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Look Better at Fredericton To Have More Than One Tender

Evidence In Valley Railway Inquiry Keeps Full of Interest

How the Game Was Played to Make a Showing When it Was Known Where the Tender Was to Go — Contractor McDonald Testifies as to Paying \$17,500

Methods employed to prevent serious competition with the Nova Scotia Construction Company, when tenders were called for the construction of the Valley Railway, were indicated at the hearing of the royal commission inquiry this morning.

Alexander K. McDonald, a member of the firm of Kennedy & McDonald, sub-contractors on the Valley Railway, was on the stand for the greater part of the morning.

"Mr. Nagle asked me to come to St. John to arrange to form a company to tender for the whole work," the witness said. "He said he thought he had enough influence to get the contract if the price was right. When I arrived in St. John he told me that there was no use to tender; there was not a chance to get the contract; that only one concern would get it and that was the Nova Scotia Construction Company."

The question of the chief contract being settled, the question of sub-contracts was taken up and the witness was told that it could be arranged. Mr. Tennant, it was said, entered the conference at this point and assumed Mr. Smith to his office and suggested that Smith put in a tender on behalf of himself, Mr. Tennant and some others would aid in financing the work. Mr. Tennant told him that he was not interested with anyone else and would be willing to go in, provided the tender was for not less than \$41,000 a mile.

The next matter dealt with was Mr. Nagle's share and the witness said that they had agreed to pay him \$20,000, and "foolishly" paid him \$10,000 before they started work. Later on they arranged to sub-let part of the work but Mr. Nagle came to the witness and told him the contract was no good unless the balance of the money was paid to him. They paid \$7,500 and later gave a note for \$2,500 to complete the transaction.

Another "Tender" Roy Smith of St. John, who had submitted a tender on behalf of the Fundy Construction Syndicate, was the other witness this morning. He testified that he was signing on the contract but got the idea that the work was going to someone else. He called on Attorney-General Baxter for information on the subject, but got little satisfaction.

The hearing continues this afternoon when members of the former board of directors of the railway company are expected to be on the stand.

When the court opened Alexander K. McDonald testified that he was a railway contractor, residing in Antigonish and that he was a member of the firm of Kennedy & McDonald.

Q. Did you tender for the uncompleted portions of the Valley Railway in December, 1915? A. Yes.

Q. Was your tender accepted? A. No.

Documents were produced, including a telegram from the contractors, the tender, signed by the witness, and a letter from Mr. Palmer, one of the directors, returning the tender. They were identified and placed in evidence.

The tender was for \$88,000 a mile for part of the road and \$60,000 a mile for the remainder, from Gaspetown to Jubilee.

Q. Did you have any correspondence with Thomas Nagle on the subject of tendering? A. Yes.

Mr. Nagle's influence A file of correspondence was produced and identified by the witness as letters and telegrams from Thomas Nagle, referring to tendering on the second call. These were placed in evidence.

NEW CROSS AND STAR FOR VON HINDENBURG

London, Aug. 2.—A Copenhagen despatch to Reuters, Ltd., contains the following message telegraphed by Emperor William to Field Marshal von Hindenburg: "It is a need of my heart, my Dear Field Marshal, at the conclusion of the third year of the mightiest of all wars in which you incessantly and with brilliant strategy and art have defied the enemy's superior forces and cleared the way for our armies to victory to express anew to your inexhaustible thanks. I grant you the cross and star of the high command of my royal orders of the House of Hohenzollern. The badges will be posted immediately."

BURIED TODAY The funeral of Mrs. J. B. Garlick took place today. Services were conducted by Rev. Canon Armstrong and interment was in Fernhill.

Cernowitz Is Lost

Enemy Troops Have Entered Capital of Bukovina

Vienna, Aug. 3, via Amsterdam.—Austro-Hungarian troops have entered Cernowitz, the capital of Bukovina.

Cernowitz has been the scene of some of the most bitter fighting of the war and the Bukovina capital has changed from Teuton to Russian hands altogether ten times.

Petrograd, Aug. 3.—Kimpolung, in southern Bukovina, has been evacuated by the Russians. The Russians are now engaged with the Austro-German forces on the River Bystritsa. Between the Dniester and the Pruth the Russian retirement is continuing.

London, Aug. 3.—Camille Huysman, a Belgian secretary of the international socialist conference, in an interview today with a correspondent of the Dutch newspaper Handelsblad, declared that Russia and Austria-Hungary were on the verge of coming to an understanding, according to a despatch from Copenhagen to the Exchange Telegraph Company.

