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C. P. R. MUST PAY ARREARS IN TAXES

Forfeiture Proceedings Instituted by Government on Behalf of Local Improvement Districts.

Forfeiture proceedings for the recovery of arrears of taxes in local improvement districts and rural school districts were held before Chief Justice Sifton in Calgary on December 15th and 16th.

At Calgary, the attorney general's department, represented by Deputy Attorney General Woods, called for the payment of arrears of taxes on the lands of Calgary and Edmonton railway. R. B. Bennett, on behalf of the company, disputed the confinement of arrears on the ground that the company's lands are not liable for taxation until after the date of patent.

The local improvement act dealing with the question of taxation, requires that notices of warning be registered sixty days before the holding of court, to every party who is shown by the land's titles office or returns of arrears, to be interested in property affected. If such warning is not heeded the government gives notice of intention to sell the land in question for arrears of taxes or to vest in the crown the title to forfeit property.

Within a year from the forfeiture the owner may redeem his property by applying for the same and paying the taxes thereon. Very few forfeitures have been recorded, thus showing that the proceedings adopted are most effective in attaining the end for which they were instituted.

Sikhs For the Cotton Fields. Vancouver, Dec. 21.—Ten thousand Sikhs from Northern India are to be located on the plantations of the west coast of British Columbia, where labor is much needed.

Williamstad, Curacao, Dec. 22.—The deduction from the latest news from Curacao indicates that the resignation of the Castro cabinet, is that the reign of President Castro in Venezuela has been the principal cause of the political prisoners at Porto Cabello have been set at liberty, and that several political prisoners at the same time have been imprisoned. It is rumored also that two Venezuelan delegates have left Curacao for Williamstad to open negotiations with the Dutch colonial government for a settlement of the existing difficulties.

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King Will Visit France. London, December 22.—King Edward's physician is not at all pleased today over his determination to start tomorrow for Sandringham, for the Royal family Christmas celebration. They fear the effect of the rigorous east coast climate on the King's throat, and unusual preparations are being made to guard against exposure. It is understood that the King will leave for Southern France immediately following the Christmas party at Sandringham.

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THREE LABOR MEN SENTENCED

For Part Played in a Boycott of a St. Louis Firm by the American Federation of Labor.

Washington, Dec. 23.—Samuel Gompers was sentenced to twelve months, John Mitchell to nine months and Secretary Morrison to six months by a decision of the Supreme Court for the District of Columbia, written by Justice Wright, in the case growing out of the boycott of the Truck Store and Range Company of St. Louis by the American Federation of Labor.

Furs Stolen. Toronto, Dec. 23.—Daring burglars carried over three thousand worth of furs from the warehouse of Washington, Ontario, at the corner of ...

CASTRO'S POWER SAID TO BE FINALLY ENDED

While the President's Presence Puzzles Germany His Enemies at Home Are Busy—Attempt to Assassinate His Rival Fails.

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TOO MUCH TRAFFIC OVER THE BRIDGE

Farmers of Clover Bar Will Protest to Railway Commission—C.P.R. Also Take Action.

From present indications the Edmonton Roadway company in the next few months will be up against several snags in the operation of the interurban line. The railway authorities have been informed that a meeting of the railway commission will be held in Edmonton early in the year, the date probably being February 22nd.

Clover Bar Farmers Protest. The Clover Bar branch of the Alberta Farmers' association have lodged a protest with the commission against the congestion of the Saskatchewan bridge which they claim is dangerous for traffic on account of the two railway lines that now cross it. This complaint will have a hearing when the commission meets in the city.

Word has been received from the C. P. R. that they will insist upon the installation of de-railing switches at the crossing on Whyte avenue, Strathcona, and semaphores along their right of way to provide for the street railway. This matter will also come up for discussion when the board meets here.

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FRENCH BARK MISSING

Feared She Has Foundered With Crew of Seventeen Men.

North Sidney, N. S., Dec. 23.—A cablegram from St. Pierre, Mich., states that the French bark Ariere, which left France on Nov. 28th with a consignment of salt for the firm of Gaston Menier, has probably been lost with its crew of 17 men.

