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JAIL PHYSICIAN COUDENIS FOOD

Food to Hard Men

Would Make Any Man
Anaemic, Dr. Christie
Declares

Says Nothing There Even So
Appetizing As a Potato and
Salt—Tells of McArthur's
Treatment and Death—
Turkey Asserts that Jail
is Clean.

Friday, April 28.

That four months of the diet provided in the county jail for hard labor prisoners is enough to make any man anaemic was the starting statement made last night by Dr. James Christie at the inquiry before Coroner Berrymann into the death of William McArthur, who died in the General Public Hospital a few hours after having been taken from the jail. "It has been happening for years to long term prisoners in the jail to get anaemic. Let any man be on a stereotyped diet for four months as this man was, and he would lose his appetite. Why, they have got nothing so appetizing even as a potato and salt. They have bread and beef for dinner, tea, bread and molasses for supper, and bread, molasses and tea for breakfast," Dr. Christie added. The inquiry which opened in the police court room at 7 o'clock adjourned at 10 o'clock till Monday evening on the same place at 7.30. Daniel Mullin, K. C., watched the inquiry in the interests of the patients of the deceased, while the county authorities were represented by County Secretary Keeler. Only two witnesses were examined, Dr. Christie and William W. Cunningham and Dr. Christie.

Turnkey's Evidence.

Mr. Cunningham said that he had been turnkey in the jail for seventeen years. He remembered William McArthur being brought into jail on January 4, on a commitment for two months for drunkenness. Three days later he was sent for into the police court and another commitment was made out for two months more for assaulting George Danguard. For two weeks or thereabouts, he was kept in and then he went out with the chain gang to break stones. The last time that he went out was April 12.

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TELEGRAPH RATES BEING PROBED

Managers of Canadian Companies Before Railway Commission

G. N. W. Official Tells of His Concern
Having a \$400,000 Surplus on a
\$125,000 Capital—Action Taken
at Instance of Winnipeg Board of
Trade.

Canadian Press.

Toronto, April 27.—Shortly before noon today, the Dominion Railway Commission got down to hearing what is tersely designated on the order book as a "general inquiry into tariffs of telegraph companies." The inquiry is apparently to be very complete, and it would not be surprising if it took all of a week to get the evidence before the board.

The investigation is the fruit of a complaint lodged by the Winnipeg Board of Trade, which the Dominion government was sufficiently interested in the enquiry to appoint Mr. Pittblado of Winnipeg to conduct the investigation before the railway commission.

The heads and superintendents of various companies, occupied seats in the court. Among those present were Jas. Kent, manager of telegraphs for the C. P. R.; Mr. Camp, electrical engineer, and Mr. Perry, general manager of the G. N. W. Mr. Perry was the first witness called, and he was still in the box when the commission adjourned for lunch.

The witness was examined at great length as to operating expenses and the comparatively large amounts written off from time to time for depreciation, a sum of over \$200,000 having been written off at one time.

Mr. Perry was asked who ordered the audit of last July, which showed a surplus of \$400,000 on a paid up capital of \$125,000. Mr. Perry replied: "The Western Union."

Mr. Pittblado—"Well, then the Western Union controls the G. N. W.?"

Mr. Perry—"Not necessarily, but they are very large creditors."

Mr. Markley here jumped to his feet, and declared with much emphasis that the G. N. W. had no money to pay dividends. "Well, if you are all going to talk at once, I will adjourn till 2.30," said Chairman Mabee, smiling.

HAZEN WILL REJECT I. C. R. OPERATION PLAN

Another Scheme for Valley Road

Local Government Heads at Ottawa to See About Federal Subsidy for Proposed Line—A. R. Gould is There Also.

Special to The Telegraph.

Ottawa, April 27.—Hon. Messrs. Fleming, McLeod, Maxwell and Morrissey, of the New Brunswick government, had an interview with Hon. William Eganley, minister of public works, this evening in regard to a dominion subsidy for the Valley railway, and so far as is known, the result of the talk was a request by the minister for them to put their request in writing.

It is understood that this delegation in regard to the Valley road is not the first one that has been in Ottawa recently, though the first one was not of the provincial government, and was perhaps in a less official capacity, but the information he brought was in the nature of a surprise here, as it was the first intimation that was made that the government of New Brunswick proposed to depart from their request that the Valley railway should be operated by the Intercolonial as part of the national system of railways.

The request was preferred first by a large delegation two years ago, headed by Provincial Secretary Fleming, and was heard by the prime minister and members of his government. Later the same idea was put forth by Premier Hazen in a letter to the Valley Railway Company. Since then the federal government has proceeded to carry out its promise to legislate for such operation, and there is now a bill before parliament for that purpose.

If the provincial government of New Brunswick has changed its mind, and does not wish government operation of the railway, their intention will no doubt be required to be stated formally before the federal government will take action.

