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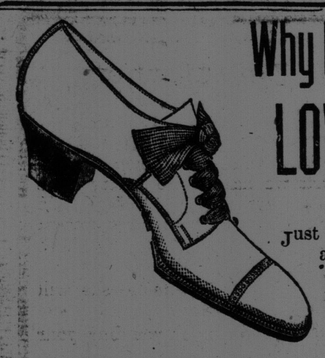

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ANNUAL MEETING OF THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

The Women's Auxiliary of the Fredericton Diocese opened their fourth annual meeting in the school room of St. John's (stone) church this morning at 10.45 o'clock. Mrs. Thos. Walker, the president, presided.

The meeting opened by the singing of a hymn followed by prayer led by the president. The minutes of the last annual meeting were read after which Mrs. Harrison welcomed the delegates. She hoped the meeting would be beneficial and arouse enthusiasm amongst the members.

Mrs. Andrews, of St. Andrews, N. B., replied on behalf of the visiting delegates. She thanked the St. John delegates for their kind welcome.

Mrs. Walker read the president's address. She referred to the increase in the number of branches started in the Women's Auxiliary during the past year. One branch which was organized at Clifton last summer now shews signs of becoming one of the strongest branches of the auxiliary. Mrs. Walker referred to Miss McKim, the local representative in Persia. Her work must not be forgotten and all that can be done to enable her work to progress in that foreign field must be done. The gift of Rev. A. G. H. Dicker of a handsome window to St. Paul's church was mentioned. Mrs. Walker stated that Mr. Dicker still took a deep interest in the auxiliary. The work of the baby department and the girl's department were referred to as two of the most important branches.

Mrs. W. B. Howard, the recording secretary read her report. The membership of the auxiliary is now 839. There are six junior branches, and one baby class, which now has sixty members. Three life members have been elected. They are: Mrs. J. A. Richardson, Mrs. Langford and Mrs. Foster. The St. John branches have done excellent work during the past year.

The report was adopted.

The corresponding secretary, Miss Etter, read greetings from the Halifax and Toronto branches.

Miss Etter's report was next read. A telegram of congratulations was sent to the Nova Scotia auxiliary on the date of their first annual meeting last summer. The general corresponding secretary had notified the Fredericton diocese of the General Board's action in drawing up a resolution against the opium traffic. The Fredericton diocese sent a letter of approval. Rev. W. A. James had appealed for aid in the erection of a church at Chapleau, Quebec. Being in ill health, Rev. Mr. James left for his home in England early this winter. He died on December 21, and his parishioners at Chapleau are appealing for help in completing the church fund, which was started by their late pastor.

The report was adopted.

Rev. J. DeWolfe Cowie, who was present, was invited to speak to the gathering. He stated that he had always taken a deep interest in the work of the auxiliary and as he had travelled considerably during the past year, he organized several branches.

Mrs. George F. Smith, the vice-president, addressed the delegates. She invited all to attend the afternoon tea to be held in the school room of Stone church this afternoon.

Mrs. Walker announced that a few weeks ago two sisters from England arrived in St. John on their way to Yale, British Columbia, to teach school. They were met here by a committee of the Women's Council, and their short stay here was made enjoyable. A letter thanking the local ladies for their kindness has been received.

After the closing hymn had been sung the meeting adjourned until this afternoon at 2.30 o'clock.

COLONIAL PREMIERS GET THE FREEDOM OF LONDON

A Pleasant Function at Guildhall This Morning at Which all the Delegates Were Honored

LONDON, April 16.—The colonial premiers were presented with the freedom of the city at the City Hall this afternoon and consequently were entertained at lunch by the Lord Mayor, Sir William Treloar, and the corporation. Each of the visitors received letters patent as a freeman, enclosed in a gold casket. The premiers drove in procession to the Guildhall, General Botha, the Transvaal premier, as the "Benjamin" of the brotherhood, riding first with Sir Wilfrid Laurier bringing up the rear. The street through which the procession passed was nicely decorated and the premiers received a hearty ovation from the large crowds of people.