FOWLER TELLS HOW THE DEED WAS DONE

Bought \$6 Land at \$3.50 Per Acre—The Five Points of the Trans-Canada Road Before the St. John Court.

St. John, N.B., Dec. 22.—At the afternoon session of the suit of A. B. Pugsley vs. Geo. W. Fowler and Rufus Pope, Fowler, in his evidence said: "I told Mr. Pugsley that I was getting up a syndicate to purchase a tract of land in the northwest and suggested that he be one of them. I had lately returned from there and may have made some statement as to the rapid sale of the land as I was much impressed with the country. I also said that each member of the syndicate was to put up \$200 to defray the initial expenses of locating the land."

Did You Tell Him No More Money Would Be Required? "I told him that in my opinion we would be able to sell before we had to put up any purchase money, but I added that he would have to be prepared to carry his share of the cost of the project if the syndicate failed in mind. He seemed favorable but refused to put up any money. Some time after Mr. Griffin had received the formal application for 200,000 acres at \$3.50 that gentleman wrote me that he had decided to put up \$5 and that it was not the policy of the company to dispose of such small parcels. Following this receipt of this letter, the witness said he went to Montreal with Mr. Pope and again visited Sir Thomas. They discussed the project and Mr. Griffin allowed to purchase the land at \$3.50. Sir Thomas suggested they should go to Winnipeg and look over the land, and when they returned to St. John they were met by Mr. Pope and Mr. Pugsley. They were then taken to the five points of the project and the witness said it was finally decided that the syndicate was to purchase 200,000 acres at \$3.50 an acre. An effort was made by Messrs. Fowler and Pope to have the term of purchase extended over two years, but this was unsuccessful. The deal was closed in December and in the following January or February Mr. Pugsley received a letter from Mr. Griffin asking for \$50,000 on the purchase money, failing which the agreement would be declared void. The witness said that he had no money to pay the money. The witness said he had written Mr. Pugsley, previous to the deal, that if he was unable to pay the money, he would drop out. The rest of the syndicate then put up the rest of the purchase money, \$40,000. After Mr. Griffin had been sold he had a conversation with Mr. Pugsley in his house and he told him then that he would not lose anything.

Under cross-examination he was asked: "Did you not write that you had reason to expect generous treatment as to the price of the land and the terms of payment?" "I may have written to that effect."

"You knew that Sir Thos. Shaughnessy was president of the C. P. R. and that his word would be as good as law to the company?" "Well, I hoped it would have that effect."

Mr. Wilson then pressed Mr. Fowler to give him some information as to how the first \$20,000 was raised. The witness said that the members of the syndicate put up most of the money, but that the others put up a part, and he financed the balance. He went on to say that he never had any difficulty about getting people to buy shares in the syndicate. He did not know how the money was raised, but he considered it a special favor to allow them to buy. This finished the evidence for the court adjourned till tomorrow for argument.

CHEAPER CABLE SERVICE CERTAIN

Canadian Postmaster General Seemingly Confident That His Mission Will Have Early Results.

New York, Dec. 22.—Much cheaper cable rates from this continent to Europe were practically promised by the Postmaster-General of Canada, Raulo P. Louhe, before he left for Toronto last night. "This reform has been accomplished in the Pacific," said Mr. Louhe, "and there is little doubt but that the Atlantic lines will soon send messages cheaper. The American ambassador to England has said that his country did not propose to stand idly by while Canada completed a much needed reform."

If the cable companies will not make the reduction, the postmaster intimated that new cables will be laid, even if the government had to undertake the work. Eventually, he said, a state owned cable line would mean a five-cent word rate.

The Toll of the Chase. Boston, Mass., Dec. 22.—The chase of the moose, deer and other game in the three northern States of New England and the adjoining Canadian Province for the season which closed today, cost the lives of 31 human beings, 29 by fire, four by drowning and one by falling on a knife. Two moose were killed while hunting in Massachusetts. Scores were crippled or wounded, five or six of whom may yet be added to the list of dead. Maine, as usual, leads the list in the province, and four each in Vermont and New Hampshire.

