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has been visiting Truro friends, has now returned to her home.

The friends of Mr. Dugald Henderson and family deeply sympathize with them in their sorrow over the sudden death of their oldest son, Yuill, in Vancouver (B. C.) The sad intelligence has almost prostrated the bereaved parents. The body is being brought home for interment. Miss Annie Henderson, teacher in the Halifax Business College, has come home, and other relatives are with the family.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Scott and family, of Medicine Hat, are in Truro.

Mr. Charles J. Berwick, Mrs. Berwick and children, of Vancouver, were in Truro this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Nairn, of Wallace, have been guests with Mr. Nairn's sister, Mrs. Dimock Hopper.

Dr. McKeen and wife, of Glace Bay, were in Truro last week en route to California.

On Sunday evening Professor Edward Stuart gave his farewell as organist in St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, where he has played for nearly twenty years. There was special music by the choir ,and solos were given by Mrs. Hugh McKenzie and the Misses Linton and Pushie. Professor Stuart has accepted the position of organist in St. Paul's Presbyterian church, where a new organ has recently been set up.

The friends of Mrs. Morton McLearn are sorry to hear of her sudden illness. Mr. McLearn was called to his home on this account from the large political meeting last evening in the rink.

News has been received of the death of Mr. Victor Jamieson, of this town, in Los Angeles. A short time ago Mr. Jamieson went west for his health.

Miss Carrie Knight, who made her home in Truro for some time, was married last week at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. James McDorman, to Mr. Stanley W. McCulloch, of Truro.

Miss Maude Meehan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Meehan, left on Tuesday morning for Montreal.

Mrs. Burrell, of Yarmouth, and Miss Farquhar, of Halifax, are guests with Mrs. John Stanfield.

Mrs. William Nightingale, of Selmah, has been visiting Mrs. J. D. Ross for a few days.

Miss Ida B. Jamieson has arrived at home from Brookline (Mass.), and will spend a few weeks with her mother.

PARRSBORO.

Parrsboro, N. S., Nov. 29—Mr. J. A. Johnson, of Halifax, spent a few days in town last week.

Rev. H. R. Grant, of New Glasgow, was in town Saturday and Sunday.

Rev. Dr. Foley is in Halifax this week.

Rev. George Backhurst has been attending deanery meetings in Truro.

Miss Teresa Farrell is home from Amherst for a few days.

Mrs. T. C. Choisnet returned on Friday from a visit to relatives in Maine.

Mrs. Lambert, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. J. F. Outhit, returned to Springhill on Saturday.

The ladies of the Baptist church are preparing for a bazaar to be held in St. George's hall on Thursday and Friday of next week.

Mrs. J. McGuire has returned from Summerside (P. E. I.), where she has been for several weeks.

Mrs. J. Bilenberg and child, of Halifax, are at the hotel Cumberland.

Mr. Edwin Clay, who is attending Mt. Allison University, spent Sunday with his parents.

The young ladies of St. Bridget's church held a very successful social in St. George's hall last evening. Part of the programme consisted of a very laughable farce entitled How They Kept a Secret. The characters were well represented and the whole programme showed a great deal of preparation on the part of the young ladies. The proceeds wil go towards the improvements now being made in St. Bridget's church.

Mr. J. Newton Pugsley has gone to Colorado Springs to visit his family.

Mr. Fred. Mahoney is suffering from an attack of pleurisy. Mr. Frank McNutt, of Glace Bay, is acting teller in the Bank of Nova Scotia during his illness.

WOLFVILLE

Wolfville, N. S., Nov. 30.—The King's College hockey team has joined the Maritime Intercollegiate League, which is composed of teams representing Dalhousie, Acadia, St. Francis Xavier, Mount Allison and University of New Brunswick.

A Windsor gentleman, whose name is withheld, has recently donated, through Major Armstrong, chairman of the Payzant Memorial Hospital Board, the sum of $100 to the hospital.

The death took place at Lockhartville on Friday of Capt. Ephraim Lockhart, at the advanced aged of eighty-one years.

