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RAIN COMES AS FIRES MULTIPLY

Reports From Various Sections of Province

J. T. Floyd to Manitoba Position — Case Against Charles Ralston of St. John Dismissed — Fredericton Liquor Matter.

(Special to Times.) Fredericton, N. B., May 9.—The Department of Lands and Mines over the week end received numerous reports of fires in New Brunswick. Some were in timber and others along the right of way of railways. Precautions were taken in each case and crews are fighting the more serious fires.

Permits to burn slash and use fires for land clearing operations will expire on May 10, and will not be issued after that date. The entire province south of Bathurst reported very dry, north of that point there is greater humidity. Light rain set in in many sections this morning.

A fire on lands of the New Brunswick Railway Company at Jardine Brook, Madawaska County, on the line of the Transcontinental Railway was reported this morning. Wardens are fighting a blaze on the north branch of the Ottawa River this evening. This fire was reported from the lookout tower at Fenwick.

On Saturday afternoon a fire started on the C. N. R. right of way three miles east of McNicoll Junction. This was soon put out.

A fire a short distance above Woodstock also was reported on Saturday. It was on private land, and was put out.

A fire three miles from Juniper also was reported Saturday. It was put out.

A small fire on the same day at Cross Creek, York County, was extinguished by people of the district.

L. T. Floyd, provincial agent since 1916, has tendered his resignation, to go into effect on June 1. He has accepted an appointment under the government of Manitoba. He did much to advance the culture and to increase interest in New Brunswick. Mr. Floyd belongs to Hampton.

St. John Man's Case.

Charles Ralston of St. John, charged with the murder of his wife, Mrs. May Ralston of Devon, with bigamy, appeared this morning in the police court. P. J. Hughes appeared as counsel.

Police Magistrate Limerick dismissed the case for lack of evidence. He alleged that the bigamous marriage had been contracted in England. Under the law he could be prosecuted in Canada only if it could be proved that he left this country with the intention of contracting a bigamous marriage.

Police Magistrate Limerick dismissed a charge of violation of the Intoxicating Liquor act, 1916, against Nathan Valesky, an employe of Sam Campbell. He was charged with selling beer of a strength greater than permitted. The beer which was taken from the place by Chief Finlay acting as liquor inspector, but the latter, acting in his official capacity, had taken the beer as provided under the act.

Madeline Mitchell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James M. Scott of Fredericton, and Frank S. Warren of Seattle, were married on April 27 at that city. The bride had been in the west for ten years and was teaching in a business college. Mr. and Mrs. Warren were in California on a motor trip for a wedding tour.

ARRESTS AFTER TRAIN WRECK

Switch Tampered With, One Man Killed and Several Hurt.

Memphis, Tenn., May 9.—Two men were held last night on the secret docket by police, and other arrests are expected to follow as a result of the wreck Saturday night of the "Sunshine Special" passenger train, west bound on the Missouri Pacific railroad, twenty miles from here.

John Stearns, fireman of Little Rock, Ark., was pinned beneath his engine and almost instantly killed. B. D. Kellogg, engineer Robert Scott and C. B. Walker, railway mail clerk, suffered minor injuries.

The two men were arrested at Bridge Junction, near the scene of the wreck, in which the engine, tender, baggage and mail cars went into a ditch. Missouri Pacific officials declared that the wrecking was evidently intentional.

According to railway officials, the switch at Almont had been open, the switch lights were put off and newspapers wrapped around the lamps to hide them. The train ran into the siding and jumped the track. The coaches and sleeping cars remained on the track.

OPENING EVENT OF KING'S ENCAENIA

Windsor, N. S., May 9.—Stressing the importance of a firm foundation in religious faith, Rev. Charles Brine, of Portsmouth, N. H., preached at King's University chapel here yesterday. His sermon was the opening event of the university's encaenia week. He is rector of an Episcopal church in Portland, Me., and graduated from King's in 1877.

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As Hiram Sees It

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"Well," said Hiram, "I s'pose the some things we might do. We might get into the house when the meal's ready—and we might wipe our feet on the mat when we come in. We could quit smoking in the parlor when the curtains are pulled up. We might even go to bed in a white, if it might help if we talked a little."

"You mean," said the reporter, "that you wouldn't mind being taken out to an entertainment once or twice a year—or something like that. I guess you'd be a preacher's right. We ought to do something. A woman does let a lot of things go."

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CRITICISM OF POWER COMPANY

Matter of Douglas Avenue and Hydro Distribution Before Council

Greatest Hold-up Says Commissioner Thornton — Veteran's Bonus for Former Employe — August 1 Suggested for Plebiscite on Harbor Commission — Tenders Opened.

Some rather severe criticism of the action of the New Brunswick Power Company in regard to the matter of the passing of Douglas avenue was expressed by some of the commissioners at this morning's committee meeting of the city council. Commissioner Thornton, of the public safety department, characterized it as the greatest hold-up which the city has experienced from the company. Both he and Commissioner Bullock, of the harbor department, were of the opinion that the question of the power company's new rails in Douglas avenue and of the city handing over the distribution of the hydro-electric power to the company were two separate matters and one should not be allowed to influence the other.

