dancers a charming effect that could not have been produced in any other ball room in the city was the result.

The centre space was set apart as a reception room. It was tastefully furnished. The reception committee consisted of Hon. R. J. Ritchie and Mrs. Ritchie, Mr. and Mrs. James Barry, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. McDonald, Mr. and Mrs. O'Regan, Mr. and Mrs. D. J. O'Neil, Mr. and Mrs. J. Ward and R. O'Brien.

The ball opened at 9 o'clock with a grand march. Hon. R. J. Ritchie, the president of the society, and Mrs. Ritchie, with the Mayor and Mrs. Sars, Lieut.-Col. G. R. White and Mrs. White, C. K. Cameron, president of St. Andrew's Society, and Mrs. Cameron, as guests of honor were at the head of the procession.

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## FIREMEN TO CONTROL THEIR OWN SPORTS

Tuesday, April 28  
A meeting of the fire chiefs and representatives of the fire departments of the province was held yesterday afternoon in the Royal Hotel. As a result an association was formed for the government of tournaments to be held in the future.

The most important of the officers present were--Chief Kerr, of St. John; Chief Ackman, of Moncton; Chief Butler, of Fredericton; Chief Daley, of Sussex; Captain Fitzpatrick, of Chatham, together with district chiefs Blake and Brown of this city and a representative of the Fairville department.

The officers of the new association, besides the president, Chief Kerr--are--Chief Butler, of Fredericton, vice-president; Chief Ackman, of Moncton, secretary; treasurer; Chief Daley, of Sussex; Sweet, of Fairville, Carter, of Sackville, with the president and secretary, members of the executive.

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## ST. JOHN BOARD OF TRADE DIDN'T OBJECT IN FREDERICTON'S CASE

Telegram from a Leading Concern Read Asking to Be Heard if Any Changes in Existing Freight Rates Were to Be Made.

(Special to The Telegraph.)  
Ottawa, April 27--The board of railway commissioners has not yet given a decision in regard to the readjustment of freight rates to Fredericton.

Apropos of the report of the formal application it appears from the record that the telegram presented by Dr. Daniel, bearing on the case, was not from the board of trade as intimated in the press but was a leading mercantile firm in the city of St. John, and the request was simply to give St. John people an opportunity of presenting a case for a readjustment of the St. John rates, if any changes in existing rates were to take place.

A ruling will be forthcoming in a day or two.

## BOAT CAPSIZES; TWELVE DROWNED

Helena, Ark., April 27--Twelve persons were drowned, one a woman, when the show boat Marion capsized, eight miles above the mouth of the St. Francis River, late yesterday. Captain Joyce of Newport, Ark., who was in charge, returned to Helena this afternoon, bringing the information.

(Special to The Telegraph.)  
Toronto, April 27--The building of the Tecumseh boat club at Walkerville was struck by lightning in last night's storm and burned. Several small power launch-boats, row boats and canoes were completely destroyed. The damage will aggregate \$8,000 with \$1,200 more.

## OBJECTS TO HIGH MASS AT TRICENTENARY

Rev. Dr. Gordon Protests Because as a National Celebration No Creed Should be Recognized.

(Special to The Telegraph.)  
Montreal, April 27--At a meeting of the Ministerial Association today Rev. Dr. Gordon, of the First Baptist Church, pointed out that among the objects of the programme for the Quebec tricentenary celebration was the celebration of high mass on the plains of Abraham on August 28. Should this part of the programme, said Mr. Gordon, be intended as an event of purely local import there would be no objection, but it was a prevailing sentiment that a demonstration, supposed to be of a national character, ought not to bear the stamp of any particular denomination, considering that the population of the dominion was made up of various creeds and races.

The celebration of high mass on such an occasion as an integral part of the celebration of high mass as a local event would give rise to no objection whatever. The matter was left over for consideration.

## C. P. R. MECHANICS APPLY FOR BOARD OF CONCILIATION

(Special to The Telegraph.)  
Toronto, April 27--The mechanical unions of the C.P.R. at Winnipeg have applied for a conciliation board under the Lemeux act covering the disputes between the company and their organizations and have named James Southville, second vice-president of the mechanics' union, Toronto, as their arbitrator.

## DISABLED FRENCH STEAMER AT BERMUDA

Hamilton, Bermuda, April 27--The French steamer Bruiz Huel was towed to the port of St. George this afternoon.

The Bruiz Huel left Dunkirk March 13 for New York. She put into Faval, March 21. She broke her rudder about April 14, since when she has been reported several times from the Atlantic. One vessel, the Laguna, even took her in tow, but was obliged to let her go because of heavy weather and the breaking of the new

## THREE ONTARIO MEN DROWNED

(Special to The Telegraph.)  
Dunbar, Ont., April 27--Three young men of this neighborhood--Thos. Bounett, Fred. King and Jacob Knoepff--were drowned in Almie Lake off Rocky Reef yesterday afternoon. They were employed by the Croft Lumber Company, whose log boom chains in a canoe to repair the damage. They were seen by Mr. Stewart and family from Rocky Reef bounding in the water. No boats were at hand so they had to watch the men disappear one after the other.

Anglican Church Burned.  
(Special to The Telegraph.)  
Toronto, April 27--St. George's Anglican church at Gaitton was burned to the ground Sunday night.