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FREDERICTON WANTS LOWER FIRE RATES

Warm Talk at Board of Trade Session
City Has Paid Out \$300,000 in Premiums During Past Five Years, and Losses Have Been Only \$25,000 -- To Encourage New Industries -- Hockey Player Badly Hurt--Other News.

Fredericton, N. B., Jan. 8. (Special)—Daves Gilmour, ex of Daniel Gilmour, of Montreal, who plays left wing with the Fredericton hockey team, was badly injured in a practice game at the Arctic rink this evening. While rushing for the puck he collided violently with Sandy Staples, and was knocked down, his left shoulder coming into violent contact with the side of the rink.

At a regular meeting of the Natural History Society this evening, W. H. Moore gave an interesting paper on the Wild Animals of New Brunswick.

At the monthly meeting of the Victoria Hospital trustees here this afternoon, a committee was appointed to confer with the Ladies' Hospital Guild in order to devise plans for holding the annual commencement exercises at which diplomas to the graduating nurses will be publicly presented.

The annual report of the tourist committee, among other things, referred to the falling off in the number of non-resident sportsmen last season, and attributed the same to the increase in the game license fee.

After some further discussion a committee composed of Messrs. Gonnell and Dibblee was appointed to look into the question, and also confer with the city council on the subject.

I. C. R. FINANCES IN BETTER SHAPE

Expenses Decrease and Receipts Show Big Increase During Last Five Months
GAIN OF \$328,858

Mayor of Ottawa Wants \$5,000 Damages in Libel Suit Against an Ex-Alderman--Government Wants South Africa to Extend Its Preference to Canada.

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KING EDWARD DISSOLVES THE BRITISH PARLIAMENT

First Polling Takes Place Jan. 13
Voting Must Be Over by Jan. 27--New House Summoned to Meet Feb. 13--Fight Begun in Earnest Last Night When About All the Opposing Leaders Spoke.

London, Jan. 8.—King Edward returned to London this afternoon and held a meeting of the privy council at which the proclamation dissolving parliament was signed. Immediately afterwards writs were issued for the election of the members of the new parliament which, in accordance with the law, his majesty has summoned to meet at Westminster February 13.

The first polling will take place January 13 at Greenwich, where Lord Hugh Cecil, leader of the Conservative free traders, engaged in a triangular fight for the Unionist seat against a Liberal and a Chamberlainite. The last poll must close Jan. 27. Therefore, within a fortnight, the verdict of the majority of the electors will be known and the probable life of the Liberal government will be measurable.

The leaders of the opposing forces mounted the hustings tonight and no less than fifteen members of the past and present cabinet spoke in different parts of the country, including former Premier Balfour.

The issues were clear and the speakers continued to ring the changes against home rule or tariff reform. The Liberals all along the line attacked the Unionist record of the past ten years while the Unionists in the main were on the defensive.

Sir Charles Dilke, speaking in London tonight, announced himself as an advanced Radical-Independent candidate. He spoke very favorably of the members of the new cabinet, speaking with regard to Morocco, the Boer war and the Egyptian question.

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ROGERS PROVES TOUGH WITNESS

Standard Oil Magnate Trifles With Questions in Missouri Investigation
DEFIES ATTORNEY

Tells Him He Doesn't Care Anything for the Supreme Court of His State --Doesn't Know Anything About His Company Controlling Other Concerns--Ex-employee of Octopus Tells Different Story.

New York, Jan. 8.—Henry H. Rogers, vice-president of the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey, and a director of the Standard Oil Company of Indiana, which Attorney-General Herbert S. Hadley has been trying to oust from the state of Missouri, was on the witness stand today on quo warranto proceedings brought by Mr. Hadley. Mr. Hadley took up with him only two points: whether the Standard Oil Company of Indiana has an office in the building at 28 Broadway, this city, where the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey has its office; and whether the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey owns or controls a majority of the stock of the Indiana company, the Waters-Pierce Oil Company of Missouri, and the Republic Oil Company of New York.