Mr. Hazen was here again today in company with the delegation, though he did not appear before the minister.

It seems that before the delegation from the Hazen government came to Ottawa they were in Montreal in conference with the C. P. R. people. Mr. Fleming did not accompany his associates to Ottawa this morning, but remained in Montreal for a later train that arrived this evening. Sir William, an Hon. friend of his, is also in Montreal.

The delegation was pleasantly received here. Acting on a wire from Premier Hazen, R. L. Borden gave the delegation a cordial reception, and Messrs. Morrissey, Maxwell and McLeod had lunch with him at the Rideau Club.

TWO CARLETON COUNTY CHURCHES BURNED DOWN

Grass Fires Destroyed the Baptist and Methodist Edifices at Waterville—Nine Buildings Were Afire at the Same Time But Good Work of the Bucket Brigade Saved Them.

Special to The Telegraph.

Hartland, N. B., April 27.—Fire running in the dry grass extended to the Methodist church at Waterville, four miles from here, today. The building was completely destroyed, as was also the Reformed Baptist church across the road. The weather was warm, very dry and a moderate breeze was blowing.

There was intense excitement for some time, a barn caught and although the fire got at the harvest and burned off the roof, the bucket brigade put it out. Nine buildings were afire at one time, but all were saved. A great army of men, summoned from all points by telephone, provided the salvation of the village.

ARTILLERY TEAM FOR BRITISH COMPETITION

Highest Man in Each of Fifteen Field Batteries Scores Last Year to Go— Officers Not Chosen Yet.

Ottawa, April 27.—The officers commanding fifteen field batteries have received instructions to the effect that one man from each of the fifteen highest field batteries in last year's efficiency list, will be taken on the composite team which goes to England in August for the artillerists' competitions. Thus each of the Ottawa batteries will be allowed to send a man.

The field battery men will be assembled at Petawawa before the team leaves for preliminary training on the grounds there. They will then go to Halifax for training with the coast defense guns. The officers for the team have not yet been chosen. There will be eight men from the heavy artillery and seventeen from the coast defense, making a team forty strong. The men will probably be chosen on their showing in camp.

INVITES GRAND TRUNK TO BUILD LINE TO BOSTON

Lower Branch of Massachusetts Legislature Adopts an Order to That Effect.

Boston, April 27.—An invitation to the Grand Trunk Railroad to build its lines to Boston was extended by the lower branch of the legislature today, in the adoption of an order to that effect, introduced yesterday. A similar order was placed on the senate calendar for action later in the day.

NEW BRUNSWICK GRADUATES AT DALHOUSIE COLLEGE

Halifax, N. S., April 27.—(Special)—Among the graduates of Dalhousie College today were the following from New Brunswick:

Bachelor of laws—Ralph Chester Burns, B. A. (Dal.); Milton; George Paget Owen Fenwick, B. A. (U. N. B.); Apoha; John Murray Keefe, Lakesville.

Diplomas of Honor.

Classics—High honors, Alexander David Fraser, awarded (Quebec).

Pure and applied mathematics—Honors, John Alexander Thomas Weatherbee.

Diplomas of General Distinction.

Great distinction—Isabel MacGillivray Grant.

Distinction—Thomas Maxwell Hibbert, Annie Sadie MacKenzie (Quebec).

But Prize—John Robert Mitchell Collier, Master of Arts—marguerite Hattal, Louise Silver, B. A. (By examination in Latin); Charles Guy Black, B. A. (By examination in history and economics, John Shennstone Roper, B. A. (By examination in Shakespeare).

Bachelor of Arts—Margaret Irving Ross, St. John; Chester Alan Moore Earl, St. John.

ANNEXATION TALK "BOSH," SAYS TAFT

HATTIE LeBLANC'S EVIDENCE HELD-UP IN BOSTON COURT

Canada's Destiny is in Her Own Hands

United States Must Ac- cept Reciprocity Now or Never

Cambridge, Mass., April 27.—Having passed through a similar ordeal several times before, Mrs. Lillian P. Glover, widow of the murdered Waltham laundry man, who made a will in her favor, did not wince today when the testimony in the trial in the supreme court of the appeal from the probate of the will was aimed directly at her.

Three brothers of Glover and a sister-in-law testified that Glover frequently had said that his wife had threatened to shoot him, that his life with her was unhappy, and that he feared her. He also told them, they said, that he had made a will and that they must not mind if it were disappointing to them, for he was compelled to make it that way.

Just before adjournment, the deposition of Miss Hattie LeBlanc, the little French-Canadian girl, who was acquitted on a charge of murdering Clarence Glover, was offered in evidence. On objection of counsel that the commissioner who took the deposition at St. John (N. B.) had excluded pertinent questions, the deposition was held over.