The luncheon at Guild Hall was a brilliant function. It was attended by the Archbishop of Canterbury, Premier Campbell-Bannerman, and other cabinet ministers, Field Marshall Lord Roberts who cracked jokes with General Botha about their experiences on the veldt; many peers and members of the House of Commons and military and naval men in uniforms sparkling with decorations, while the women present were dressed in the most elaborate costumes. The Boer flag captured by the city Imperial Volunteers at Jacobsdale, which usually ornaments the banquetting hall, was removed on this occasion as not to offend General Botha and his party.

NORTH END FISHERMEN HAD EXCELLENT LUCK

In G. G. Black's window at Indiantown, there are on exhibition a dozen trout caught in Big Harvey Lake, York county, by Mr. Black, A. B. Holly and Capt. Brannen. The largest of this collection of trout weighs over 3½ pounds, the others tapering down to a half pound. They are magnificent specimens and the first of the season to come from this locality. The North End fishermen were over nine days in the vicinity but were deterred from fishing by the excessive snow storms, which were the wildest in that section of the country for some years. As it was, they had a great deal of difficulty in catching the fish, because at no place on the lake was the ice thinner than three and a half feet and most of the time it was so dry and hard that a person could walk on it in stocking feet without getting wet.

SAYS THE ST. JOHN RIVER LUMBER WAR IS ENDED

Allan Hammond Tells of Some of the Difficulties Which Have Been Overcome

VAN BUREN, April 15.—In an interview with A. E. Hammond, of Van Buren, some little difficulties in connection with the history of the lumber business on the upper St. John river were discussed, and some misunderstandings cleared away.

Prior to the construction of the B. & A. all the logs cut in Northern Maine in the basin of the St. John river, were "driven" to the city of St. John for manufacture. Under the "Pike" law, all the product of logs cut in Maine on the St. John and its tributaries, and manufactured in New Brunswick, was and still is, admitted to the United States duty free. This, of course, was and still is, of great advantage to the lumber interests of the city of St. John, and naturally, perhaps, they resented the infringment of their long monopoly due to the building of the B. & A. For when the B. & A. reached Van Buren, giving direct access to the markets of the world for manufactured lumber, mills were built at Van Buren.

In the early years of the operations on the Upper St. John each operator drove his own logs to the booms at Fredericton, where they were rafted and towed to St. John. It was soon seen that it was a vast waste of energy, to have as many driving crews as there were operators. The operators got together and formed the St. John River Log Driving Co., which under one management drove all logs from Grand Falls down. Later the Madawaska Log Driving Co was formed, to take care of all logs from the mouth of the Allegash to Grand Falls. Each operator pays the driving companies tolls at a rate per thousand feet, the same for all, so that an approximation to exact justice is done with a great saving to everybody concerned.

Here is where the veteran riverman, Levi W. Pond, appears on the scene. From the formation of the Madawaska Log Driving Co., Mr. Pond has had the contract and full control. He has had it so long that when it was suggested to him that perhaps some other parties might have rights, he promptly declared that he owned the St. John river. He probably knew this to be a slight exaggeration.

To Levi W. Pond belongs the honor of inventing the sheet boom, a device which uses the river current itself as the power which holds a boom diagonally across the river at any angle desired, thus keeping logs from grounding at bad places. It is used to guide the floating logs into booms, or to turn them into the current as may be desired. The driving companies appreciated its great advantages and Mr. Pond has reaped his reward in cash. He is sorry that the patent has expired, it was such a good thing. But the Pond sheer boom is all right yet.

When the charters of the driving companies were framed, no one dreamed of a railroad to reach the St. John in northern Aroostook, and no one thought of safeguarding the rights of possible lumber manufacturers in that region. The building of the mills at Van Buren, made possible by the B. & A., caused a seeming conflict of interests. The St. John interests complained that their logs were held back for a week or a fortnight, by making them pass through the sorting gap. This was done by the St. John Lumber Company at Van Buren. (The St. John Lumber Co. operates the large mills at Van Buren—the largest in the state—and has nothing to do with the City of St. John in New Brunswick.) In passing the gap the logs going down river are pushed a little to the left where a boom guides them into the down-river current. The logs for Van Buren are similarly guided to the right and held in stoorage booms.

