ANOTHER WARM SESSION AT INVESTIGATION OF CHARGES AGAINST MAGISTRATE

As Result of Statement by Witness Recorder Baxter Will Be Given Chance to Go on the Stand

Commissioner Armstrong Denies Knowledge of Meeting in His Office—Applause in Court Friday Morning---To Be Resumed Next Wednesday.

Saturday, Nov. 30.

The investigation into the charges against Police Magistrate Ritchie was continued yesterday morning before Col. J. R. Armstrong, K. C., the commissioner appointed by the local government. In opening the court the commissioner read a statement to clear himself of the imputation that he was a party to any conspiracy in connection with the case. This was followed by a passage between the magistrate and the commissioner in which the former inquired regarding derogatory remarks which he alleged the commissioner had made about him.

The only witness examined was William D. McIntyre who was called to give evidence regarding the payments made by the court to lawyers on behalf of their clients. In cross-examining the witness the magistrate brought out a statement which the witness said was made by J. B. M. Baxter regarding the magistrate. In order to give Mr. Baxter a chance to testify the hearing was adjourned until Wednesday next.

After the session the counsel for the petitioners made the statement that he had reason to believe that applause which was heard during the session had been organized beforehand and was given in response to signals.

Statement by Commissioner.

The court commenced at 11 o'clock yesterday morning, with Co. J. Russell Armstrong, the commissioner, presiding. When the court opened the commissioner made the following formal statement:—

"Referring to the intimation made by the police magistrate at the hearing on Tuesday last that I was a party to or connected with the bringing of these charges against him and that there was a meeting in my office in connection therewith, lest my then denial was not full and complete, though intended so to be, I now solemnly state that there never was a conference of five or any other number in my office or elsewhere at which I was present as intimated by the magistrate at which the bringing of these charges against the police magistrate was discussed or referred to—neither was I present any where else at which such was discussed or referred to.

"I believe that there never was such a conference in my office. I not only had no part whatever in the making of these charges but I knew nothing of them and never heard that they were to be made and was entirely unaware even of the grounds of such charges until after the petitions were prepared and sworn to. There is absolutely no foundation whatever for the suggestion made by the police magistrate that I, the person appointed by the government to conduct and now holding this investigation, was in any way connected with the bringing of these charges."

The Magistrate:—"Would you mind stating how long it is since you were on friendly terms with me—how many years. It was since I was solicitor-general."

The Commissioner—"I am not through, I want to ask you the names of these five men."

The Magistrate:—"I have as much right to ask you as you have to ask me. When the time comes I will name them to the government. There was a meeting of five men in your office and I have the information on good Protestant authority, and I can name the arch-conspirator at the proper time."

The Commission.—"Give the name of the arch-conspirator, as you call him.

The Magistrate—"Everybody knows who he is."

The Commissioner—"Then give his name."

The Magistrate—"I won't. I am not here to be cross-examined."

The Commissioner:—"If you won't the public can draw their own conclusions."

The Magistrate—"Remember, I did not say that you were one of the conspirators. One of the papers said that I did, but it was wrong, and I told the reporter so, yesterday. Why, they even invaded my office. There is a man in court today who heard them say mum's the word."

The magistrate then proceeded to question the commissioner regarding various derogatory remarks which he alleged Mr. Armstrong had made about him at different times. The commissioner made an effort to restrain him, but the magistrate continued and was again interrupted with the remark that he would have to stop and that the commissioner intended to have better order in the court today than on the last occasion.

The Magistrate:—"You are afraid I will give the full particulars."

Mr. McIntyre.

The magistrate in reply to the commissioner said that he had no witnesses to call. J. A. Barry for the petitioners said he had one.

Wm. S. McIntyre, assistant police clerk, was sworn and said that he had prepared the list read by the magistrate showing solicitors to whom the court had paid money for their clients. The payments mentioned were all in connection with civil cases, as he had nothing to do with criminal cases except to prepare commitments. He further said that he had not gone over the list with the magistrate since the last hearing and that he had had no conversation with him regarding the matter since then.

The magistrate then proceeded to cross-examine the witness, asking:—"Did you hear any conversation in the hall regarding me?"

Quotes Mr. Baxter.

"Witness:—"I heard Mr. Baxter saying——"

Mr. Barry:—"Your Honor, I object. The witness can only be cross-examined on matters brought out in direct examination."

