

THE SEMI-WEEKLY TELEGRAPH, ST. JOHN, N. B., OCTOBER 23, 1901.

## DAWSON CITY.

Scotians Are in St. John En Route.

HE HAS BEEN THERE.

J. Payson Now Returns With Is Brother After a Visit to Home—Says Times Are Good—Interesting Comparisons With First Entry to Gold Country.

C. Payson, of Dawson City, is among guests at the Dufferin. Mr. Payson is a native of Weymouth Bridge, N. S., and is returning to Dawson after a visit to his former home.

Four years ago he struck a rich claim fifteen miles of the Mackenzie and has evidently fared well in the gold fields. Talking to a Telegram reporter Monday night Mr. Payson said: "You may say that Dawson is still booming. I believe the opportunities are still there for a man to make money anywhere on earth."

Speaking of the existing conditions he said that a fine system of government is in operation, the mounted police protection being especially effective for the preservation of law and order. Not a hold-up has been reported for many months, and the three murders committed by O'Brien, who was executed in Dawson recently, Mr. Payson says the government expended \$225,000 in getting out of the country.

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## SUDDEN DEATHS.

Summons Came to John A. McRoberts As He Walked from House to Garden—Two Other Sudden Deaths.

John A. McRoberts, aged 53 years, died suddenly Sunday morning at his home St. David street. He was walking from his house to his garden to cull some flowers when, with a cry to his wife, he fell dying to the stairs he was descending. Dr. McAlpine was summoned with all haste but his services were of no avail. Death had been almost instantaneous. Heart trouble was the cause. Deceased was of quiet disposition, a man of many friends and a good citizen. He was book-keeper for J. S. Goughan, plumber, of Charlotte street. He is survived by his wife and one daughter, Messrs. A. Petch and J. S. Goughan, of this city, and Alex. Petch, of Lynn, are brothers-in-law of deceased. Mrs. Atkinson, of Kent county, Miss McRoberts, also of Kent county, and Mrs. A. J. Chisholm, of St. John, are his sisters. Mr. McRoberts was the son of the late Alexander McRoberts.

The sudden death occurred Monday afternoon of Miss Annie Armstrong, daughter of the late Joseph Armstrong, of Armstrong's Corner. Miss Armstrong, with her sister and two brothers, arrived in the city recently and took up residence on Princess street. Miss Armstrong had been out during the morning and arrived home about 1 o'clock, complaining of feeling unwell, but nothing was thought of it and a physician was not called. At 3 o'clock the young lady grew suddenly worse and expired.

Mr. John S. Armstrong, of Charlotte street, and Mr. S. Corbett, of North End, are uncles of deceased. The remains will be taken to Armstrong's Corner for interment Wednesday morning. Deceased was only 24 years of age.

The death occurred Sunday of Mrs. Lilian McLean, wife of Hazen McLean, Mrs. McLean, though slightly indisposed, witnessed the procession of Thursday, but the same evening she was seized with convulsions and died in a short time. She was the wife of a husband and one child, was but 30 years of age. She was a daughter of Charles Lingley.

Ames Gives Posts to Brothers. London, Oct. 20.—At a great dinner in (Lalun), on October 9, Habibullah formally took the oath as ameer. A detachment to the Daily Mail from Simla, "and an amir, Nasir Ullah, Mohammed Amir and Amin Ullah" to the headquarters of the army, the revenue department and the judicial department.

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## PUBLIC WORKS.

Inspection of the Suspension Bridge Made.

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An Active Time in Hon. C. H. LaBillois' Department—The Perth-Andover Structure—Results of Freshet Throughout the Province Overcome.

Acting under instructions of Chief Commissioner LaBillois, Engineer Wetmore, of the provincial public works department, assisted by F. B. Whipple, St. John, recently made an inspection of the Suspension bridge at the falls. In his report, the engineer says he found nothing wrong about the structure to cause uneasiness to the travelling public who depend on the bridge. Nor did he find any of the parts in a state of deterioration. Mr. Wetmore recommended slight repairs which will be made without delay.

