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ERIOUS FIRE AT JOGGINS MINES.

Several Horses Suffocated and Many Miners Overcome by Smoke.

MEN WERE LUCKY.

Being Sunday When Blaze Broke Out None of Them Were at Work, But Fire-fighters Suffered—Fire Over 3,000 Feet Below Surface and Confined to One Section.

Amherst, N. S., Jan. 11.—(Special)—A fire broke out last night in the Canada and Railway Company's mines, at the Joggins, causing great excitement in that vicinity. Fortunately it was discovered in time to confine it to one section and at present it is hoped that no very serious damage may result and that the men will not suffer to any great extent. The fire was caused by the lighting of a lamp in a place of a door, which was in contact, it is supposed, with a lamp and after smoldering for some time, set fire to the embers. When discovered the pit and entrance were completely filled with smoke and for while looked as if the whole mine was a fire. After considerable work the fire was confined to one section, where it now burns in a 3,000 feet below the surface. Several horses were suffocated. The fire occurring on Sunday, there were men in the mine. Several men were killed by smoke while trying to get out of the mine. The fire was not extinguished until the arrival of medical assistance. The mine employ about 300 men and is running from 300 to 400 tons of coal a day.

Collier on Chamberlain's Commission. Montreal, Jan. 11.—(Special)—The Star's special correspondent understands that J. G. Collier, lately secretary in charge of the Chamberlain's commission, will serve as a member in order to watch Canada's interests.

Storm Warning. Boston, Jan. 11.—Northeast storm warning ordered 9.30 p. m., storm on Middle Island will move northeast Tuesday, causing increasing to high northeast winds with snow on the New England coast.

Female School Teachers of the City Ask for Increased Salaries. Present Petition to School Trustees at Meeting of the Board—Their Case Explained—Has Been Referred to Teachers' Committee—General School Business Dealt With.

The female teachers of the city public schools Monday night applied to the board of trustees for an increase in salary. There are about 140 or 150 women school teachers in St. John and less than twenty men teaching. At a meeting of the school board Monday the female teachers presented their petition. It was discussed but briefly and was referred to the teachers' committee.

In the short discussion which the petition projected it was shown that there are more teachers on the staff than there were ten years ago and that some \$4,750 more is paid in salaries. In 1892-1893 the salaries amounted to \$58,745 and ten years ago the sum was \$54,000.

The Teachers' Case. In their petition, the teachers say the salaries for female teachers have not been increased for more than ten years and they are insufficient to meet the conditions created by increased cost of living; that under the present schedule the average salary under first class license is lower than the average salary under any former schedule during the past quarter of a century; that the salaries of female teachers in high school work are not commensurate to the additional labor and responsibility entailed by their duties, nor equivalent to those in other Canadian cities; that the requirements for license have been increased and made more severe, requiring more time and greater expense to obtain a license; that the inducements of other callings are much stronger than teaching and attract many of our most capable and intelligent young women, and thus the renewal of the number of teachers from those best qualified is rendered more difficult; that while the amount fixed by statute that the board may demand from the public is less per pupil than that available to the school boards of other Canadian cities, yet the granting that immediate measure of increase petitioned for, now suggested as far back as 1885; that to remove the disabilities and grievances of the female teachers, and place them in a position nearer to that held by teachers in other cities of Canada, it is necessary that a new schedule of salaries be adopted and proper steps be taken to

removed any statutory obstacles that may prevent or conflict with the carrying out of such a schedule in the future.

What They Ask. The teachers ask the board to adopt the following schedule of salaries for female teachers, and have the same put into effect at the beginning of the ensuing school year 1904-05.

(1)—The minimum salary of female teachers on appointment shall be \$250 a year, to be increased at the rate of \$25 a year for each of the succeeding six years, as follows:— 1st year, \$250; 2nd year, \$275; 3rd year, \$300; 4th year, \$325; 5th year, \$350; 6th year, \$375; 7th year, \$400.

(2)—The female teachers engaged in high school work shall receive a minimum salary of \$450 for the first year, and an annual increase of \$25 for the next six years, as follows:— 1st year, \$450; 2nd year, \$475; 3rd year, \$500; 4th year, \$525; 5th year, \$550; 6th year, \$575; 7th year, \$600.

(3)—Assistant teachers shall receive a minimum salary of \$200 a year.

(4)—All female teachers at present in the employ of the board to receive an increase of \$50 to their salary at the beginning of the school year of 1904-05, and thereafter receive an annual increase of \$25 until the maximum amount be reached.

(5)—All female teachers that for special reasons are now in receipt of salaries higher than the general schedule to receive the above increase of \$50 for the two following years.

