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LAY BALL" WILL BE HEARD TODAY

r Leagues Opening The Season

IE RIVAL PITCHERS

s to Open for Crippled ld's Champions in Match Washington — Cobb is r and Will Play With oit

(Canadian Press)

ork—"Play ball" will sound to- s the diamonds of the major base- es. While the weather in the been, on the whole, unfavorable training conditions, the teams into the season's battle with a successful season.

nts, the National league champ- und up a complete set of vic- beating Yale in two games, and cross the bridge to meet Brook- s today. It is expected that Mar- l Rucker will twirl, and a bat- is looked for.

ghlanders will entertain the re- Boston Americans, at the open- ry Wolverton is confident that ord will pitch the team to vic- the Boston are putting their oe Wood to put it over the hill in the opening engagement.

ago, Ed Walsh and Billy Sulli- en chosen by Jimmy Callahan the White Sox in the jump anager Wallace of St. Louis city and Stephens to defeat the egation, which counts two new Weaver, the shortstop, and Mat- replaces Matty McIntyre, a hold-

adelphia the world's champions crippled condition for their open- with Washington. Coombs and vill be the battery, but Oldring cannot play, and there is some er Baker can get in the game. nd Mullin and Kocher will troit against the locals. Harry wait until this afternoon to an- pitcher, but Mitchell , Kahler tte were named as possibilities, erly will be at the receiving end. sufficiently recovered from a re- s to play, and Bush, while he et signed a contract, will be at his troubles with the team are led.

ouis where the Pirates will play ing game, Roger Bresnahan is m Sallee for the opening game. ll open, and the locals expect to blood.

ati, it is expected that the e the largest ever seen at a Hank O'Day has made practi- hange in the line-up, but hopes measure of the Cubs.

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porting experts think of the hances of the various clubs, is m a betting chart made out by e of bookmakers here. The red are as follows:

league—Philadelphia 7 to 5; 2; Boston 7 to 2; New York reland 15 to 1; Chicago 20 to gton 50 to 1; and St. Louis 100

league—New York 2 to 1; Phil- to 1; Chicago 7 to 2; Pittsburg Louis 15 to 1; Cincinnati 25 oklyn 50 to 1; and Boston 100

d that betting on baseball will increased on account of the of horse racing. There will ing for book-makers at the ball pool rooms, hotels and cafes the big cities will have plenty unity for those who wish to

major leagues clubs have engag- detectives to patrol the grand l bleachers to eliminate even ing. Unusual vigilance is to ed in Pittsburgh and Boston, baseball betting man has be- itable pest. The national base- ission has also requested the horities to look after profession- llers and bookmakers.

E WEATHER

ties—Moderate to fresh wester- fair today and Friday, with a er temperature.

THE RIVER.

boat of any size to sail up the spring will be the "Clifford C." which, in charge of Captain of North End, will leave to- rning for Carter's Point, carry- cargo, including a shipment of some summer cottages at the is fitted with a motor as well here was little floating ice in harbor today, and in fact for uple of days there has been but ing down river. The water is open as far as the foot of the

LARRET AWARD.

ket committee of the common ning offered a prize for compe- s for remodelling the city mar- otte street, have made the Garnet W. Wilson, architect. ng out of the architect's plans t for the consideration of the missioners.

MORE NICE THINGS ARE DISCLOSED

Hon. Mr. Robinson Delves Into The Public Accounts to Some Purpose—Payments to "Various Persons"

(Special to Times)

Fredericton, April 11—The facts brought out in the public accounts committee this morning by Hon. C. W. Robinson and Mr. Labillois, the latter being present as a representative from Restigouche while the bridge account s of that county were under examination, kept Chairman Pinder and his chief apology associate, Mr. Jones of Kings county, very busy explaining how this or that might be accounted for.