MORE BOMBS THROWN AT INDIAN OFFICERS

Two More Attempts on Life of Public Prosecutor—Huma-Summary Trial Act Has Not Fulfilled All the Expectations.

Calcutta, Dec. 22.—The attempted assassination of British officials has now been followed by the passage of the new summary trial act, and the reform measures which Viscount Morley spoke of in the House of Lords a few days ago. Another attempt was made upon the life of Public Prosecutor Huma today. Two bombs were thrown at him as he went to work on Nov. 25, when a bomb loaded with dynamite was thrown at the railway carriage in which he was traveling, but fell short and exploded outside. The man who attempted this assassination was the next day made a hero by the Bengalis.

NEEDS MORE PROTECTION.

Jury in Winnipeg Murder Case Declares Police Force is Insufficient to Safeguard Life and Property.

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FIVE INJURED IN WRECK

Local Passenger Backs Into Freight—Some of Injured Will Probably Die.

Chaffee, Mo., Dec. 2.—A Chicago and Eastern Illinois freight, number 1388, collided with the Hoxie local passenger, number 889 here at 10:30 last night. Seriously injured five. Some of the injured will probably die. Train number 889 while backing into the Chicago yards collided with freight number 1388, which was pulling out of the yards. The accident is said to have been caused by a confusion of signals.

UNITED STATES TAKES A HAND

Washington, Dec. 23.—That the storm center in the Caribbean has shifted from Haiti to Venezuela and Curacao was shown today when the battleship Maine, the cruiser Des Moines and the gunboat Dolphin were started with much show of mystery for the waters which have recently been dominated by the warships of Holland. The Des Moines and the Dolphin were rushed from Port-au-Prince, Haiti, to Curacao in the Maine started from Hampton roads.

In diplomatic circles it was said that the decision to send warships to Venezuelan waters was to ally the fear on the part of foreign nations that their interests would be injured in case of actual war between Holland and Venezuela, and to be on the scene in case of developments.

U. S. War Department Official. The calm indifference with which the state department has watched Holland's chastisement of Venezuela has therefore disappeared. This sudden awakening is said to be due equally to Holland's procedure in her reprisals against the South American republic and to the reports from Germany that President Castro is negotiating for 50,000 carbines and war vessels with which to wage war and show the uprising against him.

A distinguished authority on naval affairs said that the dispatch of the United States warships meant among other things, that if any European power should step in now and take the part of President Castro against Holland, the United States would do so with the full knowledge that it might have the United States to reckon with.

The battleship Maine, the cruiser Curacao and the gunboat Dolphin were ordered to follow the battleship Maine to Venezuela waters.

Berlin, Dec. 22.—Conjectural reports are circulating in the press here that President Castro, Venezuela, is negotiating with German ship yards for the construction of several warships to repel such actions as Holland is now taking. These reports have wide range, one saying that Venezuela has asked for two battleships and another that she desires six cruisers. It is further stated that President Castro intends ordering artillery in Germany for the Venezuelan army. The reports are being met by the British navy and navy plans are declared, emphatically, by all of his suite, to be absolute inventions of several German newspapers. President Castro's alleged army and navy plans are declared, emphatically, by all of his suite, to be absolute inventions of several German newspapers. President Castro's alleged army and navy plans are declared, emphatically, by all of his suite, to be absolute inventions of several German newspapers.

PORTLAND RIVALS NEW YORK

Pacific Port Only 2,000,000 Bushels Behind the Metropolis in Wheat Shipments—Vancouver Moralizes.

Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 22.—That the mainland ports of the Pacific coast have equal opportunities of increasing the grain shipping records from Atlantic coast ports is proven by information received by the local board of trade today from the Portland chamber of commerce.

This information shows that New York on the Atlantic coast is only two million bushels in the lead over Portland as the greatest wheat-shipping centre in the United States.

Secretary Skene, of the Vancouver board of trade, has written to a number of cities, including Calgary, in respect of shipments of grain, and has received the first reply, coming from Portland, in the form of the October bulletin of the chamber of commerce.