Mr. Rogers said that he did not know that the Indiana company had offices at 28 Broadway, that he supposed its affairs were in Indiana, and that he imagined that James A. Moffet, president of the Standard Oil Company of Indiana has an office at 28 Broadway, but that he (Mr. Rogers) was never in it.

Mr. Rogers declined to answer the question whether the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey owns the stock of the other company, and Mr. Hadley allowed him to combine to testify in Missouri. Mr. Hadley pressed the question with much insistence, and demanded an answer without respite.

Contemptuous Reply. "Do you mean to say to the supreme court of Missouri that you do not know where the offices of the company of which you are a director are located?" demanded Mr. Hadley.

When Mr. Rogers went on the stand the photographer and the reporter temporarily broke up the proceedings and drove him out of the room by burning a flashlight to get a picture of him. It filled the room with smoke, and Mr. Rogers was excused until a later hour.

H. D. Hardcastle, formerly employed in the Albany agency of the Standard Oil Company, was Mr. Hadley's chief witness today.

He testified to instances in which he was transferred from the Standard Oil Company's refinery to that of the Republic Oil Company at Cleveland, Ohio, and of the Atlantic Refining Company at Philadelphia.

These transfers, he said, were made by order of employees of the Standard Oil Company, and one of them told him he must not be known in Cleveland as having been employed by the Standard Oil Company. Witness took some letters, he said, from Standard Oil men, which he was induced to surrender to Walter Jennings, of the Standard Oil Company, in the hope of getting a better position, but he received a ticket for Europe without a return coupon.

Mr. Rogers was testifying when the hearing adjourned today. After the adjournment Attorney-General Hadley's attention was called to some published advice to him concerning the proceedings from Thomas W. Lawson, of Boston. "Do you want Mr. Lawson to come down and testify in this case?" "Certainly," Mr. Lawson knows anything I should like to have him come down," said Mr. Hadley.

PRINTERS' STRIKE IN MONTREAL

Seventy Men Out in Gazette News and Job Departments
PAPER WILL ISSUE

Management Says Question at Issue Is Whether They Shall Retain Control of Their Business or Hand it Over to Their Employees.

Montreal, Jan. 8.—(Special)—Both job and newspaper printers about seventy, employed by the Gazette Printing Company, are out on strike, and it looks as if one of the stiffest struggles in this branch of labor that has been known here will be the result.

The question at issue is purely one of control. The Gazette will appear as usual tomorrow morning, but it will be somewhat smaller than the average owing to the difficulty experienced in getting enough non-union printers on short notice to take up work.

The following editorial explanation will appear: "The Gazette will for some days be published under disadvantageous circumstances. Some time ago there was put into the job printing department a mono-type plant. The men qualified to operate the machines are few in number. There were only three among the employees of the Gazette. They were not rendering what, in the opinion of the management, was satisfactory service, in that the work done on the machines was not as great as was being turned out in other establishments. The men especially concerned were spoken to on the matter and seemed to recognize the justice of the complaint. In turn they were assured that if they showed better results their request for an increase of pay would be considered."

"Saturday last one of the men in question was absent. Another early in the forenoon asked to be put on different work. When this desire was not acceded to he left. The third followed his example. Two apprentices who had some experience with the machines were then put at work on them. To this the union men objected and when the foreman declined to take the apprentices off they left the establishment."

"All were being paid the typographical union scale of wages and were working union hours, and admit that personally they had no objection to the men whom they put at work on them. To this the union men objected and when the foreman declined to take the apprentices off they left the establishment."

"Under the management of the publishers that readers of and advertisers in the Gazette will show the consideration of the situation calls for. With the help of loyal employees, it is hoped, will be reinforced in a few days, it is expected that the inconvenience will be short lived."

CUSHING SULPHITE LIQUIDATORS WANT TO APPEAL NOW
Hon. A. G. Blair and J. D. Hazen Apply to Supreme Court in Reference to Upsetting Judge McLeod's Order Postponing Sale of Mill.

