PART OF EMPRESS' DEAD AT QUEBEC

Heart-rending Scenes as Relatives Try to Identify Their Lost Ones

One Hundred and Seventy-six Coffins Brought by Str. Earl Grey From Rimouski—All Classes Were in the Gruesome Cargo—Two Dozen Contained Bodies of Little Ones—Norwegian, Who Saved Mrs. Thomas Greenway and Others After He Had His Wife Torn From His Arms, Nearly Crazed by Grief.

Quebec, May 31—When the coffin ship the Canadian government steamer Lady Grey, bearing aboard her the scant and pitiful remnant of the nine hundred and odd souls who went down to death as the proud Empress of Britain, gored to her very vitals by the collier Storstad, heeled over and sank in the icy waters of the St. Lawrence, entered the harbor of Quebec this morning it was under blue and sunny skies that but ill-agreed with the mission of gloom.

Though it was little more than 7 o'clock when the Lady Grey first came into sight it was not until an hour later that she docked on the west side of the pier to unload her gruesome cargo, for she trailed the British warship Essex, which arrived almost simultaneously a short distance up the river and there took on a landing party of 100 bluejackets under command of Commander Tweedie. It was consequently after 8 when she reached her berth at the shed where Harbor Master Captain Murray, who sailed the ill-fated Empress himself before Captain Kendall took her over; Captain Elliott, of the C. P. R., and other officials had made all disposition for the discharge.

Outside, the long freight shed was heavily draped in black and the flag drooped solemnly. Over the windows were sheets fastened to shut out the gaze of the curious and the morbid. Within stretched three long tables covered with white and hung with black. On these, the coffins were reverently laid as they were brought in on the shoulders of the bluejackets, who acted as pallbearers.

The Lady Grey, which is commanded by Captain Mercier, brought up 176 bodies. With them also came Chief McCarthy, of the provincial police, and four detectives. For many of the coffins contained valuables that had been found on the dead, and jewelry still gleamed on the waxen fingers, wrists and throats of many victims. Later the responsibility for the protection of this property was turned over to the Canadian Pacific railway.

"Movie" Men Were There.

On the wharf as the ship docked was an array of officials, newspaper men who represented papers all over the world, photographers and moving picture men. As the work of transferring the coffins began a battery of cameras was trained on the operations from every vantage point and "movie" men who had even climbed on to the roof of the shed, began to reel off their films for all they were worth for fear they should miss anything. Outside at the door of entry an eager crowd sought admittance and officials were pestered for passes, but few were allowed in and the majority of those that did enter only did so because they had business within, and depressing business at that.

It had been feared that there might be a repetition of the terrible scenes that occurred at Rimouski in the handling of the corpses, and there was genuine relief when it was found out that every body was encased in a coffin and clothed. At first only a few lids were raised and identification was slow, the members of the Salvation Army and one or two others being the only persons to meet with any success in recognizing their dead. But shortly before noon there was a general opening of the coffins and it was then that the most poignant grief was witnessed.

Heartrending Scenes.

In the throng that had gathered for the purpose of identification there were men and women from every part of the globe gathered together on the cahnce of gazing for the last time on the dear, dead faces of those whom they had loved and lost. All sorts and conditions of humanity were there and their anguish was of all varieties as they sought wife or mother, husband or father, brother or sister, sweetheart or friend. Here was an old man who had come all the way from Queensland to Quebec last week to send his wife over to the old country for the first time after years of saving. Tears streamed from his eyes and every now and again he would break out into a moaning cry.

Wife Torn From His Arms, But He Saved Others.

Here again was a Norwegian, a survivor of the wreck, who had been blown out of his wife's arms by the explosion and had never seen her again. Hagnus Luren, his name is, and he and his wife had been going over to Norway for the first time since he had come to the States, fifteen years ago. They had intended to visit their home and to participate in the celebration of the centenary of the independence of their native land.

He is the man who is said to have pulled Mrs. Thomas Greenaway, of Toronto, the bride of a week, from the water and to have given her his coat for shelter to ward off the bitter cold. There were others, too, whom he saved, but he could not save his wife and now his only hope was that he might find what remained of her and give it decent burial in a chosen spot, not remain in ignorance of where its last resting place might be. "If only it had been I, instead," he said. "And to think that we went down together. We slid down the deck into the water in each other's arms. Then the force of the explosion parted us and the debris rained upon us. For a moment I was stunned and did not know what happened. The next thing I knew I was alone, alone."

A Father's Terrible Grief.

