

# MAXWELL ENEMES MAKING STUMPAGE CHARGES

## Misquoted in the Press, He Says

### W. B. Snowball Gets Government's Promise to Refute the Libel, But Newspaper Refuses to Print Crown Lands Statement.

Chatham, N. B., Dec. 13.—The report of the recent meeting of the provincial government at Fredericton, as given out, presumably by members of the government, makes no mention of the protest made by W. B. Snowball, president of the J. B. Snowball Co., Limited, against the unfair attack on his company by members of the government and organs supporting the government.

On Wednesday afternoon last after speaking as a member of the delegation from the Chatham Exhibition Society, Mr. Snowball addressed the executive on the stumpage charges, as recently published in the Gleaner and Globe, and after stating the company's position, as outlined in the letter already given publicly, he charged that a member of the government was responsible for the attack.

Mr. Snowball was asked who that member was, and replied, "Mr. Maxwell."

The representative from St. John arose and said that he had been misquoted, and that he had not said "a lumber dealer," but referred only to incorrect scaling in his Woodstock speech.

Mr. Snowball remarked that it was very singular that Mr. Maxwell had not taken the trouble to correct the impression before, and asked the Crown Lands Department to prepare the correct statement and have it forwarded to the newspapers which had used Mr. Maxwell's speech.

Mr. Snowball left the matter in the hands of R. A. Lavelle, K. C., and on Friday afternoon received a telephone message from that gentleman, who was in Fredericton, giving the information that Surveyor General Grimmer had submitted the statement as requested to the newspapers in question, and that the Gleaner had failed to publish it.

Later developments are expected to be interesting.

## Politics Warm Yet

The breach between the Morrissey followers and the local government party in Northumberland widens daily. The North Shore Leader, published on Friday at Newcastle, returns in good measure the World's onslaught on the chief commissioner. The following is a sample of the editorial page: "The Chatham quick shot has been howling against graft for a number of years was the first one to try the grafting scheme when the Hazen government came into power, but honest John caught on and the World's graft scheme did not work; the Commodore."

The World on Saturday throws more lead shot in the direction of Freeman Hazen. It says: "It is no disgrace to be beaten in fair fight, and one who is beaten by treachery gets a certain amount of sympathy if he shows a manly resentment; but there is nothing but contempt for the victim of treason who lacks enough decision of character to punish the traitor. 'Honest,' spurned, betrayed, made an object of derision for the dominion, and still with his arms around the neck of the offender, poor!"

## For the Scott Act

Yesterday was a Temperance Sunday in every sense of the word, being fittingly observed in every church in the city. The people came out in large numbers and all the services were well attended. The Citizens' band rendered excellent service both afternoon and evening. The band paraded a few of the principal streets and then gave a number of selections at the corner of Church and Queen streets, before the two mass meetings in the First Baptist church began, attracting a good sized gathering on each occasion.

The mass meeting in the afternoon was for men only, and was well attended. Excellent addresses were delivered, each one being especially interesting. Hon. C. W. Robinson, M. P., occupied the chair, and in a few brief remarks stated that the County of Westmorland took a forward step when it adopted the Scott Act but that it should adopt license it would then take a backward step.

## RAPID

Gunner—Old Bonds advertised for a "swit typist." A pretty blond applied. Guyer—And was she swit? Gunner—You bet! She dropped with Bonds' son within two weeks.

## MODERN GOOSE UP TO DATE

The king was in his counting room, counting all his cash at hand. For the queen was in the parlor playing bridge to beat the band. While the maid was in the garden hanging out clothes, Down dropped an airship and chipped off her nose.

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# COUNCIL TAKES FIRST STEP TOWARD REFORM AT CITY HALL

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the whole brains of the council. If they could control the council he thought they must be pretty smart men. The alderman then read a lengthy extract from the Telegraph of last Thursday headed "Questions for the Aldermen." He denied having anything to do with the dismissal of any official in the North End. Regarding new asphalt work, he said they had tried to get the work done. Tenders had been called for without success and the balance of the money had been appropriated to other departments. The board had endeavored to put the sidewalks in good shape.

