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BUSINESS PART OF COBALT WAS SWEEPED BY FIRE

Several Buildings Burned With Loss Estimated At \$160,000

STARTED IN A THEATRE Audience Left in Orderly Manner, Piano Player Keeping at It Till All Reached the Street—Principal Loss Was in Hotel Building

(Canadian Press) Cobalt, Ont., June 6.—The most serious fire in Cobalt since the big conflagration of 1901, swept the heart of the business section last night with \$160,000 as a conservative estimate of the loss. The blaze was in that part of the city known as "the square." It carried with it the Lyric Theatre building, the Cobalt Hotel, Milton Carr building, Cole's building, Harrington's restaurant and Eter properties. That no lives were lost and no one seriously injured is regarded as a miracle.

BONAR LAW SAYS HE IS NOT COMING TO CANADA

London, June 6.—Bonar Law denies a report that he has arranged for a visit to Canada. The report that the leader of Great Britain's opposition forces had arranged for a visit to the Dominion was given currency by Sir Rodolph Forget last week on his return after a European visit.

WAR ON CATERPILLARS

Montreal, June 6.—War on caterpillars, which have wrought havoc among shade and fruit trees, was this morning started in Outremont. Armed with ladders and clothes 100 men first examined all trees on public property and also looked after those on private grounds in cases where permission to enter was granted by the proprietors. Thousands of caterpillars were gathered up to be burned.

MEMORIAL TO SIR JOHN A.

Napades, Ont., June 6.—The Ontario Historical Society undertakes for the erection of a memorial to the late Sir John A. Macdonald, at Adolphoville, the scene of his boyhood. The monument is to mark the centenary of his birth, in 1815.

WEATHER BULLETIN

Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stupart, director of meteorological service. Forenoon Bulletin From Toronto: Moderate to fresh west to south winds, fine today; showers tonight and for a part of Friday.

BROTHER HELPING ANTIGONISH MAN CHARGED WITH MURDER

Defence of Hubert Grant Being Prepared — Public Excluded From Preliminary Hearing

Halifax, N. S., June 6.—The preliminary hearing into the case of Hubert Grant, charged with the murder of Thos. Donaldson, is adjourned until Monday morning. The prisoner passed a fairly restful night at the county jail and now that his brother is on the ground and moving actively in the matter of defence he appears to be more contented. When Grant was being removed from the court room to return to his cell the brother gave him a hearty handshake and whispered words of encouragement.

VETERAN OF GRAND TRUNK PASSES AWAY

Major James Stephenson With Company Since Boyhood — Higher Pay For Firemen of Road

Montreal, June 6.—A cable message received by Vice-President William Wainwright of the Grand Trunk announces the sudden death of Major James Stephenson, probably the oldest veteran of the Grand Trunk service. It was said that he had had his death as the result of an accident.

GENERAL MANAGER OF THE BOSTON AND MAINE RAILROAD RESIGNS

Boston, June 5.—At a meeting of the board of directors of the Boston and Maine Railroad yesterday, the resignation of General Manager Frank Barr was presented. Mr. Barr will be retiring on a pension. At the office of the N. Y. N. H. & H. R. a confirmation of this was obtained. It is learned that ill-health was the cause of Mr. Barr's resignation, which is to take effect on July 1.

Brings Ten Children With Him

Toronto, June 6.—Among 400 immigrants who were brought to Toronto yesterday by a special Grand Trunk train from the province of Nevada, is a family of ten children, and a Scotchman, who is the proud father of ten children. The oldest is twenty-two.

Debt Increase Over \$1,000,000, Deficit Last Year, \$56,000. That is part of the Flemming government record.

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PARTINGTON COMPANY GETS THE BIG GIBSON PROPERTY

Transfer of Deeds Was Effected Today

PRICE ABOUT \$2,000,000

Consolidated Pulp & Paper Co. Plan for Securing Both Reported Abandoned and Senator Jones Will Manage Pulp Business of Partingtons—Enlargement of St John Mill One Outcome

One of the largest business transactions in the history of the province was closed today when the deeds for the property of the Gibson Lumber Company were transferred to the Edward Partington Pulp & Paper Co., Ltd. The amount involved is said to be over \$2,000,000.

The property, which includes the extensive timber limits and licenses, mills and equipment, logs and lumber, was originally sold by order of the courts, and was purchased by Partington, Jardine & Co., Ltd., of Liverpool. A holding company was organized under the name of the Nashua Lumber Co., Ltd., and the property was voted in the latter company, and it is from it that the deeds are now made. The papers were handed over this morning by Col. H. J. McLean, M.P., solicitor for the Liverpool company, to A. H. Hamilton, K.C., solicitor for the Partington Company, and will be forwarded to Fredericton today to be recorded.