There were those in the shed who had hardly slept or eaten since the catastrophe. One of the saddest cases was that of a Galician named Gyord Zuk, who had been working near Toronto on construction work and had lost his wife and two little children. In the extremity of his grief he could articulate nothing, but from time to time a cry that, was almost animal or barbaric in its agony, would rise above the murmurs and the shuffling of feet in the shed and when at last he looked upon the body of one of his children his sorrow knew no bounds. People gazed with a kind of fascinated horror as he fondled the cold limbs, felt the pulse and even tried if the heart was yet beating. It seemed as if he was trying to will every atom of energy in his body to bring back life and heat to his offspring. Then at times he appeared horror-stricken and holding his hat before his eyes would try to shut out the sight in the coffin before him. But parental love would again triumph and he would cast himself over the coffin again, babbling incoherently as his tears streamed down on to the small upturned face below.

Many there were who were torn between the desire to find those whom they mourned and a dread lest the features should be marred or unlovely or beyond recognition in death. One girl turned away with horror as she saw the bruised face of her sister, and it required the utmost effort of her willpower to look again. As she started away beating her hands after the first look, the expression in her eyes was something terrible to behold.

As they lay stark and still, sleeping the last sleep that knows no waking, the poor, bruised corpses were a piteous and awe-inspiring sight. Death, the great leveller, had taken his toll with impartial swing, without respect of person or class. Man and woman, girl and stripling, and tiny babe, young and old, rich and poor, strong and weak, brain and brawn, all had gone down before Him in the inevitable hour, and the rough features of the navvy immigrant or of the toil-hardened homesteader were in the coffin adjoining that of the society lady with her rings and bangles still upon her. It was a scene of many contrasts.

Two Dozen Little White Coffins.

Grouped at one end of the second table were two dozen little white caskets within which the babies were laid. They at any rate appeared to have died peacefully and without fear. One, a pretty flaxen-haired child, perfectly formed, looked like a beautiful waxen doll. Person after person turned away crying from this little collection.

OBITUARY

Benjamin R. Cronk.

Friday, May 29.

Benjamin R. Cronk died at his late home, Greenwich, Kings county, on the 24th instant, in the 74th year of his age, and is survived by his wife, three sisters—Mrs. I. W. Pitt, of Greenwich; Mrs. I. E. Williams, of St. John; Mrs. R. M. Walsh, of Saskatoon (Alta.); and three brothers—W. L. Cronk, of Long Reach, Kings county; George S. Cronk, of Richmond (N. H.), and William F. Cronk, of St. John. Burial took place at Brown's Flats Tuesday.

Mrs. T. A. Alexander.

Friday, May 29.

Deep regret will be felt for the death, yesterday afternoon, of Mrs. T. A. Alexander, formerly Miss Agnes McMullen, of this city, at the early age of 35. Up to about eighteen months ago, Mrs. Alexander enjoyed robust health, and was of a most cheerful disposition, full of life and good spirits. Then she was overtaken with diabetes from which she suffered terribly during the past few months, culminating in heart failure. Through it all, however, her cheerfulness never left her and she was hopeful to the last. The deceased lady was a tireless worker in church and philanthropic circles, and also one of the most enthusiastic members of the St. John Choral Society. She will be sincerely mourned by a very large circle of friends, besides her husband, T. A. Alexander, of McDougall & Cowans; her little son, Leslie; her mother, and two brothers. The funeral will probably be held on Saturday.

Robert Starkie.

Friday, May 29.

Robert Starkie, one of St. John's oldest residents, died yesterday morning at his home, 28 Stanley street. He was 81 years of age and was a native of St. John. In his early years he was employed on the building of the European & North American railway. The funeral will take place on Saturday afternoon.

William Hamilton.

Froday, May 29.

William Hamilton, aged 77, a respected resident of Petersville, Queens county, died on Wednesday, levaing his wife, formerly Miss Allingham; two daughters and two sons. Mrs. William McAllister, of Parrsboro, and Mrs. Stanley Graham, of Petersville, are daughters; Hazen, at Fairville, and Harry, at home, are the sons.

J. Hartley Vincent.

Friday, May 29.

William Vincent received word yesterday of the sudden death of his brother, J. Hartley Vincent at Woburn (Mass.), at the age of 41 years. Deceased removed from St. John about twenty years ago and was a frequent visitor having been here only two weeks ago apparently in the best of health. He worked as a carpenter in Woburn and is survived by his wife and two brothers, William and Victor, the latter with the C. P. R. Interment was at Woburn.

Mrs. Thomas Graham.

Friday, May 29.