The current year has been one of activity in the public works department. The largest bridge built for some time in the province is the structure over the St. John river between the towns of Perth and Andover. Albert Brewer, of Woodstock, who received the contract for the substructure was favored with low water and fine weather, consequently has made splendid progress. The contract for the superstructure has been awarded to the Dominion Bridge Company of Montreal. The bridge, which will have a total length of 1,000 feet, will consist of five spans, each measuring 188 feet. Four piers and ten abutments of granite masonry will support the structure. The contract calls for completion of the work in February next.

Early this week Engineer Wetmore visited Montreal to attend the preliminary contract. A recent inspection of the Suspension bridge over the river in the parish of Robb's Bay showed the inside cable of the stream side had slipped a few inches through the key clamps on the tower. A bunch of ripe strawberries, picked at Dorchester Monday morning, by Judge Landry, were on exhibition at the Royal Hotel.

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The old schoolmaster, John T. Tutill, who was presented with a rose by Lady Minto at the governor general's reception in St. John Sunday, 22, and at Lunenburg on Thursday evening, Oct. 24, subject, The Atmosphere With an Introduction to Astronomy. To illustrate the nature of heat he will bring a lamp with a piece of ice. The rose will be on exhibition.

There was quiet at a wedding at 3:30 o'clock Monday afternoon at the residence of Mr. C. T. Bell. The bride was Miss Mary L. Bailey, recently a teacher on the Moncton school staff. Dr. H. H. Coleman, of Moncton, was the officiating minister. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Mr. Waring. Only immediate relatives were present. Dr. and Mrs. Coleman were passengers on last evening's train for Quebec and will also visit Toronto. The bride received many beautiful presents.

## WELL PLEASED VISITORS.

Good Words for St. John and Its People—Invitations for Mayor Daniel and Col. McLean.

The British veteran guests left for their homes Saturday morning. Lieut. Col. Graham, in command of them, in speaking Friday evening, said the association's visit had been one of thorough pleasure. He referred with marked satisfaction to the flag presentation and to the reception, and the farewell at the depot when he and his command had met His Royal Highness. He felt the signal distinction which had been conferred on his corps in being presented with colors Thursday and alluded to the Duke's kindly gift, also to his cordial attentions at the reception and depot.

"We have been presented with colors," said Col. Graham, "which are similar to those of no other organization in the United States. We will convey the gift back to our army and guard it in such manner as befits the source from which it comes. We will also convey the colors and kindly treatment which has been ours from the people of St. John. It was one long reception from the hour of arrival up to that of departure. Indeed the hospitality has been quite overwhelming."

I wish to thank, on behalf of my comrades, the Lieutenant Governor and his wife for kindly and constant attention. I also wish to make special note of Col. and Mrs. McLean's courtesies. I have this day informally invited Mayor Daniel and Colonel McLean to be present at a banquet to be held in Boston on Nov. 11 in honor of King Edward, when it will give me pleasure to have them meet General Curtis Guild of Massachusetts."

Friday evening, at the Victoria Hotel, Colonel Graham gave a reception to the Massachusetts delegates, his own staff and command. The function was very enjoyable, lasting from 7:30 to 9 o'clock, after which a number of informal receptions took place at the residence of Dr. A. A. Stockton.

J. B. Keating, who is here with Colonel Dill and Keith, representing the 6th and 10th regiments of the British army, all had received. All had been most agreeably impressed with the St. John people and had formed many friendships.

Friday afternoon Premier Tweedie welcomed Colonels Dill and Keith with swaggar sticks.

Local and Provincial. The first snow—a slight frost—fell Friday.

The Victoria and May Queen brought down good freight of vegetables, hay and other goods.

Barry Hector, of Gagetown, had his foot very badly crushed Thursday morning while engaged in helping Fred Duncanson press hay.

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## SOUVENIR HUNTERS.

Many Want Mementos from Caverhill Hall.

ECHOES OF ROYAL VISIT.

Fully a Hundred Applicants for Menu Cards Used by the Duke and Duchess—What the Royal Visitors Had Placed Before Them at Table.