It was shown in Restigouche county that the tender system was entirely ignored and orders given for lumber at top notch prices to political favorites, one of whom in particular lived at a very considerable distance from the work for which the lumber was intended and the province had to pay the freight between the two points. But the accounts of the hardware man for Restigouche county were too much even for the auditor general, with the result that in one case he reduced his account from $316 to $260. This merchant, Mr. McAllister, seems to have had considerable influence with the patronage committee of Restigouche for his name appears frequently as selling hardware to the government for very considerable sums. It also developed that one John McGovern, who is secretary of the highway board for Durham, also found time to act as foreman for twenty-two days at $2 a day. This did not meet with the approval even of the chairman and it led Hon. Mr. Robinson to declare in very many cases the highway board was simply a farce, that the appointee of the government, the secretary, in a lot of parishes that he knew, received the money from the government and distributed it without reference to his associates on the board. He cited one instance in particular in Coverdale Parish, Albert County.

"Various Persons"

One of the accounts taken up was that of Newcastle bridge, Queens County, which cost for material and labor $2,580. Of this amount $1,807 was paid to "various persons," and the auditor-general's report, which is the only one the people see, gives no other information. But in these amounts of money the opposition members who are looking over the accounts find hidden among a mass of laborers' wages the accounts of the structural superintendent and the foreman. In former years the accounts of both of these men were rendered separately and appeared separately in the auditor's report, thus showing the actual cost of labor as well as the actual cost of superintendents. But after last year, after the comparisons made by the opposition, the system was changed and now you might as well hunt for a needle in a haystack as to look for the accounts of structural superintendents or foremen in the auditor-general's report. They are classed as laborers now and the people are led to believe that the actual labor on the public works cost more than it really did.

As an illustration of how the wages of structural superintendents and foremen compare with the actual wages, Lawlor bridge, Restigouche county, affords a good example. Of the wages to "various persons," the structural superintendent and foreman received $73 and the actual workmen $215, or a cost of about 35 per cent for overseeing expenses.

The prices for hardware and for lumber as shown in the case of many bridges were much higher than would have been the case had there been any competition. Mr. Robinson pointed out that in the case of some bridges in Restigouche county there was no excuse for not asking for tenders for more than $1,000 worth of lumber, all of which was furnished by one man on the one date. It developed that more than 28,000 feet of lumber was used in Christopher Brook bridge and also in Bouche bridge and the cost in each case was $526.

The lumber for the Christopher Brook bridge was taken from one end of the county to the other, and the province paid the freight.

Many of the accounts in connection with the bridge work are rendered in very incomplete form and this occasioned considerable criticism. Mr. Robinson pointing out that in many cases the particulars were not sufficient. He also told the committee that he was a great believer in the system of public tender and Chairman Pinder, remembering how he had contended for that in former years, could not help agreeing with him, but he qualified his statement by explaining how methodically and carefully public moneys were expended now and delivered a few of his stereotyped digs at the old government and the Telegraph newspaper.

When Mr. Robinson asked if the structural superintendent of Queens was not a near relative of one of the members for that county and if it was not a case of nepotism, similar to what was going on in Kings county, Mr. Jones remarked that the structural superintendent in Kings was very closely connected with him, about a forty-second cousin. Mr. Robinson had probably little idea that Superintendent Erb was related at all to Mr. Jones. He had in mind other appointees whose names were not Erb.

Fredericton, N. B., April 11—The municipalities committee met this morning. Ald. Guthrie, Ald Cruikshank and City Clerk McCready appeared in support of a bill relating to Fredericton. It was passed with amendments.

Mayor McDonald and A. E. G. McKenzie appeared in support of a bill relating to Campbellton. Provision is made for exemption of taxes on buildings and improvements, but personal property income and poll-tax were still retained. Discussion was deferred until this afternoon.

WHOLE VILLAGES ARE REPORTED SWEPT AWAY IN PANAMA DISTRICT

Chiriqui Peak Belches Forth Flames and Lava In Awful Disaster

Captain of Steamer Brings News To Mobile--Eruption Was on April 5--Indians Brought Word of Thousands of People Losing Lives

(Canadian Press)

Mobile, Ala., April 11—Thousands of persons have been killed and whole Indian villages swept away by the eruption of Chiriqui peak, near Docas Del Torro, Panama, according to the story of Captain Olsvik of the United Fruit Company's steamer, Fort Morgan, which arrived here today.