With regard to Mr. Peters, after he was made consulting engineer, the director asked too high a salary and it was decided to get Mr. Peters out of the city. The moment he was given full control he carried out the work of the city in a way that was a credit to him. He had just finished the best work in the country.

In moving for Mr. Peters' reappointment it was to be at the will and pleasure of the council. There was no objection to his part to burke anything, but there was no time before the new year to formulate a scheme. It was an unfair remark to say the alderman did not care for Mr. Peters' own. He was not looking for the directorship himself. He was not looking for any job except the mayor's job. He would not mind taking the job.

At this point the alderman called attention to the word "Shamrock" in the editorial page of the Telegraph, and asked the council to consider the word as much about the Shamrock as the devil did about shaves. Continuing, Ald. McGoldrick read the resolution passed by the council of the board of trade with the signatures attached, and remarked that all the members were respectable men. He was a member himself. By the way, he said, he was not looking for the directorship himself. He was not looking for any job except the mayor's job. He would not mind taking the job.

## VALUATORS MAY HOLD SESSIONS IN THIS CITY

### Hon. Chas. E. Oak Here in Connection With the International Railway Matter—Says Lumber Outlook is Brightening.

Hon. Charles E. Oak, of Bangor (Me.), who arrived in the city yesterday and is at the Royal, was, with Henry Hilyard of the city and Hon. John Gossigan appointed recently as arbitrator in valuing certain land properties through which the International Railway, now under construction, will run. Mr. Oak yesterday called upon Colonel McLean, who is representing the N. B. Railway Co., one of the parties interested, to confer with him as to the time and place for holding the court of arbitration. No date has been fixed as yet, but it is understood the hearing will be held in Fredericton or St. John, probably in this city, as the most central point.

Regarding the matters to be arbitrated, Mr. Oak said he could only conjecture what they would be, so he would not care to make any statement in that regard.

Asked concerning lumber operations on the Miramichi, where he is largely interested, he said the cut during this winter would be about fifty per cent less than last season. The amount of saw logs cut would be about the same as last year, but the pulp wood cut would be very much less. This was in consequence of all the pulp and paper mills having a large supply ahead, because of time lost through strikes etc. During the time of trouble, stocks of manufactured goods were pretty well cleaned up, while no new material was made, consequently the pulp wood contracted for had piled up so that all were well supplied.

Speaking of the lumber interests, Mr. Oak said the American price had advanced \$5, and he had recently been offered an advance of seventy-five cents for the English market, and he looked for the latter to steadily improve. The outlook was for a much better market from now on.

Mr. Oak was questioned about tariff changes on lumber and pulp wood, but he said he did not care to express an opinion in that regard.

# GOOD PROGRESS ON G. T. PACIFIC

## Every Mile Between Winnipeg and Moncton Under Contract, and Many Miles of Rails Laid.

Montreal, Dec. 12.—(Special)—The National Transcontinental Railway Commission reports that considerable progress is being made with the building of the line of the new national road between Moncton and Winnipeg. Every mile of the line is now under contract, and at the eastern and western ends, where the contractors have been able to get supplies without much difficulty, the construction work is well forward. The total mileage of steel laid runs well over 150 miles, while a good amount of work has been done in road cutting, grading and bridging on other portions of the line. On the eastern end the most important work has been done from Moncton to the St. Lawrence, and from the St. Lawrence to Weymouth, 200 miles west, and to Superior Junction. A good deal of work has also been done in the central portion in the Athabasca region. Altogether the construction completed thus far represents an expenditure of some forty millions of dollars.