R. W. Ford, principal of the Wolfville High School, has returned after spending several weeks in Truro with friends.

Dr. James Pineo, who was recently compelled to give up his practice at Chester because of ill-health, has moved to Wolfville and taken up his residence at The Lindens, the home of his father, the late John Pineo.

Mrs. Haley and little daughter have gone to Norwich (Conn.), where they will remain till after Christmas at the home of Mrs. Haley's father, Dr. Wilcox. Prof. Haley will join them for the holidays when college closes.

Harold Tufts, who has been engaged during the summer in field work in the Annapolis Valley with the geological survey, has been visiting his father, Dr. Tufts, before returning to Ottawa.

H. C. Robinson, principal of the Waterville High School, is spending a few days in town, the guest of his parents.

Charles S. Fitch, of Wolfville, and Miss Marion Alice Forrest,of Halifax, were married at the home of the bride on Wednesday afternoon by the Rev. A. C. Chute, professor of Biblical literature in Acadia College.

Mrs. F. Shand, of Windsor, has been spending a week in Wolfville, visiting her daughter, Miss Beatrice, at the seminary.

FREDERICTON

Fredericton, N. B., Nov. 29—The prohibition commission composed of A. O. Skinner, Rev. Thomas Marshall and W. D. Carter with Secretary John B. Jones, arrived from Newcastle today and registered at the Queen Hotel. They are here to inquire into the working of the Scott act and this afternoon interview a number of leading temperance workers at the hotel. Among those who testified were Rev. Dr. McLeod, Rev. J. C. Berry, John J. Weddall and Scott Act Inspector Colter. These gentlemen are all believers in the Scott act but believe that a prohibitory law enacted by the legislature would be more effective.

Chairman Skinner, talking with The Telegraph correspondent here today,stated that the investigation made by the commission in P. E. Island and this province had about convinced him that liquor sellers made greater profits under a prohibitory law or the Scott act than they did under the license law. He said that the P. E. Island prohibitory law was similar to the Scott act in most particulars.

The ball given at the Queen Hotel this evening by the young bachelors of the city was a very enjoyable event. There were nearly 100 guests, including several from St. John and other outside points. A programme of eighteen dances with three supper extras was carried out to music by Hanlon's orchestra. The chaperones were Mesdames O. H. Sharpe, A. R. Wetmore and W. H. Stevens.

Mrs. R. P. Allen underwent a successful operation at the private hospital today for internal trouble.

Abraham Stairs, aged 23 years, employed on a new bridge being erected at Poklok, was almost instantly killed on Thursday. A cable and derrick gave way as the big rock was being hoisted, and a heavy boom fell with lightning speed, hitting Stairs on the head and chest. He died while being hurried home.

Two inches of snow fell here last night, but not sufficient to make sleighing.

News was received here this morning of the death at Halifax of Sergt. Charles Shaw, of the Royal Canadian Regiment, formerly of this city. Shaw, who was a native of Carleton County, was forty-five years of age and had been in the corps twenty years. He is survived by a widow, the sister of Policeman J. Duff King, of this city, and four children. The body will be brought here this evening and will be interred tomorrow afternoon with military honors.

Fredericton, N. B., Dec. 1—Members of the prohibition commission got through with their work here yesterday and left by evening train for St. Stephen and Calais. Quite a number of citizens were heard by the commission during the day and without exception they spoke favorably of the Scott Act and appeared satisfied that, if properly enforced, it would greatly restrict the sale of liquor. Those who testified were: Police Magistrate Marsh, James S. Neill, hardware merchant; John A. Morrison, millman; John Palmer,manufacturer; J. H. Hawthorne, tobacconist, and Dow Vandine, customs officer. The latter, who was on the police force for many years, told the commission that under the old license law liquor was legally sold here in sixty places and there were at least twenty others where it was illegally sold. Since the Scott Act had been adopted the number had been reduced to about fourteen. He thought it was the duty of the police magistrate and policemen to look after the enforcement of the Scott Act.