Ottawa, Jan. 8.—(Special)—Justices Davies and McLean were occupied in chambers this forenoon hearing the application of the liquidators of the Cushing Sulphite Company for a summons calling upon the Eastern Trust Company to show cause why leave should not be granted to appeal to the supreme court from the judgment of the supreme court of New Brunswick, delivered Saturday last rescinding the order of Justice McLeod postponing the sale of the mill until the last day of May next. Counsel in the case were J. D. Hazen, K. C., and Hon. A. G. Blair, K. C. Judgment reserved.

Lord Strathcona is here today talking over immigration matters with the premier and Mr. Oliver. The high commissioner sails for England on Saturday.

EDWARDS A SUICIDE BY POISON AND BULLET

WANT LAURIER TO MEET FAIRBANKS

Delegation Waits on Sir Wilfrid Inviting Him to An Erie, Penn., Banquet
ACCEPTS FOR OCTOBER

Premier Unable to Attend Sooner on Account of Parliamentary Duties--Americans Much Pleased With Their Efforts to Bring Vice-president and Canadian Guest Together.

Ottawa, Jan. 8.—(Special)—Hon. William Hardwick, ex-member of Erie (Penn.) Hon. F. D. Schultz, ex-member of the state legislature, and J. M. Sherwin, first president of the chamber of commerce of Erie, arrived in the city today. They waited on Sir Wilfrid Laurier this afternoon, and invited him to be the guest of the Erie Chamber of Commerce at its next banquet, which will be attended by the Hon. Charles W. Fairbanks, vice-president of the United States, and Senators B. Penrose and P. C. Knox.

It was the intention to hold the banquet some time in the spring of the year, but as the premier will be engaged with his parliamentary duties then it would be impossible for him to attend. After talking the matter over with the visitors, Sir Wilfrid promised to go to Erie early in October, and the delegates are leaving for home greatly pleased with their success.

The presence of Vice-President Fairbanks at the banquet will be pleasing to Sir Wilfrid, as it is well known here that they have been close friends since the meeting of the Joint High Commission.

PROSECUTOR OF YORK LOAN CO. ARRESTED ON FRAUD CHARGE

Toronto, Jan. 8.—(Special)—Joseph Phillips, president of the York County Loan & Savings Company, was arrested this afternoon on instruction from Crown Attorney Curry, and following upon the investigation made by the government, the warrant alleges conspiracy to defraud. Phillips was released on \$5,000 bail.

W. H. Cross, who made the report for the government, asserts that the infamously shared account was "grossly inaccurate," and that the statements issued by the company were untrue, while the reports made by the concern to the government were also untrue.

JAP RAILWAY INSPECTOR TO LOOK OVER CANADIAN ROADS

Portland, Me., Jan. 8.—Genzo Kobayashi, chief secretary to the director-general of Japanese government railways, and a leading citizen of Japan, was a passenger on the Dominion, which arrived today from Liverpool. Mr. Kobayashi, who is the Russo-Japanese war inspected railway systems in the United States, Canada and Europe, and who recently has renewed his studies of the European lines, comes to this continent to inspect the Grand Trunk and Canadian Pacific railway systems. He viewed the local terminal of the Grand Trunk and expects to leave tomorrow night for Montreal, where he intends to remain three days, then continue on to the Pacific coast, arriving in time to sail on the Empress of Japan from Vancouver for his home. Tomorrow forenoon he plans to visit the scene of the peace conference at Portsmouth.

Mr. Kobayashi early in the war was in charge of the transportation of Japanese armies to Manchuria, and on June 15, 1904, was on the transport Solomaru, which was captured by a Russian cruiser. He remained in a Russian prison eighteen months until released with other prisoners and returned to Japan. He says of this experience: "I was treated barbarously by the Russians. I was cruelly used and maltreated in every possible way."

Coroner's Strange Conclusion

Decides That Man Got Up in Middle of Night, Went Out Doors, Fired Bullet Into Shrubbery, Then Took Poison and Pitched Bottle Away; Afterwards Retired to Bed and Died.