It is true that the St. John Lumber Co. had something to learn in the handling of the logs at the sorting gap. A mighty river like the St. John, which shows in spring a raging torrent for a steady current 33 feet in vertical height above its low ater mark, cannot be harnessed and controlled at the first attempt. But intelligent effort has overcome the the difficulties and even the bursting of an upriver jam would hardly make a noticeable delay at the sorting gap now. The delay complained of two years ago was due to this cause, but it was handled with such promptitude that it was not possible for the complainants to formulate a claim for any loss sustained.

It may be remarked that the fuss at Van Buren in which Mr. Pond figured year before last was largely a newspaper controversy. The Van Buren Lumber Company gets some of its lumber out of Grand River in New Brunswick opposite Van Buren. To get the logs over to the Maine side of the river, a boom similar to the one invented by Pond is used.

At the mouth of the Grand River Van Buren Lumber Company stands ready, has always stood ready, to sink or set aside the boom for Mr. Pond's tow-boat passage. Two years ago this spring Mr. Pond cut this boom. There was a good deal of talk, and gross exaggeration and misrepresenttion appeared in the New Brunswick newspaper reports. There was no trouble before this. There has been no trouble since, and Mr. Pond has solemnly promised that there will be none in the future.

The geography of the upper St. John seems to be a great puzzle to the dwellers in the metropolis of New Brunswick. To them everything above Grand Falls is Van Buren. Logs from the city of St. John have been repeatedly held up at Seven Islands, over 100 miles above Van Buren. This trouble, as reported in the St. John papers, is always located at Van Buren. At Claire, opposite Fort Kent, 45 miles above Van Buren, there is a little privately-owned foot-bridge with one pier midstream. Mr. Pond made some complaint about his pier, but his complaint when it got into the papers, located the troublesome pier at Van Buren.

Another complaint was made about some hostile Indians from New Brunswick smuggling fire-water into Maine. There was some foundation for the complaint, but the funny thing about it is that the St. John newspapers located this international trouble at Van Buren as usual.

As an earnest and pledge of amicable relations between the parties heretofore supposed to be unfriendly, that is, in connection with the development of the lumber industry, the following are noted: A meeting was held at Augusta some time ago, to which were invited representatives of the lumber business at St. John, N B., representatives from the upper St. John and representatives of the owners of timber lands. At first, when the parties met as appointed, it appeared as if some viewed the meeting as the opening of a conflict. But, before long, it was made plain, even to those, that there was no chance for conflict. Previous difference of opinion was due to misunderstanding. Arrangements were made for the formation of a company to conserve the water supply of the uppper St. John, so as to insure driving and a regular supply of lumber for the city of St. John as well as—well, Van Buren.

It has been no uncommon thing for logs cut in northern Maine to be two years in reaching St. John. That means heavy loss. For the future this will be avoided. That is what true cooperation does.

Some four years ago a project was advanced to dam the St. John river at the Winding Ledges, 50 miles above Van Buren, to hold water for sorting logs and driving. A 16-foot dam at a cost of $50,000 would have paid for itself in a few years. The immense flowage above would have made clean driving possible at any time of the year below the dam. The St. John people, under the Maine charter would have had complete control; representation being proportional to cut. They would have had their logs all passed out first, and free of cost. This would have been largely to their financial benefit. But they mistrusted; they opposed and the project fell through. They think differently now.

This upper St. John region has been so little known and so much misrepresented, that it would be a point of honor to clear away the wrong ideas concerning it. It has advantages and possibilities that were formerly little suspected. From island number one, below Van Buren, to Green River island, a distance of 22 miles, a chain of islands present natural holding grounds for the storage of logs nowhere surpassed, without interfering with the main channel of the river. The lumber supply of this region is practically unlimited, and with the regulation of water flowage before mentioned, a lumber manufacturing centre can be built up second to none in the eastern states. Already at Van Buren are two large shingle mills with a capacity of 8,000,000 a season; three long lumber mills, of recent construction, with modern machinery and latest improvements, with a capacity of between 60,000,000 and 70,000,000 feet of lumber a season.