Two funerals took place here this afternoon and were attended by a large concourse of people. The body of the late Miss Marie McNally, who died in St. John, was interred in the Rural cemetery. The funeral was held from the residence of her aunt, Mrs. J. G. McNally, with an impressive service by Rev. J. H. McDonald, assisted by Rev. A. A. Rideout. The choir of the Baptist church rendered appropriate hymns. The list of mourners included Drs. Lunney and Pratt of St. John. The floral offerings were very beautiful and completely filled the barouche.

The body of the late Sergt. Charles Shaw, of the R. C. R., arrived from Halifax last evening and was buried this afternoon with military honors. The band of the 71st Regiment and a firing party of 19 men was furnished by No. 8 Company of the Royal Regiment. The officers and men of the depot attended as mourners and there was also a large turnout of citizens.

The members of St. Andrew's Society honored the memory of St. Andrew this morning by attending divine service at St. Paul's church. Rev. Willard MacDonald preached an able and appropriate sermon. The procession formed up at K. of P. hall, and was played to and from the church by Pipers Ross, of St. John, and Hossack, of Stanley.

P. F. Moriarty, of Halifax, addressed the Y. M. C. A. meeting in the Opera House this afternoon under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. In the morning he preached at Brunswick Baptist church.

Rev. A. A. Rideout baptized two candidates at the close of the service in George Street Baptist church this evening.

The lumber cut on the Nashwaak of the Alexander Gibson Railway & Manufacturing Company for next season will be about 24,000,000 or 25,000,000 feet. It is stated that the contracts which the company had with their operators amount to about 24,000,000 or 25,000,000 feet and there was no reason why they would not carry out their contracts as usual.

Chairman Skinner Saturday afternoon said he had obtained statistics from liquor dealers in St. John showing the amount of liquor shipped to Prince Edward Island, which showed the shipment during last year by one firm alone to be more than most people thought was going to the entire island. An endeavor will be made to learn from transportation companies the amount of liquor shipped to this city from St. John by boat just before navigation closed, when the winter stocks were being obtained.

Mr. Skinner in commenting on the prohibition act in force in Prince Edward Island, said: "It is simply a fright and the amount of liquor being drunk there is enormous." Concerning the workings of the Scott Act in this city Mr. Skinner said that he did not need to visit the places here where liquor is sold.

SALISBURY

Salisbury, N. B., Nov. 29—Mrs. Robert Brooks, of Concord (N. H.), accompanied by her sister, Miss Margaret Brown, were in Salisbury this week, the guests of their brother, A. E. Brown.

The many friends of Mrs. Hamilton, wife of Rev. C. W. Hamilton, of this place, will be glad to learn that her condition is greatly improved. She is now able to stand alone and also to move about the hospital corridors in an invalid chair. She has been under treatment in a Montreal hospital for about two months. It is hoped by her friends here that she may be strong enough to reach home before Christmas.

Miss Amelia Wright, sister of Alexander L. Wright, of this place, who has been in the United States for some years, is renewing acquaintances in Salisbury and is being warmly greeted by many old friends.

Mrs. Mary Taylor, of Havelock, is visiting Salisbury and is the guest of her sisters, Mrs. J. E. Foster and Miss Isabella Wilmot.

Mrs. Rufus Smith and her daughter, Miss Smith, gave a most enjoyable tea party Thursday afternoon to a large party of lady friends. The party was in honor of Miss Wright, who is the guest of Mrs. Smith.

James E. Stultz, of Havelock, and H. F. Hughes, of Petitcodiac, who operated the butter factory at this village this season, will meet the farmers of the district at the church hall at Salisbury on Saturday afternoon, when this year's business will be closed up and the matter of operating a factory next season will be discussed. A new building will be necessary for next season's operations as the building used this season was recently destroyed by fire.