FOOD QUESTION IS VITAL ONE

R. E. Armstrong Brings Home Warning

Great World Shortage This Year and Likely Much Worse in 1918—Economy and Prevention of Waste Essential

"That there will be a world food shortage of at least two thousand million bushels this year, that thousands must die of starvation, that the conditions in 1918 are likely to be indubitably worse, that it behooves every man and woman in Canada to economize on food, to prevent waste and particularly to reduce the consumption of such commodities as beef, bacon, bread and wheat flour."

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British Win Back More Lost Ground

Germans Had Broken Into Front Line Last Night—Crown Prince Once More Defeated By French

London, Aug. 3.—British troops, according to the official statement issued today by the British war department, already have regained part of the ground lost when the Germans penetrated the British front line trenches on Infantry Hill to the east of Monchy le Preux last night.

Crown Prince Beaten Again. Paris, Aug. 3.—The German Crown Prince, after an intense artillery bombardment last night delivered several violent attacks against the French positions near Cerny, in the Alsace region, along a front of about 1,500 yards. The French official statement issued this afternoon says that all the attacks were repulsed.

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A National Prayer

(By a layman.) August 4th, 1817

O Lord God Almighty, King of kings and Ruler of all men,—the strength of all them who put their trust in Thee, fear now we beseech Thee the petition of Thy humble servants!

We come to Thee not trusting in our own righteousness, nor trusting in our power of military arms, nor in our financial greatness,—for what is righteousness, or power of wealth, unless Thou God of Hosts art with us?

We do come to Thee in this dark hour, when nations are warring against nations, when families are fatherless, when sisters are brotherless, when loved ones are friendless, and on our benighted knees we pray:

That Thou our Divine King and Ruler will in Thy great goodness and mercy forgive our National sins of omission and commission; That Thou wilt place men in authority over us, who forgetting self will turn to Thee for strength and help in guiding this nation through the hour of peril.

Lord God Almighty we beseech Thee to make us a God-fearing people, a united people, a British and valiant people, that in Thy strength and in Thy might alone we may overcome the enemies of righteousness, and having overcome, to Thee and Thee alone be the honor and glory now and forever more. Amen.

FORMER BULGAR CHIEF QUILTS RUSSIAN POST

General Dimitrieff Resigns As Commander on Riga Front

General Parsky Succeeds Him

London Times Correspondent Says Conditions on Southwest Front Have Improved and Disaffected Regiments Have Returned to Battle Line

Petrograd, Aug. 3.—General Radko Dimitrieff, commander of the Russian troops on the Riga front, has resigned his command of the twelfth army.

General Dimitrieff, who is a Bulgarian, at the beginning of the war represented his country as minister to Russia in Athens.

He was appointed to the command of the twelfth army in Bulgaria, at the instigation of Austria, attacked her former ally, Serbia in Greece.

In Bulgaria, Dimitrieff, who is as much a politician as a soldier, was known as "Bulgaria's Little Napoleon."

During the present war Dimitrieff has commanded Russian armies on various sectors and in April of the present year was made commander of the forces on the Riga front.

London, Aug. 2.—The Times correspondent in the Russian army as a consequence of measures against desertion and panics. The correspondent says that disaffected Russian regiments have returned to the front.

HEAT DEATHS IN PHILADELPHIA

Philadelphia, Aug. 2.—From midnight until noon Wednesday, twenty-six additional deaths due to the extreme heat were reported to the coroner, making a total of thirty-nine deaths for two days.

STATE OF SEIGE IN DEPARTMENT OF ATTICA, WHICH INCLUDES ATHENS

London, Aug. 3.—A state of siege has been declared in the whole Greek department Attica, including Athens and Piræus, according to a despatch from Athens to the Exchange Telegraph Company.

PARTS OF INTERMEDIATE U BOAT DISMOUNTED

Ferrol, Spain, Aug. 3.—Several parts of the German submarine U-B 81, which was damaged, and was sent to Ferrol, were recently received at the arsenal. The U-B 23 recently entered the roadstead of Coruña damaged, and was sent to Ferrol, escorted by a Spanish torpedo boat.

NEW PHASE OF THE POLITICAL CRISIS

Russia May Divide Into Two Great Camps

ATTACKS ON SOCIALISTS

Sensational Speech at Session of Duma—Military Disorders and Internal Anarchy Ascribed to Socialists

Petrograd, Aug. 2.—The political crisis, which is still unclouded, is taking a new form owing to the growing tendency of the country to divide into two sharply defined opposing camps.

The opposition between the moderate socialists and the Bolsheviks, which reached its height during the July revolt, is declining as a result of a fear by both camps that the Duma's industrial movement aims at a reactionary counter-revolution.

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LONG DISTANCE PHONE SERVICE IN THE PROVINCE IS DISRUPTED

A very heavy storm swept over the northern part of New Brunswick last night and as a result the New Brunswick Telephone Company suffered considerable damage.