Captain Olsvik says the eruption occurred on April 5, early in the morning, while the Fort Morgan was berthed near Docas Del Torro. He says he witnessed flames shooting from the peak.

Reports of the large casualty list were brought from the immediate scene to Docas Del Torro by refugees who escaped the onrushing lava.. He says he watched the eruption on April 5 until he put to sea.

Even far out on the gulf, Capt. Olsvik says he saw evidence of the disturbed elements. The sea was affected in many places, and the air was filled with smoke and dust far out of the gulf.

Capt. Olsvik says inhabitants of Docas Del Torro were panic stricken believing that place might be overrun with lava, that was belching forth from the peak.

NO LIQUOR TO BE STORED IN LOCAL OPTION DISTRICTS

Ontario Law to Prevent it—Provincial Educational System Attacked

Toronto, April 11—The Ontario government has moved to wipe out the most serious menace to the success of local option that has arisen in recent years. By a clause in the liquor license act, introduced in the legislature yesterday, the storing of liquor in local option municipalities is to be absolutely prohibited.

This will apply to all liquor not actually delivered into the possession of the person for whom it is intended and will prevent breweries having distributing warehouses in local option districts.

Ontario's education system was yesterday subjected to criticism by several speakers at the Ontario Educational Association meeting. Professor G. H. Needler of Toronto University declared it "a crime against the nation." He proposed the lengthening of the public school course. Inspector J. H. Putnam asserted that the rural school system was breaking down for want of teachers and for want of school population.

ROSS RIFLE CONFERENCE

London, April 11—British delegates to the Ross rifle conference in Ottawa will be Colonel Barlow, donor of the Bisley Barlow prize, and Lieutenant-Colonel Crosse, secretary of the N. R. A.

Death of Historian

Versailles, April 11 — Gabriel Jacques Monod, a noted historian, died yesterday. He was born in 1844. He held the chair of history at the University of Paris.

S. P. C. A. SUBSCRIPTIONS.

L. W. Peters, treasurer of The Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals acknowledges receipt of the following subscriptions:—

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F. M. Thopmson	2.00

TURNED BACK.

A city hotel keeper, his wife and stepdaughter yesterday endeavored to leave St. John and go to the states. They were held up by the immigration officials. They tried again last evening and were again turned back.

George Robertson spent a comfortable night, but his condition is practically unchanged.

SAYS CANCER CURE IS POSSIBLE AND HE HAS PROVED IT

Doctor Doyen's Statements at Congress in Paris—Patients Who Have Been Cured

Paris, April 11—In a paper read before the physiotherapy congress here last night Doctor Doyen declared that he was now able to confirm his theory that it was possible to cure cancer without a surgical operation, by means of electrical treatment, which he described as "thermic-electro coagulation."

In all the cases treated, he said, the cancer was easily accessible. They included cancerous affections of the skin, lip, tongue, tonsils, larynx and other organs.

Doctor Doyen has been experimenting since 1905. In his treatment which, in the case of external cancerous affections, necessitates special electrical apparatus, he depends upon the curative value of the penetrating heat produced by an electric current of high frequency and low tension.

Doctor Doyen promises to produce several patients who have been cured by his method, and to demonstrate that even tumors of the breast can be successfully treated in the same way.

SUMMON STAFF HERE FOR WORK AT COURTENAY BAY

Norton Griffiths' Men Making Ready For Start—Five Autos to Be in Use

The permanent staff which will be engaged on the Courtenay Bay contract under Norton Griffiths & Co. have been summoned to St. John by wire and should be here soon. G. F. Palmer, who will be in charge of the work, said this morning that they were anxious to make a start just as soon as they can and that it will not be very long before they are at work.

One of the first arrangements which they are seeking to make is the location of temporary offices which they will use until they can build a suitable structure in the Courtenay Bay district. Owing to the lack of offices in St. John they had had some difficulty in finding anything that would suit them. To facilitate the movements of their staff they are bringing five automobiles to the city. These cars have been in use on another of their contracts in Africa and will arrive here on the next steamer.