The commissioner:—"I think——"

The magistrate (interrupting):— "Are you going to sustain that objection? You wanted the arch conspirator and now when we are beginning to get to it am I to be closed off?" (Vigorous applause from the rear of the room).

The commissioner:—"Do you mean that Mr. Baxter is the arch-conspirator"

The magistrate:—"Wait until you hear the evidence."

The commissioner:—"Am I correct?"

The magistrate:—"I am not going to say whether you are correct. I want a ruling. If this matter were referred to anyone who knew law I would be sustained."

This remark was the signal for another outburst of applause and was followed by a lively altercation between the magistrate and the counsel for the petitioners.

The commissioner informed the magistrate that he must stop wrangling with the counsel and instructed the spectators that they were not there to express their approval or disapproval of the proceedings and that the applause must cease. He then gave the magistrate permission to proceed with his cross-examination.

The magistrate:—"What was the remark you heard."

The witness—"Mr. Baxter said, 'I wish the——old——would drop dead in the street."

The magistrate: — "That was a nice pious remark for a pleasant morning!"

The commissioner:—"You must not address remarks of that kind to the witness."

The magistrate:—"Your Honor, I am a Roman Catholic and you are an Anglican, but would you not agree with me that that was a nice pious remark to make about an old man like me?"

Resume on Wednesday.

Mr. Barry then proceeded with a re-examination of the witness, asking:—"Are you on speaking terms with Mr. Baxter?"

The witness (hesitatingly) — "Well, I guess so, but he never says anything to me."

Q.—Did you not say at one time that Mr. Baxter wanted to get you——to have you removed from your position?"

Ans.—"Well, Mr. Baxter came into my office one day and roared at me like a lion, 'Were you ordered not to answer that telephone?' "

Q.—"Were you not afterwards ordered to answer it?"

Ans.—"Yes, after you and some of the others got up a petition."

Q.—"Were you not on bad terms with Mr. Baxter because you could not get an increase of salary while he was an alderman?"

Ans.—"I never spoke to him about it."

Q.—"Did you never go to him about the matter?"

Ans.—"Yes, but he would never see me."

This concluded his evidence.

The commissioner then made a statement to the effect that since Mr. Baxter's name had been brought into the matter it would be only fair to give him a chance to give evidence. He had also received a letter from a man who said that he had some evidence favorable to the magistrate. He did not know what the evidence was, but to give an opportunity of hearing both witnesses he would adjourn the court until Wednesday next at 11 o'clock.

CONDENSED NEWS; LOCAL AND GENERAL

The Royal Gazette contains notice that Rev. James Colhoun of Glassville, Carleton county and Rev. J. A. Morrison, of St. John, West, have been registered to solemnize marriages.

A Dominion Savings Bank pass book was picked up on Friday by Frank Carran of the Union Station news stand. The book represents quite a large sum of money, and no doubt the owner will be glad to learn of its whereabouts.

That apple growing is rapidly assuming a big place in the development of New Brunswick is shown by the very heavy orders that have been given of late for young apple trees for next year. The Telegraph is informed that the number of trees planted next year will very much exceed that of former years.

Charles A. Owens, of the Federal Life Insurance Company, while traveling from Sydney to Halifax a few days ago, had a suit case, containing clothing and jewelry valued at nearly $100, stolen from him. Mr. Owens had engaged a place in the Pullman and soon after leaving Sydney had occasion to go into the next car. Returning in a few minutes he found the suit case gone and a thorough search of the car failed to reveal it. It is considered somewhat mysterious how the suit case disappeared so quickly.

A dozen additional railway mail clerks will be added to the service on this division on Monday and will be employed for a month to assist in the Christmas rush. Those appointed so far are George Hatfield, Amos Toole, Harry S. Day, Richard H. Evans, and John M. Barton of St. John, F. C. Taylor of Harvey Station and John F. Cummins of St. Stephen. Five more are to be appointed. Recent permanent appointees to the service include D. L. Monahan, Arthur McLellan and Kenneth Colwell of St. John, G. P. Fraser of Grand Falls and A. T. Ganong of Apohaqui.

Clean gold braid with powdered bluing and bread crumbs mixed; rub with flannel and brush well. Polish with red velvet.

A good thing to keep an evening dress in is a cheesecloth bag with a hanger in the top.

OBITUARY

Mrs. Henry C. Laughlin.