Their Argument. They present argument giving increased cost of living, while salaries are such as to give no opportunity to provide for the future. They show that the present salaries of first class female teachers are lower than under any previous schedule since 1878. A statement is given showing the salaries and annual increases paid to female teachers holding corresponding licenses and engaged in similar work in other Canadian cities.

Dr. Inch's report is quoted to show that in view of the advance in the scholastic requirements of first and second class female teachers, there should be a corresponding increase in remuneration, also showing the scarcity of higher grade teachers.

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BRITISH VICTORY OVER MAD MULLAH

One Thousand Killed and Many Captured in Battle Yesterday.

VICTORS' LOSSES

Were Two Officers Killed and Nine Wounded; Only Five of Rank and File Injured—Four Hundred Rifles Captured—Mullah Not Present, But His Main Army Defeated.

London, Jan. 11.—The war office tonight gave out the following despatch which had been received from Major General Egerton, commanding the Somaliland expedition, and which is dated from Jiddah, Somaliland, Jan. 11.— "Advanced this morning twelve miles to Jiddah. First brigade commanded by Manning, second brigade under Fakin, and mounted troops under Kenana. Total strength of regulars, 2,200; irregulars, 1,000. Jiddah held by 5,000 Derivishes. Mounted troops enveloped enemy's right flank and advanced within 700 yards of the enemy. Derivishes advanced but were unable to face frontal fire coupled with flank attack. Derivishes killed and wounded, 1,000, mostly in the pursuit. Many prisoners and 400 rifles taken. "I regret to report that two officers of regulars were killed and nine officers and five of rank and file wounded; of native troops seven killed and sixteen wounded; of irregulars two killed and two wounded. Am inclined to think this is the Mullah's main force. The Mullah himself was not present but was expected at Jiddah today. "Major General Egerton's force is camped tonight two miles beyond Juwani. "A later despatch from General Egerton says that one officer, Captain Lister, is missing. Lister is Lord Kibblesdale's son and heir.

NEW BANK MANAGER AT FREDERICTON. Montreal, Jan. 11.—(Special)—A. E. Brock, who has been assistant manager of the Montreal office of the Royal Bank, has been appointed manager of the branch at Fredericton (N. B.).

HON. H. R. EMMERSON GETS APPOINTMENT.

Will Be Sworn in as Cabinet Minister at Once.

Presumption in Ottawa is That He Will Be Minister of Railways, But That Will Not Be Known for a Day or Two—Government View is That There Will Be Little or No Opposition to His Election in Westmorland—Colonel Tucker at the Dominion Capital.

Ottawa, Jan. 11.—(Special)—Hon. H. R. Emerson has been called to take the place of Hon. A. G. Blair, who resigned on account of a difference of opinion with the government, in connection with the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway.

It is understood that Mr. Emerson will be here in a day or so, and will be sworn in a member of Sir Wilfrid Laurier's government.

The presumption is that he will be minister of railways. The government view is that it is not at all likely that Mr. Emerson will be opposed in Westmorland, and that with a portfolio he is easily sure of election if another candidate is put up.

Hon. Henry Robert Emerson was born at Manserville, Sunbury Co., N. B., Sept. 25, 1853, so that he is now in his fifty-first year. His father was Rev. R. H. Emerson, a Baptist clergyman, and his mother's name was Augusta Reed. He was educated at Amherst and Mount Allison universities and Acadia College, Wolfville (N. S.). He is a barrister by profession. In 1878 he married Emily G. Record, daughter of the late C. B. Record, iron founder, of Moncton, who has since died. In 1877 he ran for the commons for Westmorland, and was defeated. In 1888 he was elected to the legislature but was defeated in 1890. In 1891 he was appointed to the legislative council, and there voted for the abolition of the franchise. Just previous to the election of 1892 he was sworn in a member of the cabinet with the office of minister of public works. On the death of Mr. Mitchell he became premier of this province, retaining the portfolio of public works. He was elected for Albert to the house of commons at the general elections of 1892, and in 1895 and 1899 he was re-elected. On August 31, 1900, he resigned the premiership and was returned to the house of commons for Westmorland.

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Other well known personalities among the original owners of the Lepro mines; Mrs. Leonard Richards, of Port Townsend, the first woman resident of the Mount Sicker mining district, and name giver of the Leonard mine and camp; Capt. Livingston Thompson, a retired army officer and explorer and a surveyor of the Washington Co-operative Mining Co., and two members of the Kansas City Vandeventer team of Prince and Daniels.