TO GET McGILL DEGREE

Montreal, April 11—In view of the forthcoming retirement of Sir Melbourne Tait, chief justice of the superior court, McGill University will confer upon him on May 10, the honorary degree of doctor of laws, "on the grounds of his high legal distinction and his services to public life."

MONCTON BALL FOR HOSPITAL FUND

Moncton, N. B., April 11—(Special)—A charity ball given by the ladies of the hospital aid in Castle Hall last night, was a great success. About 200 attended. The proceeds are for the hospital fund.

REPORT OF THE DEATH OF POPE UNTRUE

Rumor Was Given Publicity on Cable From Madrid

DENIAL FROM ROME

Late Despatch Says Pontiff is Not Dead—First Report Was Not Credited When Commur ca ed to His Lordship, Bishop Casey

A cable from Madrid this morning reported the death of Pope Pius X. When a Times reporter announced the news to Bishop Casey, His Lordship said he could not believe it true; had it been, the news would have come direct from Rome and with more assurance as to accuracy. Later advices confirmed His Lordship's view, for the latest cables say the report was not correct.

The Madrid cable read as follows: "Report confirmed from Rome, that Pope is dead."

The denial of the report came from Rome in a brief cable: "Pope not dead."

London, April 11—The same despatch as transmitted to America was received here from Madrid, announcing that a private message, confirmed by the papal nunciature in Madrid, stated that the Pope was dead. The despatch from Madrid came through the usual news channels, and nothing beyond the first few words it contained has been received, nor has any additional information concerning the Madrid report come from any source.

The Madrid report of the death of the Pope comes with startling suddenness, and is to be taken with all reserve, until direct news is received from Rome. Nothing within the last few days has indicated that the Pope was in a critical condition, although his health has been unsatisfactory for some time.

On March 25 he was compelled to suspend his audience for a few days owing to a slight cough accompanied by catarrh. On March 27 he was sufficiently improved to resume his audience. Those he greeted on that day noted a slight pallor and some hoarseness, but beyond that there was no evidence of serious physical disability. The Pope went through the fatiguing ceremony of greeting 300 persons without a sign of exhaustion.

The first despatch from Madrid received today, is but a few words. It is noted that it states that it was a private despatch which brought the first word of the report to Madrid. This would be open to much doubt. But the subsequent statement that the nunciature confirmed the despatch, gives a seriousness to the report, which cannot be overlooked.

Why a report of such gravity should first be made known at Madrid, has not been explained, and gives further reason for reserve of judgment.

Washington, April 11—The charge d'Affaires of the papal legate, who is directing church matters here, pending the arrival of the successor of Cardinal Falconi, had no advices from Rome confirming the report of the death of the Pope. It was said that if a despatch had been sent from the Vatican to the Madrid nuncio an identical despatch would have been sent to Washington. The state department also was without advice.

Papal Delegate Has No Word

Montreal, April 11—Entire disbelief of the report that His Holiness Pope Pius had died was expressed this morning at the archbishop's palace.

"If the pope was dead, or even seriously ill, we should have been instantly notified," said Catholic church dignitaries. The local officials also telephoned the papal delegate at Ottawa, when the news was received, but found that Mgr. Stagni had no word whatever. Special editions of all the newspapers flooded the streets, a few minutes after the report was recived, and th news created a profound sensation.

Rome, April 11—Pope Pius X has been in rather poor health for some weeks, but at no time has his condition reached a critical stage or one giving serious cause for apprehension of those about him.

REV. MR. CAMP URGED TO REMAIN

Resigned From Leinster Street Church to go to Campbellton

At a meeting of the congregation of Leinster street Baptist church last evening the pastor, Rev. Wellington Camp, submitted his resignation. The congregation of the Baptist church in Campbellton have been urging Mr. Camp to accept a call to that place, and since the death of Rev. C. H. Townsend, who was supplying for them, they have become more insistent. Mr. Camp finally decided to accept and hence his resignation.