The bulletin says: "Portland occupies first place, is only two million bushels in the lead for the eight months of the cereal year, closing with August. The metropolis of the empire exported 9,249,456 bushels, as against 7,554,980 bushels set afloat at Portland."

The report shows Philadelphia third and Baltimore fourth. The combined ports of Puget Sound forwarded 7,591,564 bushels during the eight months of the year.

From the United States the wheat exports for the eight months totalled 24,022,751 bushels of wheat, valued at \$83,432,288. The value of all food stuffs sent from the United States during the period stated is valued at \$113,551,150.

Stewardess Gets Medal. London, Dec. 22.—For the first time on record a woman is to receive a Lloyd's medal for saving life at sea. The woman is Miss Jane Gilmore, stewardess of the Sardinia, destroyed by fire at Malta in the course of the past month. Miss Gilmore refused to leave her ship until all the women and children had been rescued and her coolness and courage contributed to the saving of many lives.

Fees Reduced. Ottawa, Dec. 22.—The Collegiate Board has reduced the fees of entrance and second year students from \$30 to \$10 per annum. This affects five hundred pupils.

OVER-RIDING THE MINISTER, THAT'S ALL

Colonel Gourdeau's Correspondence Evokes Sharp Criticism From Judge Caselle—Finance Minister Minister Was Trying to Curtail Expenditures.

Ottawa, Dec. 22.—The Caselle commission put in another strenuous day and hope to wind up the investigation some time on Wednesday. The Caselle commission's session was the re-hearing of the examination of Gourdeau, deputy minister of the marine department, who was called upon to explain a large number of matters which the counsel for commission regarded as suspicious.

Col. Gourdeau denied that there was anything wrong about a certain sale of the gun he made to Mr. Wm. Cunningham, of Ottawa, shortly after the death of Mr. Prefontaine. He said the purchase had been made in an irregular manner by Mr. Strubbe, of Montreal, and when the public accounts committee got busy with the marine department matters he decided in order to protect the name of the minister to sell the gun and return the money to the minister.

Col. Gourdeau said that he did not know the date of the purchase by the department, a new engine was installed in the craft.

Mr. Watson then asked if it was true that Gourdeau had written a letter to Mr. Gregory at Quebec calling him down for paying excessive prices, and then closed it up with a second letter telling Gregory not to pay any attention to the first communication.

Col. Gourdeau explained that after writing the first letter he was in Quebec, and found that Gregory was feeling so badly about the first letter that he wrote again modifying it. A letter dated Dec. 27th, 1905, written by Col. Gourdeau to Mr. Gregory was put in evidence. It was marked "private" and read in part: "This is simply to save the department in the eyes of the finance minister. They are doing all they can to curtail our expenses, but that cannot be done." Col. Gourdeau said he did not see anything very wrong about this letter. These were certain large expenditures in 1905 which could not be reduced.

Justice Caselle—"You were over-riding the minister, that was all."

The next witness called was John Meten, of Dartmouth, who testified on the night the Halifax inquiry had closed he had stated that he paid \$30 to Mr. Mooney, an engineer on the steamer Canada.

CLEANED OUT THE PANTRY.

Wealthy Americans Had to Go With-out Dinner.

Niagara Falls, Dec. 22.—Signor de Agiero and party of wealthy New York mining men were on board their private car "Sunshine," attached to the train leaving here at 12:25 p.m. They had just come from New York and were going to Cobalt to inspect mining properties in which they were interested. Just before the train was busy to start Dominion Inspector Dr. Orchard boarded the private car and found in the pantry chickens, ducks, turkeys, game and a side of dressed beef. Inspector Orchard told the occupants of the car they could not carry the viands into Canada, because of the danger of spreading the influenza virus, and were hungry. Inspector Orchard pointed out the absolute rigidity of the exclusion law, expressing his regret at having to destroy such fine birds, and the party had to go on without dinner. All the contents of the pantry in the meat car were carried across to a Grand Trunk engine and burned in the fire, and the dishes and pails which contained them were also left behind to be disinfected. The truck on which they were conveyed, the men who handled the birds, and the station platform were also disinfected.

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