All communication with the northern part of the province was cut off, north of Moncton, also the cross country line running from New Brunswick to Fredericton was put out of business and between Prince William and Pokiak the wires were down.

Three wires torn out of the ground, fences were levelled and in general from what could be learned this morning, the storm was about as heavy as has visited that section of the province for years.

Large gangs of men are working at the wires and it was expected that during the day communication with the North Shore, at least, would be possible.

In the Houlton section the wires are reported down, but this morning the company here had not been advised where the break occurred. One cable connecting Woodstock with Fredericton will be intact.

This afternoon the telephone company had wires repaired as far north as Newcastle, but from Newcastle to Campbellton all communication was still cut off.

SCHOOL BOOKS NOW ONLY FOR CASH

Fredericton, Aug. 3.—The provincial government has made a change in the school book business recommended by the public accounts committee.

The credit system operated by the previous administration has been abolished and a cash system established. The vendorship system, which never worked satisfactorily, has been done away with.

A discount of fifteen per cent. will be allowed the dealers. The department will prepay freight to the nearest railway station only on orders amounting to \$5 or more. Remittances must be made to the superintendent of the department by post office or express order or registered letter. No order less than \$5 will be accepted.

So far as the present vendors are concerned, they may retain books now in their possession or may return them to the department and a reasonable sum will be allowed for settlement of accounts.

Sidney Murray Wins The Medal

The results in the final standing of the pupils in Grade X of the St. John High School have been compiled and the winner of the Governor-General's gold medal has been announced. Again the first place goes to a boy, Sidney Murray, son of E. S. Rafferty Murray of Douglas Avenue. Miss Marjorie Fitzpatrick, of Carleton, who is very little behind the leader, was the winner of the May medal for the West St. John pupil who made the highest mark on the entrance examinations two years ago. Sidney Murray makes an average of 84.5, and Miss Fitzpatrick's average is 84.7.

Here are given the names of four leading pupils. An option was granted between French and Greek. Both boys took Greek. And the two girls took French.

Table with 4 columns: Name, French, Greek, Total. Rows include Sidney Murray, Marjorie Fitzpatrick, Ken Sullivan, and Marguerite Barrett.

MRS. WOODMAN LEFT \$121,572

Will Probated—Dr. T. D. Walker's Will—Two Public Bequests

In the matter of the estate of Mrs. Mary M. Woodman, widow, the will and codicil have been proved in common form and letters testamentary granted to the two executors named, Helen M. Patterson and Wellington Hamm. Barnhill, Ewing & Sanford are probators. The amount of the estate is \$121,572.87.

In the matter of the estate of Dr. T. D. Walker, the will and codicil were proved and Dr. Thomas Walker and Miss Alice K. Walker were as executors. The total estate is \$18,800, including life insurance payable to the estate and \$4,000 extra insurance. Public bequests include the Home for Invalids, \$1,000, and to Diocesan Academy, Fredericton, to be applied to the fund for augmentation of the stipends of the clergy, \$500. Dr. J. Roy Campbell, K. C., is probator.

In the matter of the estate of Felix John McGill, who died morning of the 21st of June, letters of administration have been granted to Mary Elizabeth Taylor. Where the break occurred. One cable connecting Woodstock with Fredericton will be intact.

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LIGHTNING CAUSES FARMERS HEAVY LOSS

Fredericton, Aug. 3.—York and Sunbury counties were visited by another violent electrical storm last night. It did great damage. At upper Maugerville Ashley Dykenan's barn was struck by lightning and entirely burned with contents. George Dykenan, son of the owner, was stunned by the same bolt.

At Upper Queensbury, Ernest Hay lost three barns and their contents. At Dome Ridge three head of cattle owned by a man named Boomer were killed by lightning. Fredericton and the district immediately surrounding escaped any heavy damage.

Newcastle, N. B., Aug. 3.—About five o'clock yesterday afternoon just as John Keating of Strath-Adam with four helpers, had hauled in a load of hay and they were resting on the barn floor, lightning struck his barn and set fire to it. The horses were slightly stunned, but none of the men were hurt. There was just time to get the load of hay and some oats were destroyed. A few days ago the windows of Mr. Keating's house were smashed by hailstone.

WEATHER REPORT

Issued by Authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stewart, director of meteorological service

Synopsis—An area of high pressure has come over Lake Superior and cooler weather now prevails over Ontario and Quebec. Showers have occurred in Alberta, Northern Ontario, Quebec and the maritime provinces. The cold has been moved from the hold, and it is said she is taking very little water.

Policeman Resigns. Policeman Dryden, who has been a member of the force for about six weeks tendered his resignation to Chief Simpson today. It is understood he will return to his farm on the St. John river.

Maritime—Fresh southwest and west winds, mostly cloudy with a few local showers. Saturday, fresh northwest winds, fair.