Ex-Senator N. M. Jones, of Bangor, has been working for the last year, on the organization of the Consolidated Pulp & Paper Company with the intention of taking over both the Gibson and Partington properties, but this plan was abandoned, and the Partington Company became the purchasers. It was announced yesterday that Mr. Jones will be associated with the latter company as manager of their pulp interests in the province.

The plans of the company for the Gibson lands have not yet been completed, but it is their intention for the present to continue to saw the larger logs and use the smaller for pulp wood. The capacity of the pulp mill at St. John will be enlarged from 50 to 100 per cent. to take care of the additional material and the establishment of another pulp mill on the Nashua will be considered. This latter plan depends on the water power available and other considerations which have not yet been worked out thoroughly.

The plans for a large paper mill in connection with the pulp mill at St. John have not been definitely adopted yet. Their completion depends somewhat on the success of their efforts to obtain a secure sufficient water from artesian wells. One twenty inch well has already been drilled, and a \$100,000 and a \$50,000 pumping plant is being installed. If the paper mill is erected it will probably be necessary to bore several more such wells.

CHAS. CURLISS SPEAKS FOR THE LIBERALS

Former Flemming Supporter and Conservative Candidate in Last Election

ST. LEONARD'S MEETING

Big Gathering in Interest of Liberal Candidates in Up River Constituency—A Majority in Every Parish is Assured the Opposition

(Special to Times) St. Leonard's, N. B., June 6.—A large and enthusiastic meeting was held here last night in the interest of the Liberal candidates. The meeting was addressed by the candidates, P. J. Veniot, Chas. Curliiss, of Grand Falls, and Pius Michaud, M.P. A feature of the meeting was the speech of Mr. Curliiss, a former strong supporter of Hon. J. K. Flemming and a Conservative candidate in Victoria county at the last election.

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TORY PRESIDENT AS ACCUSER AND JUDGE

Borden Government Criticized For Appointment to Hear Partizanship Charges

Ottawa, Ont., June 6.—(Special)—There is a good deal of unfavorable comment here over the action of the government in appointing H. H. Hill to investigate charges of political partizanship in the Ottawa district. Hill is president of the Conservative Association, and he therefore stands in the position of being accuser and judge to try the charges.

WINNERS OF PRIZES IN NORMAL SCHOOL

Announcement Made Today—Tories Are Badly Frightened in Sunbury

Fredericton, N. B., June 6.—(Special)—The public closing exercises of the Provincial Normal School will be held tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock. There will be addresses by Chancellor Jones, Dr. Cox, Francis Bridges and Dr. Carter.

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Serious Clash of Police and Men and Women in Newark

Newark, N. J., June 6.—A group of Italian workers, armed with knives and stones, attacked a gang of laborers at work on the Lackawanna Railroad yesterday in connection with the strike riots, and continued the fight with policemen who came to the laborers' rescue.

DETRACTS FROM THE HONORS WON BY KING EDWARD VII

New Memoirs Issued by Sir Sidney Lee Tend to Change Public View of British Sovereign

London, June 6.—A new memoir on King Edward VII, by Sir Sidney Lee, derived from official sources, throws new light on King Edward's character and the importance of the diplomatic role which the monarch was expected to have played in foreign courts by the House of Lords from the rejection of the House of Commons of the royal proposal.

It also states that the late king strenuously opposed Mr. Asquith's policy of coercing the lords and steadily refused to give the prime minister the guarantee he begged for to create 100 new peers. The guarantees were later given by King George.

Sir Sidney Lee relates that King Edward invited to Balmoral various peers and the Right Hon. A. J. Balfour. "Although," he says, "the negotiations could only be strictly justified by the emergency, there was no overlapping of the king's and the prime minister's duties. It was willing that the interviews should take place and the conversations were in such a case immediately communicated by the king to the prime minister in personal confidence. The king was in a way involved in Mr. Asquith's declaration at the Albert Hall on the eve of the general election in December, 1906, that he would resign as soon as he held office without the safeguards necessary to give legislation effect to the decision of the majority of the House of Commons."

The assertion occasionally made that the liberal policy hampered King Edward's death is thus dealt with by Sir Sidney. "The king, for his part, did not believe that the deadlock between the peers and the commons would be prolonged at the last moment, and was consequently not watching the progress of the negotiations with the anxiety which the king's anxiety and irritation which domestic policy had not."

OPPOSITION PROGRESS IN WESTMORLAND WILL BE MARKED

Change of 25 Votes in One Polling Place Predicted at Bonnell's Corner Meeting

(Special to Times) Moncton, N. B., June 6.—A meeting in favor of the local opposition was held last evening at Bonnell's corner, parish of Moncton, and many attended. Boaz Lute occupied the chair.

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