REXTON

Rexton, N. B., Nov. 29.—The death occurred at Cocagne Saturday of Francois Leger, father of Sheriff A. Leger, of this county. Deceased, who was a much respected citizen, was 92 years of age and is survived by four sons and four daughters, his wife having died four years ago. The sons are Narcisse, of St. Ignace; Sherriff A. Leger, of Richibucto, and Ludger and Hubert, of Cocagne; the daughters are Mrs. Anthony Gratton, of Buctouche; Mrs. Eusebe Comeau, of Moncton; Mrs. N. Thibeau, of Vancouver (B. C.), and Mrs. T. LeBlanc, New Bedford (Mass.) The funeral was held at Cocagne Tuesday morning and was largely attended.

Dr. G. R. Leighton visited his home in Newcastle this week.

Egbert Atkinson has gone to Chipman for the winter.

Miss Mabel Kinread, of this town, was married in St. John a few days ago to Thomas Worrel.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Irving and Mr. and Mrs. Clive McCann, of Buctouche are receiving congratulations on the arrival of baby boys at their homes.

Mrs. I. J. Jefferson, of Dedham (Mass.) who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. E. Sinton, has returned home.

Mrs. John McMichael, of West Branch, has gone to Boston to visit friends.

Andrew McEachern, of Concord (N. H.), is visiting his old home at Bass River.

Angus Campbell, accompanied by his little daughter, is on a visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Campbell, Bass River. Mr. Campbell, who resides at Malden (Mass.), has been absent eleven years.

Robert McCray, of Emerson, has a crew of men lumbering for T. C. Burns at Moulies River.

Wm. Roach has a crew hauling tan bark from Kouchibouguac to Baie du Vin for J. & T. Jardine.

Miss Jessie Dunlay, of Bass River, left Monday for Waterville (Me.) to visit friends.

R. A. Irving, of Buctouche, was in town Wednesday.

Miss Mattie Stewart, of Metapedia, is visiting friends in Bass River.

Fred and David Olesen, of Bass River, left Monday for New Hampshire.

Mr. and Mrs. James Wry and daughter, Thurza, of Colorado, have removed to Buctouche.

The smelt fishing season will open Monday, Dec. 2. As there is no ice in the river, the majority of the fishermen will not be able to fish for some time, only those who are provided with rafts and scows will be able to commence next week.

ANDOVER

Andover, Nov. 28.—The first of the lecture course under the auspices of Trinity church was given last night in Beveridge's hall by Judge Carleton, subject, "Irish Wit and Humor," which was much enjoyed by all.

Miss Annie Magill is spending a few days with her brother at Fort Fairfield.

M. H. Craig and son, Roy, of Perth, returned home from the west on Monday.

The Misses Ethel and Maud Grant and Miss Stella Murphy are spending the week-end with relatives in Caribou.

County court opened on Tuesday. The grand jury was summoned for the case of King vs. Miller, but no one appearing, the case was dismissed. Judge Carleton returned to Woodstock today.

A party of young people from the village attended the concert at Indian Point on Tuesday evening, chaperoned by Mrs. Wm. Spike. The proceeds go to church purposes and much credit is due Father Ryan and others for the exceptional manner in which it was carried through. Mrs. Spike was the winner of the "Charade Guessing Contest."

Rev. Mr. Bedell spent a day at Fredericton this week.

HAVELOCK

Havelock, Dec. 2.—Rev. Geo. Howard, now of Hampton, but formerly pastor of the Baptist church here, occupied the Baptist pulpit here yesterday forenoon.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Fowler are visiting friends in Moncton for a few days.

Oran Taylor, from South Dakota, with his wife, arrived here on Saturday night and were met by Cyrus Kierstead, the veteran guide of Canaan Forks and a personal friend of Mr. Taylor's. Mr. and Mrs. Taylor will visit in this vicinity for a few weeks before returning to their western home.

Rev. I. B. Caldwell occupied the pulpit in Steeves Settlement church yesterday.

Mrs. George Black, of Canaan Forks, went to Amherst today to attend the Winter Fair.

Mrs. Oliver J. Keith is visiting in Amherst at present.

Miss Alice C. Alward is expected home from Wolfville soon to spend her vacation.