The Maine-New Brunswick lumber war is dead. It is a cold story now. It is not talked about much in Van Buren. But still an appropriation has been made by both the United States government and the Dominion government for the services of a joint commission to pass upon the whole question of St. John river waters; to whim they belong and by whom they should be used.

PEACE CONFERENCE WILL OPEN TODAY

Prominent Speakers are to Deliver Addresses This Afternoon and Evening

NEW YORK, April 16—The peace conference, so skillfully inaugurated under the joint auspices of city, state and nation, will see its beginning today. Five regular sessions are scheduled as well as a conference and three receptions. Great crowds are attending the meetings and the sentiments and ideas of the distinguished speakers in advocating world-wide peace are received with enthusiasm.

At four o'clock in Carnegie Hall there will be a young people's meeting. Among the speakers are W. T. Stead and Baron D'Estournelles de Constant. The Columbia and Yale Glee Clubs will be present at the opening session at Carnegie Hall at 8.15 o'clock. It will be a university meeting and will be addressed by President Elliot of Harvard, Dr. John Rhys, present chancellor of the University of Oxford, the Rev. E. S. Roberts, Miss Jane Adams, Edwin D. Meade and President Edmund J. James, of the University of Illinois. Another evening session will be held in Cooper Union, presided over by James Duncan, of the Federation of Labor. Algernon S. Crapsey, of Rochester, W. T. Stead, and others, will address the meeting. There will be a conference of student delegates at Columbia University at 10.30 o'clock and a reception in the afternoon at the Barnard Club, Carnegie Hall building; and another by Mr. and Mrs. Butler at Columbia University.

AN ANTIDOTE.

"Chawfer mistook his antifreeze automobile preparation for water and drank a glass of it."

"What effect did it have on him?"

"Why, he's lost all his taste for ice cream and frozen pudding."—Cleveland Plain eDaler.

ST. PETERSBURG, April 16.—Twenty-five members of the fighting organization of the Social Revolutionists were arrested here yesterday, among them being seven women.

SUSPECTED SMUGGLERS HELD

St. Stephen, N. B., and Milltown, Me., Men Arraigned Before Commissioner Burleigh in Augusta

(Bangor Commercial.)

United States Deputy Marshal Haskell was in Augusta Saturday afternoon, having come with two prisoners, John E. Hamilton, of St. Stephen, N. B., and Fred Barclay of Milltown, this state, whom he had arrested for violation of the United States' laws. Both men were arranged before United States Commissioner Burleigh.

Hamilton, who had been arrested at Calais Friday afternoon for smuggling dressed turkeys over the Canadian line pleaded not guilty and at the request of the United States District Attorney was held in the sum of $700 for appearance at a continued hearing to be held on Thursday, April 18. No bail was forthcoming and he was committed to Kennebec jail.

Barclay's case was a little out of the usual run of violations of the law of the United States, he having been arrested Friday for refusing to stop and allow his team to be searched by the customs officers. The accident which led up to his arrest occurred on the night of March 15.

Barclay, had ben suspected of smuggling sheep skins from the other side of the boundary and the officers having received information he would probably make a trip on the night in question laid in wait for him in the town of Baring on the St. Croix river five miles N. N. W. from Calais.

The officers were rewarded later in the evening by seeing a team come across the river and which proved to be the one for which they were looking; but when the matter of overhauling the team arose that was another question. The man with the team was in the lead and while the officers had a good horse the road was so narrow that they could not pass the fugitive and they were still further handicapped in the chase by the fact that when they came up with their quarry the man ahead of them would, it is alleged, strike their horse in the face with his whip, which caused the horse to stop.

The roads in that section formed an elongated square and when the two teams had made the circuit of the square the fugitive drove across the river once more and onto Canadian soil and so escaped.

On being arranged before Commissioner Burleigh, Barclay pleaded not guilty and was held, as was Hamilton, being also committed.