Recommendations for the payment of a bonus to a former city employe for time spent overseas, the carrying out of improvements to North Market wharf, and the appointment of a pound-keeper for stray dogs, were passed, and harbor plebiscite again came up. Tenders for trench work for a water main in Winter street were opened.

W. C. Goodwin, who was in the employ of the city when he was granted a claim for a bonus of \$861.25. The mayor explained that the commission on public works was authorized to pay half pay to permanent city employes in the public works department during their service. Mr. Goodwin was on the North End survey on enlistment. His claim was for 20 1/2 months half pay, and the survey was completed on March 15, 1917. Another employe, R. D. H. Wigmore, received a claim for \$1,200, which was granted on December, 1914.

Mr. Bullock, the mayor said, the mayor said the resolution passed Nov. 16, 1915, referred only to the public works department. Mr. Goodwin was on duty at the time the bonus had been paid to Mr. McManus and R. D. H. Wigmore, who had the amount paid over regularly at fortnight.

The mayor said the claim was just as the amount was paid over regularly at fortnight.

On motion of Commissioner Frink it was decided to pay the amount due to Mr. Goodwin, the amount to be charged against general revenue.

The road engineer said the mayor said provided for the reinstatement of any city employe enlisting while on duty. The road engineer said Mr. Goodwin had applied but the work he was on had been completed.

Tenders for trenching for a water main in Winter street were opened, and referred to Commissioner Jones and the city engineer for report. They were as follows:—

Rock Earth	.....	\$2.50	88c.
Concrete	.....	2.50	88c.
Peter Arsenault	.....	2.00	88c.
A. Geo. Moses	.....	4.00	97c.
.....	.....	1.00	78c.

One tender for filling for the ferry department was opened and referred to the city engineer. It was from J. A. Bonlay, Sayabec, Que., and was for sixty-five cents a cubic yard for the filling of the harbor.

Replying to Commissioner Frink regarding the situation between the city and the N. B. Power Co. on the matter of Douglas avenue paving, the mayor said the last word he had on the matter was that regarding the referring of the question to the engineers for report.

Commissioner Thornton said he was disappointed at the display of pictures shown in Montreal of unloading machinery for dock terminals. He had an invitation from the Vickers Co. to lunch at the close of their operations for the filling of the harbor. He said that he did not consider the machinery exhibited would be of much use to the city. Permission was given to Commissioner Bullock to arrange for holders in the ferry department.

It was decided to call for tenders for the different departments for the coming year.

North Wharf Improvement. Mr. Bullock submitted plans for the filling in and surfacing of North Market wharf from Nelson street to Market Square at a cost of \$7,000, and the double plank of the rest of the wharf at a cost of \$8,000. He suggested a bond issue for the improvement.

He moved the plan be approved and that the work be proceeded with by the city's work, the public works to do the filling and surfacing upon bond issue. The plan was to be done by the harbor plankings to be paid for out of harbor revenue. Carried.

Harbor Commission. Commissioner Bullock said he would prepare a resolution covering the question of a plebiscite on harbor commission and present it at a meeting tomorrow. His intention was to have the plebiscite taken on Monday, August 1, on this year's voting list. He moved that the matter of the plebiscite be brought up for reconsideration.

Commissioner Thornton thought no notice of motion should be given and no

HON. CHARLES MURPHY, K. C.

GREAT WELCOME TO JAPANESE PRINCE

Tumultuous Greeting for Hirschto in London

Full Honors of State Accorded Him—King at Victoria Street Station—Some Press Comments on Matter of Alliance.

London, May 9.—The capital of the British empire today accorded Prince Hirschto, heir to the Japanese throne, a tumultuous welcome on his arrival here for a visiting foreign dignity since 1914. A bright day provided ideal weather for the function.

The prince, accompanied by the Prince of Wales, arrived at Victoria station on a special train from Portsmouth. He was greeted with cordial handshaking by King George, the Duke of Cornwall and the Duke of York.

The brilliant suite of British officialdom in attendance stood at salute while the bands played the Japanese anthem. Then, at the side of the king, in a state carriage, the crown prince was driven off through streets crowded by troops and lined with cheering multitudes, to Buckingham Palace.

London, May 9.—In an editorial welcoming Japan's prince ambassador to England, the Observer yesterday referred to the Anglo-Japanese treaty as "an engagement to which civilization has owed much." The paper declared the treaty would be remembered as a landmark in the history of international relations.

None of the dominions, it says, would ever consent to support the mother country in any action against the United States in the interests of Japan, but on the contrary would feel bound to resist actively.

The Sunday Times, which has no connection with the week-day Times controlled by Lord Northcliffe, takes a somewhat similar view.

ONTARIO SOCIAL SERVICE COUNCIL

Reported Improvement in Matters of Threat and Motion Pictures.

Peterboro, Ont., May 9.—(Canadian Press)—At the annual meeting of the Social Service Council of Ontario the agenda calls for important reports of committees, recommendations and discussions dealing with the improvement of social conditions and child welfare throughout Ontario.

The report of the motion picture and theatrical committee detailed extensive work in regard to objectionable features of all classes of theatrical performances and movies, as well as bill boards and advertising. The committee reported a decided improvement.

Activity along this line was especially directed towards lessening the display of knives and guns, and nudity, also of scenes of torture and violence, and scenes of ridicule of religious leaders and religious work.

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