St. Stephen, N. B., Nov. 28—(Special)—Mrs. Laughlin, wife of Henry C. Laughlin, died after a brief illness of pneumonia at her home on King street, about 5 o'clock this afternoon. She was about seventy years of age and leaves an aged husband, to whom much sympathy is expressed, and two daughters—Mrs. John Logan and Mrs. R. J. Polley; and three sons—Dr. W. H. Laughlin, of Milltown; Fred. and Arthur, of the Clark Drug Co.; two brothers—Jas. Shirley, of St. Andrews, and Thomas Shirley, of Vancouver; and one sister, Mrs. Mary Mulvaney, of Milltown.

Frederick Hamilton.

Apohaqui, Nov. 27—The death of Frederick Hamilton, son of the late William Hamilton, took place this morning at the home of his sister, Mrs. William Armstrong. He was a young man of great promise, and was only 24 years old, death being due to consumption. He is survived by his mother, three sisters—Mrs. William Armstrong, of this place; Mrs. Henry McEwan, of Sussex, and Mrs. Fred. Walker, of New Line Road; five brothers—John, George, William, Thomas, James, all residents of this vicinity. The funeral will take place from the residence of William Armstrong on Friday afternoon at 1 o'clock. Service in the Methodist church also at 2 o'clock, Rev. Thomas Mitchell, of Sussex, officiating. Interment will be at Kirk Hill cemetery, Sussex.

Mrs. Thomas Duncan.

Apohaqui, Nov. 27—The death of an aged resident of this place took place last night when Mrs. Thos. Duncan passed away after a long and painful illness. She leaves three sons—George, Guilford and Tremont Duncan, all of this place. The funeral will be from her late residence on Saturday. Interment at Church of Ascension.

Mrs. J. V. Horgan.

Saturday, Nov. 30.

The death of Mrs. Fannie E., wife of Jeremiah V. Horgan, occurred yesterday morning at her home, 84 Marsh Road, after an illness of about only two weeks. She was respected by a large number of friends. Besides her husband, she is survived by four children, four sisters, and two brothers.

Mrs. Mary J. Weldon.

A telegram received by relatives in the North End brought the sad news of the death of Mary J., wife of Captain J. H. Weldon, of Dighton, Mass. Captain Weldon and his wife were natives of this city and many friends will hear with regret of the death of Mrs. Weldon. She is survived by her husband and five sons and two daughters. The children are Capt. J. H. of Fall River, William M. and Frederick L. of New York, and James S. of Assonet, Mass., and Leslie, at home; Miss Sarah of New York and Mrs. Harry Rich of Taunton, Mass.

Harry Beals.

The death of Harry Beals at the age of sixty-four, occurred on Nov. 14 at his home in Los Angeles, Cal. He was the youngest son of the late Rev. Wesley C. Beals. Besides his wife, he leaves a son and a daughter, one brother William and four sisters, Mrs. J. W. Chapman and Mrs H. P. Chapman, of Mount Middleton, Mrs. Joseph Hornbrook, of Sussex, and Mrs. Robert Dunlop of St. John.

Stephen J. Murphy.

Regret was expressed by friends in St. John last week at the news of the death of Stephen J. Murphy which occurred recently in New York. He had survived his wife, who was Miss Susan Ferrick of this city, only a few months. Miss Ferrick was a sister of Mrs. John Lee of Fairville, and of Thomas and Anthony Ferrick of this city and had a great number of friends here. Her husband was a well known citizen of Portland, Me. With a portrait of himself, is published the following in a Portland paper:—

"Mr. Murphy left his home there about three months ago and went to New York to work in an iron and steel plant, he having learned the trade with the Portland Iron and Steel Company at its works in South Portland, where he was employed for many years. He contracted a heavy cold which developed into pneumonia and his death came after a short illness. His wife, who was Miss Susan Ferrick of St. John, N. B., died last May. He leaves five brothers, Thomas J., Martin E., Daniel P., Timothy L., and John E., and two sisters, Mrs. Leonard Cash and Miss Nellie Murphy.

Mr. Murphy's funeral was on Tuesday morning with requiem high mass at St. Dominic's church, of which the celebrant was Rev. Father Kennealy. The pall-bearers were James Hollywood, Alexander Lamon, James Burns, Edward Conley, Daniel Feeney, and Henry Wilson. Burial was in the family lot in Calvary cemetery.