The souvenir hunters are about. Every body wants a remembrance of the visit of the Duke and Duchess and many have them of a certain kind. But the demand is great for what might be termed Class 1. souvenirs, something used by their Royal Highnesses while in St. John. J. McCaffrey who was caterer the Royal visitors, has had upwards of 100 applications for menu cards used at Caverhill Hall, and any price is offered. But no one has as yet secured any article which had been graced by royalty's touch, that is, excepting the photographs which the Duke and Duchess themselves gave.

The table used by the Duke and Duchess in keeping of Mr. McCaffrey, as caterer for the local government, its position has not been determined. Other furnishings of the royal household program supplied by R. Kellie Jones are in the keeping of the Duke and Duchess. A collection of several mementos being gained by people but these souvenirs are but a fond desire. One lady was reported to have secured a "happy good" piece a wine glass and a cigar stub; another was said to be glorifying in the ownership of a napkin used while the royal palate was regaled with a rich soup, and she was quoted as saying that the laundry would never be permitted to rob it of any of its charm. But neither the Duke nor the Duchess are the real thing. What is to be the disposition of the household and table ware is not determined.

A Telegraph reporter, last Sunday, saw the menu cards used by the Duke and Duchess at the Caverhill Hall, and the royal dinner of Thursday night:

Oysters. Green Turtle. Hors d'oeuvre. Potatoes. A la Reine. Pheasant. Pommes de terre. Concombre. Saddle of Mutton. Caviare. Heirloom. Supreme de Poulet. Pate de Foie Gras. Woodcock. Carrots. Salade Americaine. Lardons. Potatoes. Brioche. Dessert. St. John, N. B., Thursday, October 23, 1901.

The card was handsome but plain. It was of white satin and at the top it bore the British coat of arms in relief. For breakfast Friday morning, their Royal Highnesses were asked to choose from:

Grape Mint. Bartlett Pears. Peaches. Boiled Reptegous Salmon. Puffed and Grilled Chicken. Pigeonette Sur Toss. Creamed Potatoes. Bruchet. St. John, N. B., Oct. 18, 1901.

The card was also very handsome and more elaborately embellished than that for the dinner.

While their Royal Highnesses had but two repasts while here, the services of their chef were called on once or twice more. When they reached Caverhill Hall, after the military review they had luncheon. Within five minutes of the serving of their order Mr. McCaffrey had eight trays going. The dinner came at 8 o'clock and was concluded at 10:30. With the Duke and Duchess, dined the Prince of Teck and Lord Wenlock.

Next morning about 9 o'clock the Duke and Duchess had breakfast at the Caverhill Hall. This was taken by one of Mr. McCaffrey's staff and received at the door of the Royal apartment by the chief butler, waiting on gentlemen in coat of arms, and by the chief butler, waiting on ladies in white.

The same menu as supplied their Royal Highnesses was furnished at the MacNutt house. Mr. McCaffrey was complimented upon the manner in which his duties had been accomplished. One of the officers told him the service was the best given the Royal party in Canada. His staff included two chefs, two head waiters, three side waiters and two uniformed pages. Chief Paul Cordier, who has been state chef of the Queen's Guards, was in command of the kitchen at Caverhill Hall Thursday he met an old friend in the person of Chief Cordier who was in charge of the culinary department at Caverhill Hall. The recognition was mutual.

Before leaving, Lord Wenlock, after consulting with the Prince of Teck, gave Mr. McCaffrey permission to use on his menu, letter heads, etc., these words: "Caterer by permission to Their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York during their visit to St. John."

Big Arch for the Park. A meeting of the citizens' executive committee will probably be held this week to wind up affairs in connection with their part of the celebration. Disposal of the arches will be among the matters for consideration. According to indications the King street structure will be offered to the park commissioners who are supposed to be in favor of accepting. If so the arch will be taken down by the city and removed in sections and placed in Rockwood.

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## LASCAR SAILORS.

Forty on a Steamer in Port—Their Customs Odd.

The Scotch steamer Baron Fairlie, which arrived from Boston on Saturday to load hay for South Africa, has on board 40 Lascar sailors and firemen who joined the steamer in Bombay.

