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ONE CENT.

CLAM ENGINEER IS RESPONSIBLE

For Much of the Delay On Loch Lomond

McARTHUR AND MacVAY

Reply to the Letter of Engineer Barbour—Say He Is to Blame for Trouble and Delay and Will Look to City for Compensation.

Waterworks Extension, Loch Lomond, Oct. 7th, 1905.

To the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of St. John: Gentlemen—In view of the strictures contained in the letter from Mr. F. A. Barbour, addressed to your committee, dated Boston, 29th Sept. last, and which appeared in the St. John Globe of a recent date, in justice to ourselves and for the information of the citizens of St. John, we beg to submit the following facts in regard to the work on Sections Nos. 1 and 2 for your consideration.

A considerable quantity of extra work has been done at the order of the engineers, the execution of which has greatly inconvenienced and very seriously delayed the prosecution of the work, and as in all probability your committee is unaware of this, we respectfully draw your attention to the same. Beginning with Section No. 1, wood stave, we have to say that for the first six weeks the work was pushed along without a hitch, in a thoroughly business like manner. Naturally several difficulties were encountered (one of the greatest in our estimation being the laying of the pipe under Little River), but this was successfully overcome and the pipe continued along up to the bog. At this time we had 1,200 feet of trench opened and graded, and we were anxious to give the Excelsior Wood Pipe Co. all the trench they could handle for the prompt prosecution of their work, when Engineer Barbour appeared on the scene and ordered the driving of piles in the bog, thereby stopping the work and making very serious delay, and causing serious loss and damage in consequence. We submit that it was the duty of the engineers to give this matter attended to two months earlier.

Notwithstanding all the test pits that had been sunk, this alteration in the plan was not deemed necessary until the pipe was laid up to the top of the bog where the piling was ordered. As before mentioned, we had 1,200 feet of trench opened, which we could not utilize on account of this order; and in order that the piling laying to two gangs could be continued, we were forced to go up the hill to the blowing off at Station No. 78 and open more trench. Arrangements for the pile driving were made as quickly as possible, and the driving was nearly completed when a very severe rain storm ensued, which did not cease until the morning of the 10th. The water on the hill for two or three miles back overflowed the bog, ran through the long stretch of open trench, and was forced through the gravel back-filling which had been done to the satisfaction of the Inspector as well as the superintendent of the Wood Stave Pipe Co. and the engineer. In consequence of all this and the stop-work of the wood stave pipe being under order of the engineer, the pipe for several hundred feet, and in order that there would be no delay in the work we (without prejudice) straightened a portion of the pipe, and as there was more of the pipe that had floated on account of the report of the engineer, we if we reset the pipe, will do so as before (without prejudice) holding the city responsible for all cost and delay to us in this and the other matters spoken of. We have received orders for other work, all of which will be expedited later, and we have submitted should have been provided for by plans or orders given us earlier in the season. The delay caused by the driving of piles was very serious, and raised difficulties under which we have been laboring ever since; for, had we been allowed to continue the pipe laying through the bog, we would have reached the high ground and had the upper trench back-filled and out of danger of rain storms, thereby avoiding the damage of several thousand dollars, for which

DAUGHTER'S DYING CRIES UNHEEDED; MOTHER SANG

Mrs. Harvey, a Blind Woman, Burned to Death While Her Aged Mother, Who Is Stone Deaf, Placidly Sang in Adjoining Room.

CHICAGO, Ill., Oct. 12.—A blind woman was burned to death in her kitchen last night while her aged mother sat placidly rocking in an adjoining room, hearing nothing of the dying daughter's cries of agony. The blind victim was Mrs. Francis Harvey, a widow, forty years old. The mother is Mrs. Vicer, 81 years old. With them lived Mrs. Harvey's 21-year-old daughter, Emma, who works in a downtown store, and has supported the family of three. The daughter reached home just as Mrs. Harvey was dying. Mrs. Harvey had been blind from childhood, but she knew the house by heart, and had been accustomed to doing the cooking. Her daughter placed things

ANNAPOLIS EXHIBITION

It Closes Tonight and Has Been Big Success—Accident to Tight Rope Walker.

ANNAPOLIS, N. S., Oct. 12.—(Special).—The Annapolis and Kings counties exhibition which closes this evening has been a great success and the management will have a clear balance sheet. Yesterday was a banner day, there being over fourteen hundred paid admissions. The tight rope performance was witnessed by a very large number of spectators. The performer, however, met with a mishap when returning from crossing. The rope gave way and caused him to fall. Luckily he fell on one of the booths and was not seriously hurt. The concert and entertainment in the Academy of Music Wednesday evening drew a crowded house, when local talent gave a good performance. The general opinion is that the three days' exhibition here has been the best ever held in Annapolis county.