Among the floral tributes were: A pillow from the employees of the Portland Iron and Steel Company; a pillow from the brothers and sisters of the deceased inscribed "Brother;" a cross from Nellie and Mary Conley; bouquet of chrysanthemums from Henry S. and Elizabeth Payson, bouquet from Lewis Coleman; bouquet from his nephews Martin and Daniel Murphy. Mass cards were received from Miss Catherine Dolan and Mrs. Edward Feeney.

Miss Mary Jane Evans.

Fredericton, N. B., Dec. 1—(Special)—The death of Miss Mary Jane Evans, of Zion, York county, occurred in Victoria public hospital Saturday afternoon from gastritis. She had been in the hospital seven months. The body was taken to Taymouth Saturday evening for interment. She was sixty years of age. Robert Evans, of Zion, and Richard Evans, of Williamsbury, are brothers.

Clarence Dixon.

Monday, Dec. 2.

The death of Clarence Dixon occurred yesterday at his home in Mecklenburg street. He was a son of the late Charles Dixon, of Norton. The greater part of his life he spent in Norton, but he came to this city about a year ago and has since resided here. He is survived by a widow, the daughter of the late James Fairweather, of Hampton, and six daughters, all young.

Mr. Dixon has been an invalid for four years but has been suffering with Christian forbearance and leaves behind a wide circle of sorrowing friends. The body will be taken to Norton on the 12.15 train tomorrow, where interment will take place. Service will be conducted in Lower Norton church.

To find out if a gas pipe leaks, mix soap and water and apply with a brush to the pipe. If there is a leak, it will bubble.

To keep icing from stocking to the knife when you cut a cake, dip the knife in warm water.

MORE WOMEN NEEDED AMONG THE IMMIGRANTS

(Contributed)

The average housewife in the Old Country objects to the emigration of young women in general, and to the domestic servant in particular, notwithstanding the fact, as we pointed out the other day, that there are in the British Isles more than 1,250,000 of single young women of adult age in excess of the male population. Is it a question of keeping wages low? Perhaps it is, for a royal commission discovered that the average wage of the working woman in the Old Land is seven shillings per week! Nevertheless, it surely is of supreme importance that some serious attempt should be made to bring about a more even distribution of the sexes of the empire.

Commissioner Lamb, of the Salvation Army, shrewdly observed the other day that the introduction of a few women into a district where men were in the preponderance was good for trade. There followed, he said, an immediate increase in shaves, shoe shines, hair cuts, laundry, neck ties and such like.

The maritime provinces are in the closest proximity to the Old Land. Good women are frequently timid of long journeys, and we think that if some efforts were made in the Old Country to make the great opportunities of the east well known, a large number of most desirable female immigrants would be attracted.

A warm welcome is essential to happy settlement, and employers would do well to consider the individual as a co-worker and a citizen, rather than someone to be exploited in the interest of an industry, and personal advantage of the employer.

There are many homes in the east where healthful young women would be welcome, and where the sentiment of the Old Country would be cherished.

FOREST CONDITIONS IN NOVA SCOTIA

Forest Conditions of Nova Scotia is the title of the latest report issued by the commission of conservation. The report is based on information gathered from a reconnaissance forest survey of the province of Nova Scotia, carried out under the direction of Dr. B. E. Fernow, dean of the faculty of forestry, of the University of Toronto. Dr. Fernow was assited in this work by Dr. C. D. Howe and J. H. White.

The report is unique so far as Canada is concerned, as it embodies the results of work that has never been undertaken heretofore by any of the provinces.

In Part I. Dr. Fernow describes the method of survey, the nature of the information gathered, and collates much information as to the species of trees, their rate of growth, etc. An estimate of the timber still standing is given, and recommendations are made looking to the perpetuation of the forests of Nova Scotia.

In part II. Dr. Howe describes in detail the distribution and reproduction of the forests in relation to the underlying rocks and soils. This feature of the report will prove to be of great value in planning for reforestation.

The report is well illustrated with duo-colored half tones. Five maps, outlining graphically various phases of forestry conditions in Nova Scotia, also go with the report.

WEDDINGS

Crawford-Fowler.

A very pretty wedding took place at the home of James Fowler, 51 Richmond street, Wednesday, when Rev. J. D. Wetmore uited in marriage Miss Helen Mabel Fowler and George William Crawford, both of this city. The bride was given away by her father, and was unattended. The ceremony was performed in the presence of friends and relatives of both the bride and groom. The house was tastefully decorated for the occasion. Miss Kierstead played the wedding march.