Mrs. Graham, widow of Thomas Graham, passed peacefully away last night after a brief illness at the home of her niece, Mrs. G. Nelson, 22 Brussels street. She was seventy-eight years of age. For many years she was an active and devoted member of Waterloo street United Baptist church, of which her late husband was a deacon. She leaves to mourn her loss her adopted daughter, Mrs. T. B. Dean, of West Haven (Conn.), and a brother, Robert Lockhart, of Avonmore, Kings county (N. B.), and many friends.

Mrs. Lydia Mersereau.

The death of Mrs. Lydia Mersereau, wife of Gain T. Mersereau, of Hoyt Station, occurred on Friday, in the 82nd year of her age. Mrs. Mersereau was a resident of Hoyt Station all her life. She is survived by her husband, five sons and two daughters—James, Caleb, George T., of Blissville; Otis, of Phillipsburg (Mo.), and Melbourne, of Nantasket Beach (Mass.); Mrs. Robert Stevens, of South Alberta, and Mrs. George Ward, of Lynn (Mass.) The interment took place at Blissville on Sunday, when the service was held in the Blissville church. Mrs. Mersereau was well known throughout the district in which she resided and was highly esteemed by all who knew her.

Frank Bacon.

Digby, May 30—Word has reached here of the death of Frank Bacon, which occurred in the public hospital at Seattle yesterday, where he had been ill for the past two months. He was forty-one years of age and had not been in Digby, his native town, for more than sixteen years. He is survived by his mother, Mrs. John Daley; one brother, W. T. Bacon; one sister, Mrs. H. Green, all of Digby, and one half-brother, Harry Daley, of Yarmouth. The body will probably arrive in Digby next Saturday for interment in the Episcopal cemetery.

Edward Read.

Sackville, N. B., May 29—The death of Edward Read, occurred at Middle Sackville this morning after an illness of only a few week's duration. Deceased, who was 73 years of age, was for many years postmaster at Middle Sackville and his death will be learned of with deep sorrow by his many firends. He is survived by a widow, two daughters, Misses Mabel and Emma at home and three sons, James, of Amherst; William, of British Columbia, and Bert, of Alberta.

The funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Miss Ina L. Purves.

Monday, June 1.

After a lingering illness of heart failure, Miss Ina L. Purves passed away yesterday morning at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Purves, of Duke street, West St. John, aged twenty-nine years. Miss Purves leaves, besides her father and mother, four sisters, Mrs. A. B. Ring, of Providence (R. I.); Mrs. H. C. Norwood, of Calais (Me.); Mrs. C. F. Clare, of Prince Albert (Sask.); and Miss Nellie Y., at home; also three brothers, C. R. Purves, of Charlo (N. B.), and F. W. and J. J. Purves, both of Victoria (B. C.) The funeral will take place tomorrow.

Mary Elizabeth Legere.

Monday, June 1.

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Legere of Main street, Fairville, will learn with regret of the death of their little daughter, Mary Elizabeth, who passed away after an illness of only ten days. She was the youngest girl and was on her fifth year.

CONDENSED NEWS; LOCAL AND GENERAL

The birth of nineteen infants, twelve boys and seven females, and also five marriages were recorded with Registrar J. B. Jones during last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Israel Grasse, of Gibson, announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Lillian Emmeline, to Harry H. Hurder, of St. John. The marriage will take place in June.

Seven burial permits were issued by the Board of Health last week. The causes of death were senility, paralysis, pneumonia, marasmus, endocarditis, multiple burns and diabetes mellitus.

Mr. and Mrs. John Morrison, of Woodstock, announce the engagement of their daughter, May Stanley, to Grover Alvin Hull, of Glace Bay (N. S.), the wedding to take place at the last of June.

Rev. J. W. and Mrs. Prestwood, of Southampton (N. S.), announce the engagement of their elder daughter, Marion Lewis, to Frank Earl Porter, son of Rev. J. W. Porter, of Wolfville, the wedding to take place on June 10 at Southampton.

Addie Levenia, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred R. Close, was united in marriage with Glen Allen Libby, of St. Stephen, at the home of the bride's parents, Nashwaaksis, on Monday afternoon. They left on Monday night for their future home in St. Stephen.

At a meeting of the executive of the New Brunswick Kennel Club the following committee was appointed to confer with the Exhibition Association towards holding a dog show in connection with this year's exhibition: J. Verner McLellan, LeBaron Wilson and E. Alban Sturdee.