WILL CHANGE THE SYSTEM

Imperial Pensioners Will in Future Be Paid Through Ottawa Instead of Halifax.

OTTAWA, Ont., Oct. 12.—(Special).—The Imperial authorities have asked the militia department to make the payments of pensions to members of the regular army who are resident in Canada. These pensions are now forwarded by the war office through the paymaster general, Halifax. In future they will be sent to the militia department at Ottawa.

TO SPEAK TO THE FARMERS

Premier Laurier Attending An Agricultural Meeting At Athens, Ont.

OTTAWA, Oct. 12.—(Special).—Sir Wilfrid Laurier left this morning for Athens, near Brockville. He has gone at the invitation of Mr. Deschamps, M. P., who will address an agricultural gathering which is being held there. It is likely that he will make some reference to the indemnity and pension bill of last session.

"What is the result of the appointment?" asked the teacher of the class in anatomy and physiology. "It's a little curious on the whole," replied the student, "but all right until you find out you've got it, and then you have to get the doctor to take it out."

We hold the city responsible for its part of the order of the chief engineer. In this connection we might also state that the working of the bog, owing to the driving of the piles, caused the sides of the trench to close together, and the same had to be excavated at least three times before the pipe was laid. On section No. 2 we find a vast difference in the nature of the material from that shown on the plan. The Edenbrook culvert, which is an extra, has been a serious delay to us on this section, preventing us from laying the pipe through the bog, and the trenches of which have washed in more or less after every rain storm, and especially after the extraordinary overflow from the city's sluice from Lake Latimer, setting us back nearly three weeks because of the retrenching and work made necessary in consequence of the washing of the extra work, but notwithstanding all the difficulties of trenching and laying pipe from the city's sluice from Lake Latimer, we have made fair progress. We are greatly surprised to read the last report of Engineer Barbour. Such a report seems hardly credible in view of all the facts in connection with the matter. Perhaps if he were to give a little more of his valuable time to these particular sections he would be better able to report on the economy and efficient management which have been and are being exercised in carrying this work to completion. Respectfully submitted, McARTHUR AND MACVAY.

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where she could find them, and was at hand every morning and night to attend to any details that had escaped the mother. The blind woman had placed the kettle on the gas stove last night when the sleeve of her dress coming in contact with the burning gas, became ignited. She cried out in pain over her clothing, and fought the flames desperately. Through it all Mrs. Vicer in her chair sat and rocked and hummed a tune faintly. The cries of her daughter went without avail. When her daughter returned from her day's work, Mrs. Harvey lay dying on the floor.

TEACHERS OF ST. JOHN AND CHARLOTTE MEET AT HIGH SCHOOL TODAY

Interesting Proceedings At Joint Session of the Teachers' Institutes of Both Counties, Which Opened This Morning—The Value of Manual Training in the Public Schools

The Teachers' Institutes for Charlotte and St. John County teachers opened in joint session this morning in the High School at 10 o'clock. J. Simpson, Lord, of Fairville, presiding. The St. John county teachers assembled in the large hall, while the Charlotte County teachers met in one of the school rooms. A large number of ladies were present, but very few of the males, however, put in an appearance. The chairman announced that the balance in the treasury from last year's proceeds amounted to but \$23.28, and requested those present to decide the fee for the coming year. On motion of Joseph Harrington, seconded by Mr. Hayes, it was decided that the fee of thirty cents be charged. The auditing committee were Messrs. Brown, Myles, and Hayes. It was moved and seconded that Miss McBeth act as assistant secretary to Miss Hayes. The motion was carried. Miss Suberland was also nominated but declined. Last year it was suggested that a report be submitted at the next regular meeting relative to the St. John County Institute and the Provincial Institute meeting alternate years. This morning the secretary, Miss Hayes, had informed her that he would submit the matter to the Board of Education. He stated that he had no doubt that the request would be passed. No further work could be gotten on the subject from Dr. Enoch, and the secretary informed the meeting that he was expected to be present at the institute and they would, as a result, receive the desired information. W. I. S. Myles announced that the St. John association were to have held their annual session yesterday, but owing to the teachers' institute it was postponed until the second Friday in November. President Lord then read his annual address, in the course of which he said that the suggestion of inviting the Charlotte County teachers to meet with the teachers from this county had been accepted.