After the wedding a reception was held. Mr. and Mrs. Crawford will reside in St. Paul street. Both received many handsome presents.

Neve-Hornbrook.

A pretty wedding took place on Wednesday evening, in St. James' church, when Rev. H. A. Cody united in marriage Miss Ada Agnes Hornbrook and Charles W. Neve, both of this city. The bride was given away by her uncle, John W. Sharp, and was attended by Miss Agnes Sharp and Miss Hazel Bell. After the ceremony a reception was held at the home of John W. Sharp, 56 Waterloo street. Mr. and Mrs. Neve will reside in Lancaster Heights.

Michaud-MacDonalud.

Bathurst, Nov. 28—A quiet but pretty wedding took place at Bathurst this afternoon at 5 o'clock at the Sacred Heart Convent Chapel when Mrs. Elizabeth Helen MacDonald was united in marriage to Dr. J. N. Michaud, a prominent physician of this place. The Rev. Father O'Leary performed the ceremony in the presence of the immediate relatives of the family. Beautiful music was rendered by the Convent choir. After the ceremony the happy couple left by the ocean limited for Montreal and other Canadian cities. The bride was the recipient of numerous and beautiful gifts. On their return they will reside in Bathurst.

Price-Mechan

A very pretty wedding took place at the home of Clifford Price in Watson street, West End, on Wednesday when Rev. W. H. Sampson united in marriage Miss Helena Mechan, formerly of Lanarkshire, Scotland, but now of this city, and James Oscar Price, also a resident of St. John. The bride was attended by Miss Leta DeLong, and the groom was supported by William Mosher. After the wedding a reception was held. Mr. and Mrs. Price will reside at 276 Watson street. Both the bride and groom received many handsome presents, including one from the groom's fellow employes in Taylor & White's.

Lynch-Keefe.

A pretty wedding took place Saturday morning at 10 o'clock in Holy Trinity church when Miss Margaret Keefe, daughter of M. E. Keefe, president of the M. E. Keefe Construction Company, Halifax, became the wife of David E. Lynch, son of the late David Lynch. The bride was unattended. She wore a pearl grey broadcloth costume with oriental trimmings and a black and white picture hat. Rev. J. J. Walsh performed the ceremony.

SAYS HE OPERATED IN SUSSEX ONCE

Clever Crook Now Behind the Bars in Kingston Penitentiary — Sailed Under Many Colors.

(Sussex Record.)

With a string of aliases long enough to supply a dozen of his type, and wanted by the police in a score of Canadian and United States cities, one of the smoothest crooks who ever flim-flamed an unsuspecting public has run the length of his tether and now reposes behind the bars in Kingston Penitentiary, beginning a three-years sentence under one single charge, though if all reports are true he would need a long lifetime to satisfy justice were he convicted of all the charges against him. He lived at Halifax a couple of years ago and in fact married a Halifax girl, hood-winking her as he has hoodwinked his many victims in his remarkable career of flim-flamming.

A. W. Smith, alias Charles W. Brae, alias Arthur W. Braconsdale, alias Arthur W. Brownsley, alais A. W. Shields, alias Beggs, alias Boggs, alias scores of other titles, and the self-recognized son of an English nobleman, and a grandson of one of the heads of Scotland Yard, were a few of the many colors that this smooth individual sailed under.

So far as can be learned his accepted name is A. W. Smith, and he first became known to Halifax police about a year ago, when he pulled a couple of "jobs" in Truro and got away with them.

He is described as a man about 30 years of age, 5 feet 9 inches in height, weighs 147 pounds, of medium build, fresh complexion, light brown hair, small brown moustache, of good address, gentlemanly in appearance and well spoken stated at the time this description was given that he was a shoe traveller.

The above description was given by Chief of Police Ross, of Ottawa, the city in which "Smith" was finally arrested and received his sentence. Chief Ross knew him as "Braconsdale," and it was under this name that he was convicted.

As before stated, about one year ago Chief Rudland, of Halifax, got his first inkling of "Mr. Smith." He had before that solicited insurance in Halifax, in Amherst and New Glasgow, the information said. He also, it is stated, sold goods for a Halifax piano and organ company, under the alias of A. W. Shields. He past bogus checks in Fredericton and in Sussex (N. B.), under the names of Boggs and Beggs, and secured advances on bogus checks. The man disappeared before the true value of the checks was known and all trace of him was lost at Amherst.