The statement of the condition of the various contracts is as follows:—From Moncton 30 miles west, under contract to the Grand Trunk Pacific, much grading done, and some rails laid; next section west, John McManus, 8 miles, good progress; next section, G. T. P., 20 miles, 40 and 67 miles respectively, much grading done; next section, William Kitchen, 12 miles, well advanced towards completion; next section, Lyons and White, 62 miles to New Brunswick Quebec boundary, work well advanced; M. P. & J. T. Davis, 204 miles to Quebec contract, M. P. & J. T. Davis, St. Lawrence, 30 miles west, good progress and some rails laid; McDonald & O'Brien, 100 miles, good progress and some rails laid; G. T. P., 45 miles to Weymouth, good progress; MacDonald & O'Brien, 221 miles, roads being cut and supplies taken in; G. T. P., 150 miles, to a point 8 miles west of the Athabasca River, preliminary and some grading work done; M. P. & J. T. Davis, 204 miles contract just awarded; Superior Junction, contract just awarded; Superior Junction, contract just awarded; J. D. McArthur, 245 miles, from Superior Junction to Winnipeg, 80 per cent of the work completed.

## EXTEND CALL TO REV. J. B. CHAMPION

At a meeting of the quarterly board of the Fairville Methodist church a call was extended to Rev. J. B. Champion to the pastorate of the church. The Rev. J. B. Champion, who is at present on the Courtenay Bay circuit.

## Did Not Favor Half Measures

After teaching on other details in the report, Ald. Baxter said he had never been opposed to reorganization but did not favor half measures. It was not a question of Mr. Peters or someone else, but the system which was at fault. With regard to legislation being required to get rid of the directors, it was the opinion of the alderman that notwithstanding the amendment of 1895, it would still be necessary.

In closing Ald. Baxter reviewed the circumstances which led up to the dismissal of Mr. Cushing and the appointment of Mr. Peters as director. The latter, he said, had not lost a dollar to the city and had been most successful in his work, especially in the reconstruction of Union street and No. 9 wharf. It was glad to see that he had resigned. It would clear

# ELEVEN BIDS FOR THE SCHOOL FIRE-ESCAPES

## Go to Buildings Committee and Architect for Award

At a meeting of the school trustees last night eleven tenders for the new fire escapes of the buildings were opened and referred to the buildings committee, with the architect, for consideration and to make an award. A letter was read from Daniel Mullin, K. C., offering to lease a lot of land of eighty feet frontage, next the Newman street school, at \$80 a year. This was referred to a small committee.

The tenders were from Clark & Adams, William Lewis & Sons, G. R. Craig, J. E. Wilson Co., Ltd., Phoenix Foundry & Locomotive Works, the Page Wire Fence Manufacturing Co., William J. H. Hagan, J. F. McDonald, J. E. Burleigh and James H. Pullen. As some were for only parts of the work it was decided on motion of Mr. Russell to refer the matter to the committee named.

The following applications were read and referred to the teachers' committee from Miss Marguerite Kelly, with the apparatus as a teacher; Miss Mabel Hoyt, for Queen street school vacancy; Miss E. McNaughton, for an increase of \$25 a year; Miss E. A. Ward for \$100 increase; Miss Grace E. Allingham, for a position on the teaching staff; E. Kate Turner, for leave of absence; and Miss B. H. Wilson, of the high school staff, for an increase to \$600 a year.

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Dr. Bridges spoke in favor of accepting the offer and it was referred to the teachers' committee.

## St. Vincent's Young Ladies Want to Cook

The St. Vincent's Alumnae Association asked if they could have the use of the domestic science room with the apparatus for a cooking class one or two evenings a week, to be taught by Miss Bartlett. They said they would reimburse the board for any expense. This offer was referred to the manual training committee with power to act.

Mercery & Co., of Camden (N. J.), wrote for particulars about the tenders for fire escapes. The secretary was instructed to notify them they were too late.

The chairman then brought up the matter of the Spar Cove road school building. It was said that this building has not been in use for five years nor is there any prospect of it being occupied again. A committee was appointed with power to dispose of it. It was also decided to dispose of the old fan heating apparatus in the high school building, with the engine.

The chairman then read the report of the city controller, which was referred to Messrs. Russell and Naze with the chairman.

## Abolish, Says Baxter

Ald. Baxter said he would not vote to "consolidate" the offices of the directors. He would need for the present change and amendment to substitute the word "abolish."

Ald. McGoldrick seconded the amendment.