The York Theatre, formerly the Mechanics' Institute, is a thing of the past and nothing but a few charred sticks and a tangled mass of burned rafters and embers marks the place where seventy-four years ago the citizens of St. John viewed with a certain sense of pride the newly completed structure. The citizens of St. John for more than three score and ten years have been entertained in this historic structure in a variety of ways, from the exposition of museum collections to the most recent motion pictures, but the building is gone and nothing remains but the memories.

The fire was discovered just before 10.30 Friday night, and before midnight the building was in ruins, the total loss on the building being estimated at about $15,000, covered by insurance amounting to $10,000, held by the owner, Frank E. Williams.

Grog and Gunnery.

(British Gazette).

Admiral Sir George King Hall has expressed the opinion that the navy will never make the progress desired until the grog system is abolished. "Experiments," he stated, "which had been made by the commander of his majesty's ship Natal, had shown that the men's shooting was at its lowest on Mondays when they came back from their weekend leave, and that it gradually improved until the Fridays when it was at its best. A chart was posted up for the men to see the result, and so much did it impress them that they called it the "Grog Curve."

HALIFAX HOUSE DYNAMITED

Laborer Arrested Charged With the Crime—Police Say Revenge on Girl, Who Jilted Him, and Her Lover, Was the Motive.

Halifax, May 31—Thomas Riley, aged 29, a laborer, employed on railway construction work here, was arrested today on a charge of attempting murder. At 5 o'clock this morning a tenement house at 168 Albemarle street was dynamited. The house was wrecked and other buildings for a whole block suffered from the explosion. At least four hundred panes of glass were shattered in the neighborhood.

Detectives were early on the hunt for the perpetrator of the deed, and later in the day they found Riley in the woods near the Three Mile House.

The police say Riley was in love with Myrtle Robinson, a girl in the house, who had resented his affections and took up with another man, Gilbert Lattinmore. Both the latter and the girl were in the house at the time and the crime is alleged to have been committed out of revenge. No person was injured, but several had narrow escapes.

WANT ONE SCOTT ACT INSPECTOR FIRED AND ONE REINSTATED

Grand Division, S. of T., Protests Against Removal of Kent County Official—Want Westmorland Officer Dismissed.

Dorchester, N. B., May 29—The semi-annual session of the Grand Division, Sons of Temperance, closed here this afternoon, after holding three meetings of much interest. At this afternoon's meeting, the grand division passed a strong resolution condemning the way in which liquor license inspector Geo. W. Clark was dismissed and demanding an investigation. Rev. W. R. Robinson of St. John spoke strongly against the action of the local government, claiming they were in compact with the liquor interests.

Another resolution was passed appointing a committee to interview the Westmorland county council and ask for the removal of the present Scott Act inspector for that county.

Rev. Mr. Stavert, secretary of the N. B. Temperance Alliance, was present at the meetings, and at this afternoon's session, the grand division passed a strong resolution approving of the excellent work being done by Mr. Stavert in the interest of the temperance cause.

Following is the report on the committee on the state of the order:

Your committee rejoices with our grand officers. In the encouraging reports they have given at this session, And feel much encouraged with the prospects for the future of our beloved order.

Our grand worthy patriarch and other officers have done good work, covering the whole of our territory and have organized some good strong divisions, and reinstated others. Which we hope will continue to grow and prosper.

Subordinate divisions to arouse enthusiasm in the order, and trust that the next circulars will impress upon the deputees the great necessity of promptness both in the payment of the per capita tax and answering communications from the grand officers.

We find that the showing both financially and numerically is most encouraging, giving a gross increase in members of 497, this however is reduced by losses of 155 giving a net increase of 342.

We are pleased to have a good working force of 2534 in the grand division.

The work of the grand patron shows that she has been as ever energetic and enthusiastic, and the condition of her department is most hopeful for the future of our order.

It is a pleasure to know that increases all along the line are shown in this important work.

Your committee would recommend a special note in the grand officers circulars regarding this department, and would suggest that the representatives present on their return to their divisions would endeavoz to organize a young peoples' society.

Your committee regret to note the fact referred to the reports before us regarding the dismissal from office an efficient officer in Kent Co., of brother G. N. Clarke and trust the grand division will take some action if within our powers.

We trust that a proper reference to the decease of our late brother Rev. C. W. Mamilton, and a page be given to notice in our next journal.

We are pleased to know such success has attended the committee which had the matter of the national division debt in hand, and hope complete success will attend their future action.

With our grand officers we look hopefully forward to a more successful showing at the annual session October next.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Real estate transfers have been recorded as follows:

H. A. Bruce to Huldah, wife of S. K. Wood, property at Simonds.

H. A. Bruce to Rupert Taylor, property at Simonds.

Eastern Terminal Realty Realty Co., Ltd., to R. K. Cameron, property at Simonds.