ARMSTRONG AND MACHUM

Well Known Grocery Firm Assigned This Morning With Liabilities of \$12,000 to \$15,000.

The well known grocery firm of Armstrong & Machum this morning assigned to Barnhill, Ewing & Sanford, for the benefit of their creditors. There will be general regret about the closing of this firm in this city. Since the death of John Machum, who was a thorough business man, the bulk of the worry and labor attached to the business has fallen on Mr. Armstrong, who is getting pretty well along in years. Through his illness and consequent lack of attention the business has fallen behind. A meeting of the principal creditors yesterday afternoon, but they had not taken stock or prepared a statement, and from information obtained it was estimated that the liabilities amounted to \$12,000 or \$15,000, with assets that would probably not realize over 30 or 35 cents on the dollar. It was intimated to the

BANGOR MEN IN N. B. LUMBER DEAL

(Bangor Commercial). The Miramichi Lumber Co. has been organized in Maine for the purpose of cutting and handling lumber on the banks of the Miramichi in New Brunswick. A number of Bangor men are interested in the organization, the officers of which will probably meet next week. The company has completed negotiations for the purchase of the Miramichi property in the valley of the Miramichi river. The Miramichi Lumber Co. in its new purchase has between 30,000 and 40,000 acres of timber land in the Miramichi valley, near the cities of Boisdorville and Chatham, N. B., and a site on which a cutting up mill for the manufacture of pulp wood will be erected. The timber land tract acquired by the company is covered mainly with spruce timber, much of which is virgin growth, and has long been considered the best tract of timber land of its size in New Brunswick. The Miramichi Lumber Co. plans to cut about 20,000,000 feet of timber on its tract the coming winter for the use of its mill next season. About 400 men will probably be employed in this lumbering operation, which will begin in a short time. The mills are operated by steam power and saw about six months in the year, beginning about May 1. The annual output of the saw mills of the company is about 20,000,000 feet of English deal. Practically all of the lumber is shipped to England. The mill employs about 65 men and have unexcelled facilities for shipping their output. The old Canada East railway, now a branch of the Intercolonial railway, runs through the mill property of the company, so that there are always cars at hand for shipping the product from the mill to the big iron steamers which carry it across the Atlantic. The cutting up mill for the manufacture of pulp wood will probably have an annual output of 15,000,000 or 20,000,000 feet, which will bring the total annual output of the plant up to nearly 40,000,000 feet. It is not known yet whether this pulp wood will be manufactured in New Brunswick or whether it will be shipped to some of the large pulp mills in the States. It is probable that a large part of it will be used by the International Paper Co., probably at the Gardiner mill. It may be that part of the annual output of the Miramichi mill will be shipped to the International mill in New York State. For a large part of the year there is an open water route from New Brunswick to the St. Lawrence in New York State, and many millions of pulp wood are annually shipped over this route. The time has come when the construction of the new water to keep them going and the New Brunswick forests are furnishing a large part of the imported pulp wood.

THE RATE UNCHANGED

LONDON, Oct. 12.—The rate of discount of the Bank of England remained unchanged today at 4 per cent.

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PREMIER PETERS DEEDS THE ACT

W. F. M. SOCIETY CONVENTION

Question of Uniting Home With Foreign Missionary Work Discussed.

As the fourth session of the Presbyterian Women's Foreign Missionary Society, in St. Andrew's church this morning, some very interesting reports were read. The meeting was opened with prayer by Mrs. Moffin of this city, followed by a hymn and a bible reading by Mrs. J. Ross of the west side. A long discussion took place, some of the ladies claiming that the election for delegates yesterday was not constituted, as not two-thirds of the convention members were present. Thus, yesterday's election was annulled, and the roll was called, and the vote of the members taken. The question was whether the treasurer of each auxiliary should be sent to the annual meeting. Miss Carmichael, in a few words, stated that she thought there would be too many delegates if each treasurer was sent, as there are 300 auxiliaries, and besides the treasurer another member must also be sent. She thought that the treasurer should not be sent. The vote decided, however, that the treasurers be sent. (Continued on page 3.)

IT SHOULD BE INTERESTING

Doings Expected at This Afternoon's Meeting of Water and Sewerage Board.