Ald. Frink said that on principle he was in favor of one city engineer and there would be no need for the present change and amendment which has caused considerable turmoil owing to newspaper comment stimulated by a board of trade resolution. In a majority vote that the present form of civic government is the best for our civic needs and requirements.

Ald. Pickett, speaking to the original motion, said there should not be any need of temporary appointments. The committee must set up and secure an engineer. He would not support the change and amendment to substitute the word "abolish."

Ald. McGoldrick then read the following letter from Mr. Peters:

St. John, N. B., Dec. 9, 1908.

Ald. McGoldrick, Chairman of the Board of Public Works.

Dear Sir,—I am informed that at the last meeting of the common council on Dec. 7, you proposed me as director of public works for the ensuing year. I would address you with the request that you will withdraw my name as an applicant for the position.

Yours respectfully,  
HURD PETERS,  
Director Public Works Department.

## Vanwart and Sprout Suggest Delay

Ald. Vanwart moved that the council adjourn until Wednesday night. Ald. McGoldrick said that the council should have a general outcry against further postponement, and the motion was lost.

Before putting Ald. Frink's amendment to the paper referring to the three quarters, the committee appointed to report on the different forms of civic government should be given an opportunity to re-argue.

Ald. McGoldrick protested against dragging the question of government by commission into a resolution to appoint a committee.

Ald. Frink rose to a point of order. Ald. McGoldrick, he said, had already spoken for new and four three-quarters. The word commission did not appear in the resolution. In his opinion, if the officials needed reorganization the council should not be asked to do so.

The amendment to the amendment was lost. Ald. Frink, Christie, McGowan and Vanwart voting aye.

The motion of Ald. Baxter to substitute "abolish" for consolidate, was adopted. Ald. Baxter, McGoldrick, Frink, Christie, Skelton, Sprout, Vanwart, Willet, McGowan, Sprout, Pickett, Kelley, Baskin and Rowan, aye.

## May Be Another North End School

Mr. Day also read a letter from D. Mulholland in which he made the offer of the lot in Newman street to the board for \$80 a year. The idea of acquiring more land in the North End is that it may be necessary to build a larger school there soon.

Messrs. Day, Naze and Coll were appointed to take the matter into consideration.

Mrs. Skinner and Mr. Russell were appointed to settle some outstanding accounts with the government in connection with the establishment of manual training.

On the recommendation of Dr. Bridges, Miss McLellan, of Sussex, and Miss Saunders, of L'Etete, were appointed to the reserve staff. He also announced that the city schools will close on Friday next for the Christmas vacation when, as usual, the teachers will be paid. The presentation of medals will take place in the high school.

## The Board's Overdraft

Mr. Coll asked for a statement of what debentures had been paid off by the board for which no new ones had been issued. The auditor's report showed an overdraft of \$38,000 and he claimed the board had agreed to meet this. The secretary was instructed to prepare a report for next meeting.

The matter of disposing of the \$23,000 bonds for the Winter street annex and fire escapes was left with the chairman. Miss Wilson sent in an application for the Sandy Point school. As she had only a second class certificate the secretary was ordered to notify her that the board engages only first class teachers. The meeting adjourned.

## BOMBARDED

Ye Post—Bombard on stop time. Ye Troubadour—I don't know. I stopped three alarm clocks when I sang under my lady's window the other night.

The One—But if you have the money why don't you pay your debts? The Other—Because if I did that I wouldn't have the money.

# OFFER OF LAND

## Lot Next Newman Street School in Case of Erection of New School Building—St. Vincent's Alumnae Want Use of Cooking School—The Board's Overdraft.

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# FOUR CHILDREN PERISH IN BURNING HOUSE

## MANY KILLED IN EXPLOSION

Fourteen Dead and Fifty Injured on Panama Canal

DYNAMITE DID IT

Twenty-Five Tons Went Off Causing Terrible Havoc to Works and Machinery—Concussion Felt a Long Distance Away.

Washington, Dec. 13.—Fourteen are known to be dead, three of them Americans, and fifty injured, several of them seriously, from the premature explosion of twenty-one tons of dynamite at Bas Obispo, in the Panama Canal zone, yesterday.