SAME OLD DEFENCE IN THE NEXT THAW TRIAL

NEW YORK, April 15.—"If another trial is held, it has been agreed that the same line of defense as that used in the first trial will be followed. Evelyn Nesbit Thaw will tell her story again, but her testimony will be greatly strengthened by documentary evidence that was not used before."

This is the statement credited to lawyer Daniel O'Rielly of Harry K. Thaw's counsel tonight. It has been reported that O'Rielly would be chief defense when the trial is called again, but this report was not confirmed today, and it was even stated semi-officially that none of the lawyers who officiated at the last trial had been dispensed with by Thaw. On the other hand, it was stated that several of them had been paid the stipulated fees, and while there would not be a formal announcement of their dismissal by Thaw, they would not re-appear in the case.

As to Mr. O'Rielly's reference to documentary evidence it was said tonight that he referred to letters written to Evelyn Nesbit Thaw by Stanford White.

NEW YORK, April 16—Harry K. Thaw finds himself today in a rather unsettled state, legally speaking, judging from present circuustances. There is considerable speculation as to who his counsel will be at his next trial, and almost as much as to whether tentative plans to have him released on bail will be successful. It is considered significant that Daniel O'Reilly, of his counsel, is having the criminal branch of the supreme court lock up all the exhibits produced at the trial, thereby taking a step which would naturally be taken by the counsel of record. This followed a conference between counsel and prisoner, and it is said to be denied that he had the prisoner's written authority. Notwithstanding that Mr. O'Reilly is practically acting as spokesman for Thaw, it is reported that Mrs. Wm. Thaw, the prisoner's mother, is directing the choice of counsel, and that she has asked ex-Governor Frank S. Black to assume full charge of the defense at the second trial. Then, again, it is reported that Lionel Adams, a prominent Louisiana lawyer, or William Rand, Jr., ex-assistant district attorney, will take the place. It is stated that after District Attorney Jerome returns tomorrow and the question of bail is discussed with him, the entire Thaw family, with the exception of Mrs. Evelyn Nesbit Thaw, will leave New York. The Countess of Yarmouth will sail for England, while Mrs. William Thaw will go to Crescent, Pa. Josiah and his wife will go to Walcheliffe, R. I.; and Mr. and Mrs. Carnegie will make a tour of the south. Evelyn Nesoit Thaw will continue to live at the Touraine.

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St. John, N. B., April 16.

	Mon. Cl'g.	Tues. Op'g.	Noon.
Amalg. Copper	90⅝	91½	91½
Anaconda	59¾	60½	61
Am. Sugar Rfrs	122½	122	122
Am. Smelt. and Rfg	125¼	127	126¾
Am. Car Foundry	35⅝	36	36
Atchison	92½	92⅝	93¼
Am. Locomotive	61	....	....
Brook. Rpd. Trst	57¼	57⅛	58¼
Balt. and Ohio	97	97⅝	97⅞
Chess. and Ohio	40⅝	40⅝	40⅝
Canadian Pacific	173¾	174	175
Colo. F. and Iron	34½	34½	34½
Erie	23	23⅛	23⅛
Erie, First pfd	51⅝	52	52
Kansas and Texas	35	35⅛	35⅝
Louis. and Nashville	116¾	116	116
Missouri Pacific	73½	73¼	73¼
N. Y. Central	116½	116⅞	116¾
Peo. C. and Gas Co	91⅝	....	....
Reading	103⅞	104½	105
Sloss Sheffield	52½	....	....
Pennsylvania	123	123	123¼
Rock Island	21	21	20⅝
St. Paul	132	131¾	132⅝
Southern Ry	20⅝	21	20⅞
Southern Pacific	80⅝	80⅝	81
Northern Pacific	127	127	127½
National Lead	59	....	....
Twin City	94	....	....
Union Pacific	133	133½	133¾
U. S. Steel	35⅞	36 ¼	36⅛
U. S. Steel, pfd	99¾	99¼	99¾

Total sales in New York yesterday, 1,021,900 shares.

CHICAGO MARKET REPORT.