Extras. of Thomas Gilbert to I. H. Northrup, property in Old Westmorland road.

John Martin to Mary Coughlan, property at Simonds.

G. A. Troop to F. C. Woodley et al, $3,500, property corner Broad and Pitt streets.

Edna L. and D. L. Wilson to W. F. Leonard, property in Brittain street.

Kings County

Heirs of J. L. Martin to Ada Mahoney, property at Kingston.

Matthew Crothers to Canadian Karakuli Arabi Sheep and Fur Company, $3,000, property at Studholm.

D. H. Rees to Emily Gordon, $1,500, property at Springfield.

IDENTIFIED DEAD OF THE EMPRESS

Montreal, May 31—The C. P. R. tonight gave out the following list of dead identified to date:

Gallagher, Mrs. R.
Barlow, Mrs. A. E.
Crathern, Miss.
Goldthorp, Mr.
Seybold, Mrs.
DeBow, Adjutant Everett.
Harrican, E.
Morris, Mrs.
Green, Mrs.
Finlay, Major.
Bristow, Mrs.
Wilkes, C. E.
Simcoe, Major N.
Hunter, Mrs.
Hannacan, F. S.
Brooks, Dolly.
Potter, N., Toronto.
Holt, E. E.
Palmer, Mrs. W. L.
Archer, Mrs.
Hamnumer, E.
Kivolsky, Ivab.

CREW.

Steede, M. R., chief officer.
Wildman, J., storekeeper.
Braine, E., bedroom steward.
Thompson, C. J., plumber.
Peterson, V., carpenter.
Perry, P., assistant steward.
Pearson, Mrs. S. C., stewardess.
McGrath, J., assistant steward.
Parkinson, second-class steward.
Crellin, R. W., steward.
Murphy, J., steward.
Riddle, Miss A., stewardess.
Leder, Mrs. L., stewardess.
Jones, Mrs. E., stewardess.
Frank Hamilton, St. John.

One For Mr. Greeley.

(Saturday Night.)

Albert E. Pillsbury, formerly attorney-general of Massachusetts, on visiting the birthplace of Horace Greeley, in Amherst, New Hampshire, noticed there was no placard to inform the public of its historical interest. Accordingly he himself tacked on the house a card which read: "This is the birthplace of Horace Greeley." While he was engaged at this task a passing native paused to read the card, and turning to Mr. Pillsbury he remarked with some acidity: "The gall of some of you fellers that hev made money in the city is fairly sick'nin'. What do you suppose folks here care whether you was born on this farm or some other old farm? Them's my sentiments, Mr. Greeley, and don't you forgit it."

Rev. Dr. Dowling, who for twenty-seven years was rector of Douglas and Bright, St. George church, Carleton, including the charge of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Fairville; and Christ church, St. Stephen, all within the diocese of Fredericton, and has, since 1889, been working in Palestine and Constantinople, felt obliged at Eastertide to tender his resignaton of the post of honorary archdeacon in Syria to the Anglican bishop in Jerusalem.

WEDDINGS

Baxter-DeBow.

Friday, May 29.

There was a pretty wedding at the home of C. E. DeBow, 24 Thorn avenue, yesterday, when his daughter, Miss Frances Louise, was married to Harry N. Baxter, who is well known in the city. Rev. Dr. Raymond, rector of St. Mary's church, officiated but there were only a few intimate friends and relatives present to witness the ceremony.

Ellis-Brown.

Bathurst, N. B., May 29—At the residence of Dr. R. L. Ellis, Jacquet River, the wedding was solemnized last Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock of Garnet W. Ellis, son of the late Robert Ellis, and Mrs. Ellis, of Bathurst, and Miss Muriel, daughter of the late C. P. Brown and Mrs. Brown, of Jacquet River.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. R. J. Coleman, of Dalhousie, in the presence of relatives and intimate friends of the contracting parties, in the large drawing room, which had been tastefully decorated for the occasion by close friends of the bride with potted plants and cut flowers. The bride was attired in a very becoming tailored costume of blue with hat to match, and was given away by her brother, Claude Brown, of Loggieville. A dainty luncheon was served immediately after the ceremony, and the happy couple left for Campbellton on an extended wedding trip to Vancouver, San Francisco, Seattle and other western cities. On their return, in about six weeks, they will make their home in Nash's Creek, where Mr. Ellis is located as station agent for the I. C. R. The bride was the recipient of many handsome and valuable presents from the very many friends of the popular couple, and she will be much missed in Jacquet River social circles.

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