The matter was presented to the congregation last evening and a unanimous resolution was passed asking him to reconsider and to remain with them. The deacons of the church were appointed a delegation to wait on Mr. Camp at his house and present the resolution, which they did at the close of the meeting. Mr. Camp promised consideration, but explained that he could not give a definite answer until he communicated with the Campbellton congregation and learned whether or not they would release him.

The condition of R. T. Leavitt was reported today to be about the same.

HOME RULE BILL CROWDS THE HOUSE

CROCKET DECLINED TO ATTEND

Refused to Take Seat at Hazen Banquet Last Night—Today's News in Provincial Capital

(Special to Times)

Fredericton, N. B., April 11—The absence of O. S. Crocket, M.P., from the Hazen banquet last evening is much discussed by politicians here today. Hon. Mr. Maxwell endeavored to explain the matter today by saying that the telephone line was out of working order and Mr. Crocket could not be reached. The real fact is that Mr. Crocket was invited and absolutely refused to attend. He is still harboring a grouch against Hazen for beating him out in the race for cabinet honors. Mr. Hazen will leave for Ottawa this evening.

Miss Kate Thomas, sister of ex-mayor C. H. Thomas, died this morning after a brief illness. She was a native of St. John and leaves a brother and two sisters.

The ice still holds solid.

Before the supreme court today argument was completed in the case of McCatherine vs. Jamer and Rolston vs. Jamer. Mr. Carter, K.C., was for the plaintiff, and Mr. Jones, K. C., contra. The court considers.

In the case of Turnbull vs. Corbett and O'Brien vs Corbett, J. K. Kelley, K.C., for the defendant, moved to set aside the verdict for the defendant and enter a verdict for the plaintiff or for a new trial; W. B. Wallace, K.C., contra. The court considers.

The case of Connelly et al vs. Trustees of the school district No. 8, parish of Havelock, on the county court appeal paper, is placed at the foot of the docket.

The case of the St. John River Steamship Company, Limited, vs. the Crystal Stream Steamship Company, Limited et al in chancery division will be heard on Wednesday, April 17, to which day the court adjourned.

OTTAWA MAN HERE; HAS DONE WELL IN ST. JOHN PROPERTY

J. Tobin of Ottawa, who is in the city looking into opportunities for investment, is another of those who have great faith in what the future holds for St. John and who regards it as a very profitable field for investors. He has been strengthened in this opinion by his experience with his first transaction in St. John real estate in which he made a very handsome profit on the turnover although the property was a comparatively small one. He has several other purchases under consideration.

The Coldbrook Realty & Development Company have not yet disposed of the 163 acres of level ground on their property at Coldbrook.

HALIFAX MAN'S WEDDING

Montreal, April 11 —The marriage of Miss Alice Ross, daughter of the late W. Jerrard Ross, to J. Norwood Duffus of Halifax, was celebrated yesterday afternoon in the church of St. James the Apostle by Rev. Allan Shatford. The bride, who was unattended, wore her travelling costume of blue cloth with black hat, and carried a shower bouquet of white roses and lilies of the valley. She was given away by her cousin, Mr. Tylee of Fairfield. Mrs. Wood, of Halifax, the bridegroom's sister, wore a black and white tailor-made suit, with a purple hat. Mrs. Ogilvie, of Halifax, was among the guests.

Coming to Canada

London, April 11—The government of New Zealand will send twenty senior cadets to compete at the Canadian exhibition. Australia will also be represented.

SOCIETY LEAGUE.

The work of preparing the grounds in the rear of St. Peter's church for the summer baseball season will be given a start soon, and they will be entirely renovated before the opening of the Inter-Society league early in May. It is planned to have a league of four teams, the St. Peters, Father Mathew Association, St. Michaels, and C. M. B. A. At a recent meeting of the executive of the league Frank ..cCafferty was elected honorary president, R. E. Hanson, president, George Elliott secretary, and James McIntyre, treasurer. A schedule is to be arranged and the other preliminary details attended to. From the material engaged by some of the teams, it is expected that there should be some lively playing this year.

DEFENDANTS NOT THERE.