According to accounts the East Indians are an odd lot. For them Capt. Godey had to purchase live sheep which they may kill themselves. If the sheep had been slaughtered ashore by a butcher who was not a Mohammedan they would rather have jumped into the harbor and drowned themselves than have tasted of its flesh. They would walk 10 miles to obtain fresh fish, but some of them would even touch one that had not been taken from the water by a follower of Mahomet. Occasionally they eat some potatoes, but they have carefully avoided other vegetables.

When a sheep is provided to the Lascares their two native cooks, Muhammad and Ali, and when they have performed some queer ceremonies the sheep is killed, skinned, chopped into small pieces, dumped into a huge dish, in which there is rice, curry, "dahl" and "ghree," and cooked until the Lascares have finished the work of the vessel.

Then they squat in a circle about the dish, and with their hands convey it to their mouths. They do not know the use of a knife, fork or spoon, and sometimes there are half a dozen hands in the stew at the same time.

Once every day while they were at sea the Lascares had a religious ceremony on deck. "A praying man," as Capt. Godey describes it, is placed on the deck forward, and when the Lascares have washed their feet and wiped them on their trousers, they turn toward Mecca, and bow a score of times, all the while mumbling a prayer to Mahomet.

Capt. Godey is responsible to the government of India for the safe keeping of the Lascares; to see that they all get back to Bombay when the voyage is ended; that they shall not be compelled to do anything which conflicts with their religious belief.

The Lascares receive much smaller pay than a European crew. The pay of the "seaman," or boatman, being less than \$18 a month, and their food is much cheaper than that of a crew of white men. The sailors and firemen look to their "se-rangs," not only for orders, but for advice, and should these petty officers at any time order a mutiny they would go hard with the white men on the ship.

The "se-rangs" on the Fairlie all speak excellent English, and apparently have the respect of the men under their command. Neither they nor the sailors or firemen ever drink liquor, even for illness, and that is one of the reasons they are manning the boats of the Fairlie's line, instead of white men.

The Lascares on the Fairlie, in accordance with the teachings of the Koran, at one day they must wash their bodies with running water, and they follow the Koran to the letter by simply allowing a pail or tub of water to fall over them. They never use soap; they avoid towels, and the bath accomplished little more than to please Mahomet and yet, themselves.

PULP COMBINE. Meeting at Boston With This In View—Option on New Brunswick Property.

There was a meeting of capitalists Friday morning in Boston, the object being to form a combination of nearly all the pulp mills in the United States and Canada. It is said the proposition is that each manufacturer will be paid for his plant in stock, preferred and common stock, and the makers whose mills show a profit, and common stock to those mills not showing earning capacity. Hon. N. A. Jones, manager of the Katahdin mills, Lincoln, Me., is the head of the movement.

Among the companies expected to join is the Lanesboro Pulp and Paper Company, with property at Musquash, N. B. The Telegraph asked George McAlvay about this last evening and learned that there had been talk of such a combine, but nothing had been decided. The Lanesboro Paper Company had given an option of its property, he said, to American people. The land is what is known as the Church and Knight properties at Musquash.

A Boston despatch, referring to the announcement of a proposed combine of the Cuylen mills in the United States and Canada, making board and paper from sulphate pulp, says the statement is one of the president of one of the largest concerns in the deal, who said that mills representing 1,200 of the 1,400 mills that are being produced had agreed to the combination. The new company will be known as the United Box, Board & Paper Company, and will be capitalized at about \$10,000,000. This will be represented by preferred stock, which will be given the owners of the several paying plants. The valuation is to be based upon the average earning capacity of the mills for the past three years. Unproductive mills will be paid for in common stock.

Referring to the proposition to combine the wood pulp mills, the official in question said that this was not at all likely under the plan proposed by the capitalists who are now visiting the various pulp plants throughout the country preparatory to making a bid for each.

WANTED—A case of Headache that KUMFORT Powders will not cure in from ten to twenty minutes.

Ten burial permits were issued last week. The deaths were from anæmia, meningitis, pneumonia, paralysis, acute gastritis, diphtheritic croup, croup, cancer, inanition, ovarian carcinoma, one each.

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