The following despatch was received today from Chief Engineer Gustafson, by the chief of the Washington office of the Isthmian Canal Commission:

"Culebra, Dec. 12, 1908.

"The premature explosion of twenty-one tons of dynamite at Bas Obispo at 11:10 this morning resulted in the death of fourteen men and the injury of fifty. Three or four of the injured will probably die. Following Americans killed: James H. Hummer, crane-man, steam shovel, Dunellin (N. J.); John J. Korp, steam shovel engineer, Philadelphia (N. J.); John J. Reedy, powder man, Indianapolis.

"Seriously wounded: Benjamin H. Cole, foreman, Rochester (N. Y.); Slightly wounded: Arthur H. Bassett, foreman, Philadelphia; W. G. Bell, foreman, New York city; C. W. Hayden, steam shovel engineer, Sandusky, Ohio.

(Signed) "GOETHALS."

## Death List Likely to Increase

Colon, Dec. 13.—The explosion yesterday at Bas Obispo of a twenty-five ton dynamite blast was the most serious accident in the building of the Panama canal since the United States took control. A thorough investigation, with a view to fixing the responsibility, has been pending since the United States took control. The dead now total fourteen. Many bodies have been recovered, but it is believed that a score or more are still under the masses of rock and earth that were hurled by the explosion. Two fine automobiles were destroyed, one of them being Sir Wilfrid Laurier's English touring car. Ralph Smith, M. P.-elect, for Nanaimo (B. C.), is in the city and rumor naturally connects his visit with the British Columbia portfolio. Wm. Sloan, who was elected for Culebra by acclamation, will be here on Monday.

W. L. MacKenzie King will leave on Wednesday for China to take part, as Canadian delegate, in the International anti-opium convention which is to take place next month.

## FORMER NATIONAL HEAD OF A. O. H. IS DEAD

### P. J. O'Connor Passed Away at Age of 58 Years.

Savannah, Ga., Dec. 12.—P. J. O'Connor, ex-national president of the Ancient Order of United Workmen, was born in Savannah, Sept. 25, 1850. He was elected chairman of the national directory of the A. O. H. in May, 1888, which position he held until promoted to the national presidency thereof in May, 1894.

While on a fishing trip Mr. O'Connor was bitten on the hand by an insect, and became very ill last Wednesday. Pneumonia later set in. P. J. O'Connor was born in Savannah, Sept. 25, 1850. He was elected chairman of the national directory of the A. O. H. in May, 1888, which position he held until promoted to the national presidency thereof in May, 1894.

## BANKRUPT CLAIR MERCHANT ARRESTED ON FRAUD CHARGE

Edmundston, Dec. 12.—Joseph B. Levesque, of Clair, was today committed for trial by Hector Nadeau, police magistrate here, on a charge of having concealed his property with intent to defraud his creditors.

On the 3rd of November last Levesque made an assignment to the sheriff for the general benefit of his creditors. On the following day Sheriff Gagnon went to Clair to take possession of Levesque's property under the deed of assignment and asked Levesque to point out his property to him, which the latter did, giving the sheriff to understand that he had pointed out all of his property.

On the 24th of November Sheriff Gagnon, being informed that Levesque had made a search and found a quantity of general groceries, hardware, clothing, crockery, cigars, tobacco, etc., which showed a total value of \$1,572 at invoice prices and Levesque gave no satisfactory explanation as to these goods, but told the sheriff that the most of it was groceries which he was paying for in full and did not suppose that they should go into the estate.

## Church Burned

Colebrook, N. H., Dec. 13.—The Catholic church in Beecher Falls (Vt.), ten miles north of Colebrook, was burned early today, before service commenced. The structure was a small one, and the monetary loss was not great.

## SEVEN-YEAR SENTENCE FOR BLACKMAILING DETECTIVE

Toronto, Dec. 13.—(Special)—William Huckleby, a private detective of Hamilton, was sentenced Saturday to seven years in the penitentiary for blackmailing George Ireland.