New Haven, Conn., Jan. 8.—Suicide by means of both bullet and poison, is the explanation given by Coroner Eli Mix, of the mysterious death of Charles A. Edwards, of 559 Park avenue, New York city, at the Hillier home, 117 College street, on Tuesday night last. This finding is contained in a preliminary report to State Attorney Williams and is based in part upon the discovery of markings in the body of Mr. Edwards by Medical Examiner Bartlett and the surgeons who performed the autopsy. The finding is supported by some portions of the evidence taken at the inquest, which extended through five days and which is not yet completed.

The preliminary report, is made at this time to relieve public suspense, and Coroner Mix adds that Mr. Edwards' death probably was one of the most remarkable on record. The theory of suicide, however, appears not to have been held by the coroner until Saturday, when two headquarter detectives unearthed in a shrubbery in the rear of the Hillier house an old fashioned 22 calibre revolver and a half pint bottle containing a quantity of laudanum. Upon that time, and in the absence of a report of the qualitative analysis of the viscera of Mr. Edwards, the weight of evidence taken by Mr. Mix from long and exhaustive examination of witnesses was that Mr. Edwards had been murdered.

The first action taken by Coroner Mix after reaching a conclusion in the case, was to order the release of Mr. Edwards' brother-in-law of Mr. Edwards, who on Thursday evening last was placed in charge of a police officer, under a recently enacted law, which gives the coroner the right to hold an important witness in a case as he sees fit.

A Wonderful Finding. The coroner's brief report does not dispel the mystery in the death of Mr. Edwards, and until the complete finding is ready, probably no public solution can be found as to why Mr. Edwards at 2 o'clock on Wednesday morning, last, died in his underclothes, left his chamber and descended to the basement, lit a gas, unrolled and opened the rear door; then twice discharged a revolver at himself, one bullet going into the ear; then failing to kill himself, threw the weapon away, drank laudanum and tossed the bottle after the pistol, and with blood flowing from a wound in the ear and head, dragged himself back to his chamber, got into bed, drew the bedclothes over his shoulders, and after placing a handkerchief under his head to staunch the flow of blood, lapsed into unconsciousness, death coming six hours later. Coroner Mix so describes the actions of Mr. Edwards on the night in question.

The coroner's finding came late this afternoon, and after he had had conferences with State Attorney Williams, Medical Examiner Bartlett and Charles Hillier, brother of A. Maxey Hillier. In the forenoon it was expected that the finding would be that murder had been committed by a person or persons unknown.

Coroner's Report. The coroner's preliminary report is as follows: "Recent developments after a long investigation concerning the cause of the death of Charles A. Edwards, which occurred on the morning of Wednesday, Jan. 3, 1906, including the finding within the body of a quantity of morphine, possibly sufficient to cause death, and the discovery of a bottle of laudanum in the rear yard of the Hillier residence within easy throw from the back door; and including the finding of a revolver in each yard within easy throw of the back door, 22 calibre, Colt's, No. 38074, which was sold by the Colt's Fire Arms Company, May 3, 1880, to John Moore & Sons, New York, and shipped to them in case No. 141, together with 179 other revolvers to said Moore & Sons, which revolver appears to have had little use, the chambers of which revolver contain two empty shells and five loaded cartridges, also including the finding of bloodstains from outside the rear dining room door up the back staircase and to the landing on the front hall, indicates suicide.

"In consequence of such developments, all surveillance of Allan Maxey Hillier has been withdrawn from the case. The investigation has not been concluded and final report is not yet ready."

Coroner's Reasons. Coroner Mix in discussing his finding, later, said: "The laudanum and revolver were found two days ago by Detectives Donnelly and Ward, 30 feet from the rear of the dining room, just a good throw from the back door. The laudanum was taken to Dean Smith, of the Yale Medical School for analysis. It was in a half pint bottle, in which an inch of fluid remained. Another revolver was found but its chambers were filled with dust and it had not been discharged recently. The bottle and revolver were found in the gas both in the same direction from the house. The blood stains were discovered by Detectives Donnelly and Ward (Continued on page 7, seventh column.)