Here are some of his doings across the United States line. The Worcester chief of police writes that in the early spring of this year, a Boston young man, Ross B. Conn, by name, became acquainted with "Braconsdale" in Halifax. They later formed a partnership and sold goods for the Norman Cordage Company, Boston.

He then stated that he was a son of Sir Hugh Braconsdale, and was a lineal descendant of one of the heads of that great detective department, Scotland Yard. He informed Conn at the time that he expected remittances from relatives in England, which remittance never came. Later the two dissolved partnership—and then "our hero" got in his fine work in that vicinity, passing bogus checks in Boston and Brockton.

And now this man of many aliases and an almost unbelievable record of flim-flamming and getting away with it has shot his bolt. He was convicted in Ottawa some few days ago on the charge of theft, while all these charges of a considerably more serious nature have to wait. Those who will recall this man during his sojourn in Halifax will doubtless be more or less surprised to find that they numbered among their acquaintances as smooth a crook as ever forged a bank check.

CONSULS AND CONSULAR AGENTS IN NEW BRUNSWICK

From the latest report of the secretary of external affairs, The Telegraph has gleaned the information that the following consuls, vice-consuls, consular agents and commercial agants representing foreign countries are stationed in New Brunswic:

At Chatham—R. A. Snowball, consular agent, France; F. E. Neale, consul, Germany; G. Watt, consular agent, Italy; F. E. Neale, vice-consul, Norway; G. B. Fraser, consular agent, Spain; Robert Murray, vice-consul, Sweden.

At Campbellton—F. S. Blair, vice-consul, Norway; T. Botkin, consul, United States; F. F. Matheson, vice-consul, United States.

At Dalhousie—George Haddow, vice-consul, Norway.

At Newcastle—Robert Murray, vice-consul, Sweden; B. N. Call, consular agent, United States

The other United States representatives in New Brunswick are as follows: At Campobello, J. J. Alexander, consular agent; At Edmundston, J. A. Guy, consular agent; at Fredericton, E. D. Edwards, consular agent; at Moncton, M. J. Hendricks, consul; C. A. Steeves, vice and deputy consul; at St. Stephen, C. N. Vroom, vice and deputy consul; C. A. McCullough, consul.

HAD BATTLE ROYAL WITH BULL MOOSE

McAdam, N. B., Nov. 29—William Lawson, of McAdam (N. B.), had a narrow escape from death on the Harvey road today, where he encountered a large bull moose, about five miles from McAdam.

The moose came onto the road about twenty-five yards from where he stood, and he fired a shot from his combination gun, the bullet taking effect in the animal's chest. This infuriated the moose which charged on him, and he, being excited, could not extract the empty shell in time to load again, but fired a charge of buckshot from the other barrel which brought the bull to his knees, but rallying quickly he again charged and struck Lawson a glancing blow with one forefoot.

Lawson was knocked down but quickly inserted another cartridge in the gun and fired at the bull's neck and killed him. The bull was one of the largest shot in this vicinity. Mr. Lawson's friends are congratulating on his narrow escape.

NATIONAL HIGHWAY IS ASSURED FACT

Way Blazed by Pathfinder from Halifax to Vancouver.

Out of the haze of dreams, out of the realm of visions, the Canadian Highway emerges, proved feasible on the first attempt at a transcontinental journey.

The tour officially ended at Victoria on Oct. 18, on the return from the west coast of Vancouver Island, when a banquet was given to the pioneers by the president of the Automobile Association, A. E. Todd; and at which Mayor Beckwith, W. W. Foster, Deputy Minster of Works, and other leading citizens were present.

The actual tour from coast to coast occupied forty-nine days' elapsed time, the start having been made from Halifax about 4 o'clock in dull, cold weather, and the arrival at Vancouver, by a coincidence, was made at the same hour and under the same weather conditions. The actual running time was forty-one days and the mileage was 3,900 miles, which gives an average of 95.13 miles per day.

Road conditions were bad, owing to the immense rainfall in every part of the country, Many parts of the country, especially Manitoba, were turned into swamps and quagmires; this reduced the daily average considerably.

In addition to the 3,900 miles, 700 miles were covered under other than the car's own power, owing to the absence of trail or road. This applies particularly to New Ontario. As far as North Bay no shipping had to be undertaken, although this was the first car that had ever come through all the way from Halifax to that point.