	Mon. Cl'g.	Tues. Op'g.	Noon.
May corn	47⅝	47⅛	47¼
" wheat	78¾	78¾	78¾
" oats	43⅞	44	44
July corn	47½	47	47½
" wheat	81⅛	81⅛	81⅛
" oats	40½	40½	40½
" pork	16.07	....	....

MONTREAL QUOTATIONS.

	Mon. Cl'g.	Tues. Op'g.	Noon.
Dom. Coal	59B	59B	59B
Dom. Iron and Steel	19¼	19B	19B
Dom. I. and S., pfd.	50⅝	50½	50½
Nova Scotia Steel	71B	70½B	70½B
C. P. R.	173¼	173	173
Twin City	95	....	....
Montreal Power	92½	92B	92B
Rich. and Ont. Nav.	76B	....	....
Detroit United	73¾	74	74
Mackay Co.	68B	69	69
Toronto St. Ry.	105½B	105¼	105½

NEW YORK COTTON MARKET.

	Mon. Cl'g.	Tues. Op'g.	Noon.
May	9.6.9	9.67	9.64
July	9.72	9.70	9.66
October	10.02	10.02	9.95
December	10.11	10.11	10.04

INFORMED ON HIMSELF.

LONDON, April 13—A Dovercourt man, who informed the police of a burglary at the house at which he lodged was arrested within a few hours and charged with the offense. He admitted his guilt.

LITTLE KNOWLEDGE THAT IS DANGEROUS.

Brown—I only knew my wife six weeks before I married her.

Tomkins—That's nothing. I only knew mine six weeks after.—Sketch.

FLYING STREAK.

Gunner—So the rich De Bullions live up in that magnificent mansion?

Guyer—Yes, and they have a yellow streak in the family.

Gunner—You don't say! Where is it?

Guyer—Why, that was it that just swept by like a cyclone. Their racing automobile is painted yellow, you know.—Chicago News.

A WONDER.

A number of military men in a Washington hotel were giving an account of an incident of the civil war. A quiet man who stood by at last said:

"Gentlemen, I happened to be there and might be able to refresh your memory as to what took place in reference to the event just narrated."

The hotel keeper said to him:

"Sir, what might have been your rank?"

"I was a private."

Next day the quiet man as he was about to depart asked for his bill.

"Not a cent, sir; not a cent," answered the proprietor. "You are the very first private I ever met."—New York Times.

PERSONALS

Mrs. Harry Myles Saunders, (nee Thomas) will receive her friends Thursday afternoon and evening, April 18th at 4 Haymarket Square.

Mrs. A. E. McLeod, of Parrsboro, is a guest at the Clifton House.

The Misses Lugrin of Victoria, B. C., are expected today on a visit to Mrs. Templeman.—Ottawa Journal.

Rev. W. E. McIntyre left at noon today for Wolfville, N. S.

BRIEF DESPATCHES.

NEW YORK, April 16.—As a result of Policeman George M. Sechler being murdered and Policeman Alfred Sellick being probably fatally shot, men attached to the detective bureau were sent to various Italian colonies in Manhattan and the Bronx last night and by midnight nearly 100 Italians had been arrested on charges of carrying concealed weapons. The foreigners had either revolvers or knives in their pockets and these weapons were taken to headquarters.

CHICAGO, April 16.—Fred. A. Busse was installed as Mayor of Chicago at the regular meeting of the city council last night. His inauguration marked the accession of the first Republican mayor to the office in many years, and Mr. Busse becomes the first four year term mayor in the history of the city.

NEW YORK, April 16.—A despatch from Havana says: "There was a sensational scene on the ball field when Referee Borrato, in the presence of two hundred 'fans' gave a decision against the last man out on first which gave the game and the Cuban championship to the Alameran club, by a score of four to two. Things had been hot, and Borrato, who is not over 5 feet high, gave his last decision with a revolver in his hand."

NOTICE!

The Ferry Steamer 'LUDLOW', after making the 7.30 trip from Carleton tomorrow, Wednesday morning, will be laid up on the East Side for two hours to allow the dredge to remove a scow load of mud and sunken timber from the West Side Ferry Slip while the tide is down.

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