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MONCTON CONCERN EXTENDING BUSINESS

Record Foundry Machine Company Reorganizing Staffs in Western Towns--Rumors of I. C. Railway Changes in Officials.

Moncton, N. B., Jan. 8.—(Special)—The Record Foundry Machine Company, which has been gradually pushing its wares into the markets of western Canada has with the beginning of the year reorganized the staffs in Montreal, Toronto and western towns with a view to further increase business in that direction. Tonight seven of the staff in the head office here left for Montreal and Toronto offices. Those leaving included Seymour Peters, Jr., Roy Peters, who goes to the Montreal factory, and three or four young lady clerks for Montreal and Toronto offices.

There is a building boom on in Sunny Brae, a suburb of Moncton. G. R. Jones recently divided a portion of his farm at that place into building lots which were being sold rapidly. Nine lots were disposed of today to parties who intend to build homes next spring.

Dr. P. J. White left tonight for Chicago to take a six weeks special course in Chicago hospital.

Rumors of changes in I. C. R. official staff are in the air and being discussed in railway circles. It is said a number of important changes will shortly be announced.

Rigaud, Jan. 8.—Farmers are scouring the country for a trace of three bodies mysteriously stolen from the cemetery here. The bodies were those of Julien Gauthier, deposited in the mortuary chapel last Saturday, and Mesdames Lynch and Elizabeth Leves, buried some weeks ago. The discovery of the ghoul's work was made when the body of a child was being buried yesterday. Three coffins were found empty and the grave clothes were found strewn about. An attempt was also made to carry off another body, but although the coffin was wrenched open, the ghoul evidently found the body too decomposed to be of any use.

CHARLOTTETOWN HAD A SMALL SURPLUS

Receipts Last Year \$80 More Than Expenditures--Getting Ready for Tariff Inquiry Wednesday.

Charlottetown, P. E. I., Jan. 8.—(Special)—The annual meeting of the city council was held tonight. Mayor Kelly, in his address, referred to the excellent financial condition of the city, and the large amount of permanent sidewalk laid down; spoke of the measures taken to prevent the spread of tuberculosis, and advocated the establishment of a contagious disease hospital.

The receipts for the year were \$38,000, leaving a surplus of \$80. The commission on sewer and water supply reported a revenue of \$22,400, an increase of \$117 over last year.

A meeting of the citizens was held last night to prepare for the tariff commission on Wednesday. There was a fair attendance. A resolution proposed by George E. Full in favor of a moderate protective tariff, was withdrawn and a committee was appointed, consisting of A. B. Warburton, A. A. McLean, M. P.; Nelson Rattenbury, Hon. Geo. E. Hughes, and Geo. E. Full, to appear before the commission.

FRANCES ORR HELD FOR INFANTICIDE

Case Comes Up at Kings County Circuit Court Today at Hampton--Accident to Sussex Woman.

NEW YORK DOCTOR ATTEMPTS SUICIDE AND WILL DIE

Sussex, N. B., Jan. 8.—(Special)—In the case of Frances Orr, charged with the killing of her child by neglect, which was postponed from Tuesday, Jan. 2, until today, resulted in the accused being sent up for trial at the circuit court, which will open tomorrow.

G. W. Fowler, her counsel, made no defence, but will appear in her behalf at Hampton tomorrow. Only two witnesses were examined today, Town Marshal McLeod and Mr. Morhal, father of Mrs. Orr, but no new developments were brought out.

Mrs. Wm. McLeod met with a very painful accident this noon. She was hanging out clothes at her home, when she slipped and fell on the ice, breaking two bones of her left ankle.

MISS ROOSEVELT TO BE MARRIED FEB. 17

Washington, Jan. 7.—The President and Mrs. Roosevelt announced that the wedding of Miss Alice Roosevelt to Representative Longworth, of Cincinnati, will take place on Saturday, Feb. 17, at 12 o'clock noon, in the east room of the White House.