A Sackville Man Lost. Moncton, N. B., Jan. 11.—Among the reported lost in the wreck of the steamer Callaghan is Harvey Sears, a native of Sackville, a seaman on the lost steamer. Deceased was a son of Harvey Sears, of the same name, who was a member of the Intercolonial baggage department, here.

Mr. Shaw Was Native of Carleton County. Nathaniel P. Shaw, shipowner of Victoria (B. C.), who is reported lost in the steamship Callaghan, formerly of the Pacific coast, particulars of which are given elsewhere, is a native of Carleton county and a nephew of the late R. K. Jones, ex-M. P. of Woodstock. The deceased's wife, who survives him, was formerly Miss Gertrude Lugin, eldest daughter of Charles H. Lugin, formerly of this city. He also leaves one child, a boy of six. The numerous Fredericton friends of Mr. Shaw and her family will meet sincerely sympathize with her and all them in their great sorrow.—Fredericton Herald.

More Salvation Army Cadets. Toronto, Jan. 11.—(Special)—The Salvation Army tonight commissioned fifty cadets for service in various parts of the dominion.

STEAMER LOYALIST MEETS WITH MISADVENTURE. The Furness Liner, Bound Here, Makes St. John's With Only One Propeller Blade, Having Lost The Other Three.

St. John's, Nfld., Jan. 11.—The Furness liner Loyalist, Captain Phillips, 19 days from Liverpool to St. John's (N. B.), caught a harbor here today after having steamed five hundred miles with only one blade of her propeller. The other blades fell off owing to the severe racing of the engines due to the heavy seas.

BRITAIN WILL FULFIL TREATY OBLIGATIONS, SAYS BALFOUR. London, Jan. 12.—Premier Balfour, speaking at Manchester last night, declined to discuss the differences between Russia and Japan on the ground that such a discussion would be of little service to the cause of peace.

Premier Balfour said that Great Britain would carry out to the fullest extent all her treaty obligations.

W. St. John Brodick, secretary for India, speaking at Guilford, said the government would do its utmost to promote a peaceful solution of the difficulties, but that if its effort failed Great Britain would localize the effect of the conflict, would honor the obligations of the treaty.

Mr. Brodick's statement is commented on by this morning's newspapers as an intimation of the intention of the war office to accord full support to Japan in the event of circumstances arising which would call into action the Anglo-Japanese treaty.

Woodstock, N. B., Jan. 11.—(Special)—Notwithstanding the doubt of an immediate general dominion election John Harper, president of the Carleton County Liberal Association, issued a call for a convention of the Liberal party to be held in Graham's Opera House, Woodstock on Thursday, Jan. 21st inst., at 2 o'clock for the purpose of nominating a candidate to contest the county in the federal election at which all friends of the government are invited to attend.

BOILER EXPLODES; SIX KILLED, FOUR INJURED. Toronto, Mich., Jan. 11.—The boiler in the saw mill owned by H. W. Marsh, of Mainville, located at Hoke Lake, in Oscoda county, exploded today, and killed six men, injured four others, perhaps fatally.

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Board of Trade President Protests Against Star Line Service.

POST OFFICE DELAYS.

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Man Testifies That He Tried to Batter Down Iron Gate Fastening the Balcony People In, and That He Was Unable to Do So, and Saw His Mother and Wife Roast to Death Before His Eyes.

Chicago, Jan. 11.—The inquest over the victims of the Iroquois fire was resumed today.

James Strong testified that he with his mother and wife bought standing room tickets for the performance and were in the first balcony. When the fire started they hurried to a door which proved to be a locked exit. He could not force the door open, and breaking a transom with his fist, climbed out. He found a man with a lot of tools. The two men tried to break down the door from the outside. Then Strong pulled himself up into the transom to try to lift his mother and wife out. While he was half way through the transom, flames filled all that part of the theatre and his mother and wife were scorched to death. He was so severely scorched that his life was despaired of.

It is on Strong's evidence that the state's attorney will largely rely if an attempt is made to secure indictments in connection with the fire.

George M. Dusenberry, head usher, testified that he made a round of the theatre just before the fire and found about 75 persons standing. A few were in the aisles and he requested them to move back. He was in the foyer when the panic started and immediately, he said, threw open the two front exits and ran into the auditorium to assist women who had been knocked down.

He was, according to his statement, the last person to leave the main floor. Dusenberry declared that a number of fire extinguishers were placed in different parts of the theatre and near the front door there was a hose about 50 feet long. He had never received any instructions as to what should be done in case of fire and had never issued any to the ushers. He testified that there were three doors leading from the second balcony to the lobby, and that one of these was locked, he having fastened it himself with a key.

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