At first it was not difficult to keep up an average of 120 miles a day, but from the Prairie Provinces on this was reduced to as low as sixty miles. The highest daily run was made in Alberta, 185 miles, between Maple Creek and Lethbridge; the lowest in Manitoba, fourteen miles, from Winnipeg to Headingly, owing to the wretched state of the gumbo roads. The car was running on an average of ten miles to the gallon, sometimes as much as fifteen miles was made to the gallon, but in some parts of British Columbia five miles to the gallon was good going. The number of broken links in the road through British Columbia necessitated running on the ties in some places and taking a steamer on Kootenay Lake on another occasion.

The cost of crossing from Halifax to Vancouver averaged $2.50 a day per person. The expenses of the car were about $5 per day, exclusive of repairs.

The gumbo roads of Manitoba were in such bad condition that the drivers went on strike in Winnipeg, causing a three-days, delay. Owing to the absence of roads many detours had to be made, amounting to six hundred miles altoghether, of which 300 were in Ontario and 300 in British Columbia.

The enthusiasm for the Canadian Highway all along the road was marked. Towns and cities did their best to welcome the pathfinder, and besides presenting pennants of their town and entertaining the motorists, passed resolutions pledging unqualified co-operation in any scheme for the Canadian Highway from coast to coast.

Chains were seldom used. Block and tackle were often in requisition. On one occasion a bridge had to be built to get the car over, and teams were necessary to pull the car out of the bad spots.

The motorists, however, were always able to get shelter for the night, and never lacked food or gasoline.

Scarcely any macadam roads were found on the journey. The majority were earth and the rest gravel. The best roads were in British Columbia and in Ontario, the worst in Manitoba. The earth roads of the Maritime Provinces and Alberta and Saskatchewan were of about equal merit.

WOODSTOCK MEN PAY BIG PRICE FOR PAIR OF BLACK FOXES

Woodstock, N. B., Nov. 28—The fox farm industry in which Carleton county will play an important part, was settled last night when George Balmain and George McPhail arrived here from P. E. Island where they were sent to look over the fox ranches. They reported the purchase of a pair of thoroughbred foxes from one of the best ranches on the island.

The amount paid is in the vicinity of $14,000. The company, which is composed mostly of Woodstock men, will at once go through the necessary legal forms and work out the details of a business that is expected to become an important industry. The question of the location of the farm is not yet definitely settled, but it will probably be within easy distance of the town.

The foxes purchased may be left on the island until spring. Messrs. Balmain and McPhail found great difficulty in landing a pair as there were none for sale owing to the great demand. They are much elated over their purchase.

LIQUOR LAW VIOLATIONS IN KENT COUNTY

Richibucto, Nov. 28—Grover Livingston, a student at Pine Hill College, Halifax, conducted the service in Chalmers' church on Sunday evening. Besides preaching an impressive missionary sermon, he sang a bass solo to his own accompaniment, which was much enjoyed.

Miss Mayme O'Leary returned a few days ago from a short visit to Moncton.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Howard and family have taken up their residence in the Ostle house, recently occupied by Mr. and Mrs. William Murray.

Robert Allenach, who has been in Campbellton for some months, is spending a vacation at his home in town.

Robert Johnson, of Loggieville, came to town on Monday and will as usual remain during the smelt fishing season, overseeing that portion of A. & R. Loggie's business here.

Willard Bernard, of Kamloops (B. C.), is in town, spending a vacation with relatives.

During the past week two cases of illegal liquor selling have come up for trial before Stipendiary Magistrate R. H. Davis. As a result of the first, Archibald Campbell, of Bass River, was fined $50 and costs. The second complaint was also substantiated and Louis G. Collet, proprietor of the Rexton hotel, was fined $100 or three months in jail.

P. Ryan, foreman in the construction of the Moulies River bridge, was in town this week, accompanied by Mrs. Ryan.

A good rule for the size of threat in making buttonholes is to have it 20 coarser than that used for making the garments.

MARITIME WINTER FAIR AT AMHERST IN FULL SWING

Prominent Men of the Three Provinces Present — R. A. Snowball Captures Shorthorn Championship.

Amherst, N. S., Dec. 2—The Maritime Winter Fair is already in full swing with a large attendance from all parts of the maritime provinces. Col. H. Montgomery Campbell, the energetic president of the Maritime Live Stock Association, is certainly to be congratulated upon the manner in which he and his executive officers have arranged the machinery of the organization.

The judging of beef cattle was begun at 10 o'clock and was followed with keen interest all day. M. J. O'Brien's magnificent silver cup was captured this year by R. A. Snowball, of Chatham. This was for the champion animal in the Shorthorn class.