The Coldbrook bawdy house case is on this afternoon in the police court. The defendants did not appear this afternoon. Northrup, the man concerned in the case, gave evidence.

ST. GEORGE'S DAY DINNER.

As St. George's Day and election day happen to conflict this year, the dinner has been postponed for a day. Lieutenant Governor Wood is among those who have been invited to be present.

M. P.'s Were on Hand Early to Get Seats

CANADIAN FIRST

Donald MacMaster and Several Nationalists There When Doors Were Opened at Eight in The Morning — Great Crowds in Parliament Square

(Canadian Press)

London, April 11—When the police who have charge of the house of parliament opened the door of the members' entrance to the House of Commons at eight o'clock this morning, no fewer than twenty members were waiting on the threshold in order to secure seats for the opening of the debate of the Irish home rule bill this afternoon. Half an hour later fifty seats in the house had been taken and by half past ten every seat on the opposition side had either a hat or a card on it, to indicate that it had been appropriated.

Donald MacMaster, who is a Canadian, and sits as Unionist member from the county of Surrey, had the honor of being the first arrival. He was closely followed by three Nationalists, and then came a steady stream of men representing all sides of politics.

Although the seats of the leaders of the various parties are generally respected by the other members, John Redmond, the leader of the Nationalists, accompanied by his brother, Wm. H. K. Redmond, and by John Dillon, drove up during the morning to make assurance doubly sure.

The capacity of the house is so limited that even with members standing at the bar and gronped around the speaker's chair, there is not room for all. The treasury bench will not accommodate all the members of the cabinet, and those arriving late have to find places on the steps of the chair. The public is likewise evincing enormous interest in the home rule debate and immense crowds gathered early in Parliament Square to watch the arrival of the principal personages in this great event of British history. The relatives and friends of members, to whom are allotted all the place in the house galleries, arrived early to get the best positions and others who had tickets entitling them to enter when the first arrivals had become tired waited patiently for hours in the hope of getting in. Among these were many priests and other Irish visitors.

The home rule bill, the third effort made by Liberal governments of the United Kingdom in a quarter of a century to settle the quarrel between Great Britain and Ireland, was introduced in the House of Commons this afternoon by Premier Asquith.

The official title of the bill is "The Government of Ireland Bill." Britishers have become inured to political upheavals in recent years, so that the crowded chamber which Mr. Asquith faced today was a special tribute to the historic importance attached to the occasion. The galleries set apart for members of the diplomatic corps, for the peers and for the public were filled to their utmost capacity, while every seat in the body of the house was occupied and, an overflow of members stood in the gangways.

AT THE SCENE OF THE BRIDGE DISASTER

A member of the Central Railway Commission, P. S. Archibald, and Dennis Maher, bridge inspector, are at the scene of yesterday's accident at Cody's Station endeavoring to remedy the damage done in the collapse of the Washedmoak bridge. Little can be accomplished for some time, however, and it is hard to predict how soon the line will again be in running order.

Another slight accident to a special engine from Moncton caused a delay in the work of the wrecking crew as the locomotive was disabled and until repairs can be made will be unable to do much in the way of relieving the situation. The four freight cars which went into the river are still there.

DEATH IN MIDDLE SACKVILL

Sackville, N. B., April 11—(Special) — Willard Hicks, a highly respected resident of Middle Sackville, died this morning after illness of a few days. He was stricken with paralysis. He was sixty-six years old and unmarried. Bedford, of California; Coleman, of Seattle, and Milton, of Maine, who has been spending the winter in Middle Sackville, are brothers. Miss Julia, at home, is a sister.

EXAMS FOR GRAND TRUNK MEN

Montreal, April 11—Several conductors, brakemen, who were not reinstated by the Grand Trunk Railway after the late strike, have been notified to proceed to Toronto and write examinations regarding the new railway regulations, after which, if successful, they will be taken back.

Killed in West By Explosion

Nanaimo, B.C., April 11—Superintendent Wilson of the Canadian Explosive Company was killed in an explosion at the works at Northfield yesterday.