The water and sewerage board meeting today promises to be an interesting one. Mr. Peterson, who has written a letter in reply to Engineer Barbour's recent report wherein he blamed them for negligence and incompetence in connection with their portion of the Loch Lomond extension. Yesterday Engineer Barbour went over the work on all sections, but when approached this morning would make no statement as to what his opinion was regarding the progress made up to the present time. He said he would make his report to the board this afternoon. From a few moments' conversation, however, it was gathered that he is much pleased with the work of Messrs. Mooney at the Robertson Dam, and looks for them to complete their work shortly. In reference to McArthur & MacVay's No. 1 section, he said they had almost completed the laying of the wood-stave pipe, probably a day or two only being required to finish it, except for some back-filling that required to be done, and would take a little while longer. Part of the pipe which was displaced by the heavy snow and rain in September has been replaced, and the balance will be fixed in a few days. Regarding No. 2 section he was very reticent.

A SHUFFLE PREDICTED

Mail and Empire Hears That Aylesworth's Tenure as Postmaster General Will Be Short.

TORONTO, Oct. 12.—(Special).—A Mail and Empire Ottawa special says Mr. Aylesworth will be postmaster-general for two months only, as it is said to be Sir Eliezer Taschereau's intention to resign from the position of chief justice of the Supreme Court of Canada, which position would be taken by Mr. Fitzpatrick, thus paving the way for Mr. Aylesworth to become minister of justice.

R. L. BORDEN IN THE CITY

He Passed Through at Noon Enroute to Halifax from Ottawa.

R. L. Borden, leader of the Conservative party, passed through the city today on the Atlantic express, going to Halifax. He was accompanied by Mrs. Borden. Hon. Mr. Borden will remain in Halifax until the first of November, when he will go to Ottawa, where he has taken a house for ten months. He referred to the great wreck of the Northwest and said he was pleased to know that St. John would reap some of the benefits by reason of its position as a winter port.

CAPT. BERNIER IS LOQUACIOUS

He Criticized Major Moodie So Freely That Notice Is Being Taken of It.

OTTAWA, Ont., Oct. 12.—(Special).—Capt. Bernier, who was sailing master on the Arctic, has been giving interviews to the press criticizing Major Moodie, who is in command of the Arctic. It is said at headquarters that these interviews are very ill-timed, and that Major Moodie was carrying out the instruction of the department, and did it well. The Dominion cruiser Canada, Captain Knowlton, is taking on board coal from lighters today. Captain Knowlton, who is well known at this port, was on shore this morning, and to a Times reporter stated that the vessel would probably sail tonight for the South Shore ports of Nova Scotia. The Canada carries a crew of fifty-five men, many of whom visited points of interest around the city last evening. He—"Do you know French?" she—"Oh yes; but I don't like talking it, because one day, I think before speaking."—The Independent.

CANON ROBERTS' FUNERAL

TO TAKE PLACE TOMORROW

Prof. C. G. D. Roberts and W. Carman Roberts Arrived in Fredericton Today to Attend—Freight Cars Run Off at Cross Creek.

will celebrate holy communion in St. Ann's church at eight o'clock to-morrow morning in honor of the deceased, Prof. C. G. D. Roberts and William Carman Roberts arrived from New York today to attend their father's funeral. Seven cars, on a freight train on the I. C. R. left the track near Cross Creek yesterday afternoon, tying up traffic for several hours. Nobody was injured. The case of J. F. Vanbuskirk vs. Allan Stairs, an action on a bill of sale is now engaging the attention of the York county court.

The Times New Reporter.

NEW CIVIC BOARD.

It has become necessary for the city council to organize a new board of recreation. It will be known as the Board of Recreation. Its first work will be to make an earnest effort to reconcile Chairman Christie of the board of works and Ald. Christie of the general committee, so that their will be in harmony. Chairman Christie is much incensed at the action of Ald. Christie, in ignoring him in the matter of the new steamship berth, and unless they can be brought together there will be trouble and the wharf construction may have to be indefinitely postponed.

HOW TO GET RICH.

Mr. Peter Binkbe passed this morning to read the notice of a lecture on How to Get Rich. He turned to the Times newspaper and enquired:—"Which one of the insurance presidents is coming here to lecture?"—"McCully or McCall?" The Times newspaper said he did not know that that a number of the authorities on swift finance might shortly be available for the lecture platform. Mr. Binkbe said he had no doubt of it. Instead of presenting a formal address to Prince Louis, it has been suggested that he be asked to attend a meeting of the civic board of works. His serene highness would then have something worth remembering.