At 6 o'clock this evening the commissioners entertained at dinner a large number of guests. Prominent among the number were Premier Flemming of New Brunswick, Premier Matheson of P. E. Island; Chief Justice Fitzgerald of P. E. Island; W. B. Dickson, M. P. P. for Albert; Messrs. Jones and Murray, M. P. P.'s for Kings (N. B.), and a number of other prominent public men from the three provinces. Short addresses were given at the banquet by Premiers Flemming, Matheson and Murray and others. Much regret was expressed that the illness of Lieut.-Governor Wood prevented him from being present.

The evening meeting was largely attended and was presided over by Colonel Montgomery Campbell. Addresses of welcome we given by Mayor Fage, Warden Purdy and C. S. Sutherland, president of the board of trade. The addresses were responded to by the three premiers of the maritime provinces. Other speakers were: Chief Justice Fitzgerald, of P. E. Island; Hon. O. T. Daniels, of Nova Scotia, and J. A. Murray, M. P. P. for Kings. There was a happy hour spent, unity and optimism running through all the speeches and one and all emphasized the fact that there were better days coming for the maritime provinces.

Tomorrow the three premiers of the provinces will hold a conference and will discuss the question of maritime representation at Ottawa and a number of other matters of importance to the maritime provinces.

The New Brunswick government has an excellent exhibit of fruit on view, which is attracting marked attention.

SERIOUS DELAY FOR THIS PORT

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Bay in connection with the wharves and other work under construction would have been commenced long before this. The present government, however, has adopted a different course, and it was announced some time ago that on Nov. 20 last they were to begin themselves operating the road from Moncton to Edmundston and give a tri-weekly service. This course and the uncertainty as to which section will be handed over to the Grand Trunk Pacific will necessarily cause very considerable delay in the company's construction work on the terminals at St. John.

"What probably would be a better course for the government is to build them, and rent them on the same terms as wharves are to be rented on a part of the Transcontinental system. This improvement should have been commenced before this, and any longer delay will necessarily prove of great disadvantage to the port.

"I would suggest," added Dr. Pugsley, "that the city commissioners and the board of trade take up the matter at once and press it earnestly upon the attention of the government. Any assistance which I can give to bring it up in parliament, or otherwise, will be cheerfully given. It must not be overlooked that there is a great deal of work to be done and it cannot be commenced too soon. At present there is only one track leading from the Intercolonial along the west shore of Courtenay Bay, while dozens of tracks will be necessary to accommodate the large traffic which will come here when the Grand Trunk Pacific begins to operate the Transcontinental. There should also be one or more tracks laid down on the east shore connecting the Intercolonial with the dry dock now under construction, and also the ship repairing plant, to be built in connetcion with it. Then there must be a large elevator, an up-to-date immigration office, warehouses, and other buildings, all of which will necessarily take some years to complete."

Should Be Watched.

In reply to a question with regard to the running rights of the C. P. R. over the Intercolonial from St. John to Halifax, Dr. Pugsley said that he knew nothing with regard to the matter. "I have heard the rumors," he said, "that are going the rounds. I do not think that the people of St. John are opposed to the giving of running rights on reasonable terms to the C. P. R., but it would be manifestly unfair to make the terms such as would be unjust to the port of St. John, and deprive it of the advantages of its geographical position. The matter should be watched very carefully by the people of St. John, and I think that they should know what the proposed terms are before they are generally agreed upon.

"I had pleasure when in Montreal," Dr. Pugsley concluded, "in meeting D. Lorne McGibbon, the president of the Atlantic Refineries Company, and he assured me that the stock of the company had all been underwritten, and that there would be no unnecessary delay in proceeding with the work. He also told me that the deposit of $100,000 would be lodged with the city council early this week. I am very glad that after considerable delay this important project which resulted under an agreement made with the government while I was minister of public works, is soon to be an accomplished fact, and must prove of great benefit to the city."

ALBERT FOREST FIRE INQUIRY

Hopewell Hill, N. B., Dec. 2—(Special)—The investigation into the origin of the destructive fire at Salem, Albert county, was resumed today before Magistrate Jas. Blight at Hillsboro and was adjourned till Dec. 30 to allow the parties implicated to be in attendance with what explanation they might have to present in regard to their action in setting forest fires.

Four witnesses were examined today but nothing additional of importance was adduced.