LANCOT'S CASE DEBATED IN PARLIAMENT

Majority Report Exonerated Member—Hon. Mr. Avles- worth Contends There Was No Wrongdoing.

Special to The Telegraph.

Ottawa, April 27.—The commonsense spirit of the whole of today's sitting in a dignified and illuminating discussion of the legal and ethical aspects of the independence of parliament act. The question at issue was as to whether or not Adelard Lantot, Liberal member for Richelieu, should lose his seat by reason of the facts disclosed before the privileges and elections committee which investigated Mr. Blonfils' charges in reference to the painting of the former's house at Sorel by employees of the government shipyards at Sorel last summer. The debate followed the introduction of the majority report of the committee by Mr. German, who reviewed the evidence taken and the facts upon which the charge was based. The finding exonerated Mr. Lantot.

The member for Jacques Cartier, Mr. Monk, presented the minority report, declaring that Mr. Lantot had forfeited his seat. While some partisan sentiment cropped up in the discussion, the principles adhered closely to the counsel of the minister of justice, who urged that parliament vindicate its position as the highest court in the realm by dealing with the serious issues before it in a thoughtful and impartial manner and upon their merits.

Sir Alan, dealing with the legal aspect, pointed out that the majority report was justified from the fact that there had been no violation on the part of Mr. Lantot of the independence of parliament act, that the country had been recompensed for all labor and materials supplied, and that the actions of the member for Richelieu had been frank, open and above board throughout.

Judge Doherty, who replied to the minister of justice, concurred in his legal judgment, but maintained that the transaction was ethically wrong.

Dealing with the conclusions of law on the matter, the minister of justice showed from the statute touching the independence of parliament that the only contract with the government forbidden to a member of parliament was one for which any public money was to be paid to the member. It was not the intention of parliament, as the wording of the statute clearly showed, to prohibit any member from purchasing goods from the government for which full value was to be paid.

In conclusion, the minister strongly announced the unfairness of the minority report which, purporting to be a judicial summing up of the evidence, suppressed the all important feature in this case, "which makes all the difference between truth and the half-truth which is wholly a lie. In the statement to which Mr. Monk and Mr. Barker subscribe, and which is the interpretation put upon the "favored nation" clause by the law officers of the government, all nations with which the United States have "favored nation" treaties would be entitled to the benefits of the free list.

Besides the proposed gratuitous concessions were in the nature of an admission that an injury to a particular class had been done by the Canadian agreement, "I deny it," said Mr. Taft.

\$25,000 FIRE IN TRURO YESTERDAY

Stanfield, Smith & Co.'s Warehouse Badly Damaged —Cigar Stump Thought Re- sponsible.

Truro, April 27.—The fire department was called out this afternoon for a blaze in Stanfield, Smith & Co.'s wholesale shipping and warehouse building, corner of Louise and Prince streets. The fire was confined to the first and second floors, and is supposed to have started from a stub of a cigar.

A member of the firm stated that he was up stairs about five minutes before the alarm was given, and he saw no evidence of fire. Most of the staff were taking stock in the basement. The firemen soon had a number of streams on the blaze, and in a short time was under control. Smoke and water were responsible for most of the loss, which will amount to about \$25,000, and is covered by insurance in a number of different companies.

HALIFAX FIREMEN HAVE CLOSE CALLS IN \$4,000 FIRE

Halifax, N. S., April 27.—(Special)—A warehouse with its contents consisting of a variety of goods, at the North West Arm, owned by George Brantley, was completely destroyed by fire today. The loss is placed at \$4,000, with no insurance.

WOULD NEUTRALIZE THE PHILIPPINES

Resolution in Congress to Place Islands Under Protection of the World Powers.

Washington, April 27.—Representative Sabath, of Illinois, today introduced a resolution providing for the neutralization of the Philippine Islands, which will be considered by the house committee on insular affairs.

The resolution directs the president to take steps to secure an international guarantee whereby the islands shall be forever neutralized and placed under the protection of the world powers.

DALHOUSIE CONFERS LL. D. ON FIELDING AND E. L. NEWCOMBE

Halifax, N. S., April 27.—John Forrest, D. D., president of Dalhousie University, conducted the closing convocation today for the last time in his official capacity, having tendered his resignation of the presidency some months ago.

The convocation was a brilliant affair. President D. A. Falconer, of the University of Toronto, made an address discussing the place of the University in National life. Another speaker was Prof. W. T. Patterson, of Edinburgh University.

Two honorary degrees of LL. D. were conferred, first on E. L. Newcombe, deputy minister of justice, who was present, and on the Hon. W. S. Fielding, an absentee.

Congress to Enlarge Membership

Washington, April 27.—The house late today passed the bill to enlarge its membership to 433, and to reannex congressional districts.