Miss Nannie Seeley and Miss Louise Price arrived home from Moncton Saturday.

The people here were greatly shocked to learn of the death of Miss May Johnson,which took place at Somerville (Mass.) last week. Miss Johnson had hosts of relatives and friends here who held her in the highest esteem. She was a niece of S. E. McDonald, game warden, here.

The family of the late Isaac N. Alward had an estate sale recently and sold off nearly all the personal property.

Miss Hazel Alward, who is teaching in P. E. Island, will return to Normal School after the holidays to complete her work for first class.

APOHAQUI

Apohaqui, N. B., Nov. 28—Word was received here today of the death of Miss May Johnson, which occurred at West Somerville (Mass.), Wednesday, 27th inst. Miss Johnson was the second daughter of the late Abraham Johnson, who was a native of this county and was one of the first station agents at Apohaqui after the railway was built. The body will be brought here Saturday, the 30th inst., and will be removed to the residence of David Little until Sunday afternoon, when the funeral will take place at the Church of the Ascension where the body will be laid to rest beside those of her parents who predeceased her many years.

Mrs. James H. Manchester, who has been in Montreal for some time with her little son who underwent an operation at the Royal Victoria Hospital, returned home Tuesday. Their many friends are glad to note of his speedy recovery.

Mrs. W. J. Wetmore will leave tomorrow for Chipman, where she will spend some time visiting her son, A. B. Wetmore.

Mrs. John Heffer, who has been seriously ill for the past week is improving slowly.

Walker Baxter, who recently sold out his blacksmith business, has purchased a farm at Middleand, Kings county, and will move there in the spring.

David Little is having his tenement house moved and renovated.

ST. MARTINS

St. Martins, Nov. 29—Mrs. E. A. S. Hatfield has returned from Lynn (Mass.), where she has been visiting for some time.

E. Vernon McCumber arrived from Boston on Wednesday.

Mrs. Herbert Sherwood, of Upham, Kings county, is the guest of her mother, Mrs. Joseph Carson, for a few days.

Dr. Ruddick and family amid the regrets of their many friends have gone to St. John where the doctor will assume his duties as quarantine physician.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Skillen, who have been visiting Mrs. Skillen's parents in Waterville (Me.), will return home on Saturday.

Albert White, George Patterson, James Osborne and Fred Osborne left on Wednesday for Kent Junction, where they will engage in lumbering operations during the winter.

Charles Bradshaw, of Boston, is spending a few weeks here.

A petition is in circulation which is being signed by many asking that Michael Kelly be appointed on the staff of agricultural speakers for the province.

Patrick McInerney is seriously ill of paralysis.

John Dunlap, Sr., who has been very ill for some time, is reported slightly better.

James E. Brown is very ill.

St. Martins, Dec. 2—Mrs. Cornwall, wife of Rev. S. H. Cornwall, of North River (P. E. I.), is the guest of her mother,Mrs. Silas Vaughan.

Alexander Brander, of Narrows, Queens county, is visiting relatives here.

George Nugent, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Nugent, who has been employed for some time on the I. C. R., on returning home on last Friday evening, was called upon by a number of his friends and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

Mrs. Paul McLeod and her mother, Mrs. Joshua Bridges, arrived from St. John last week.

One evening last week thieves entered the cellar of James Rourke and after removing to a convenient place for further transportation a crock of butter, a crock of preserves and a large ham, departed to obtain a conveyance, meantime the family had been aroused by the barking of the dog, and when the robbers returned, they found the goods they had removed had been recaptured and the cellar securely fastened. Mr. Rourke says they have supplied themselves with vegetables from time to time. This, together with the stealing of wood, chickens and other things from other places, is causing the neighborhood some alarm.

RICHIBUCTO

Richibucto, Nov. 28—J. Harry Baird visted Moncton this week.

G. T. Stockton, son of the late Dr. Stockton, M. P., for St. John, spent Sunday in town.

Charles Michaud returned home on Monday from Amherst.

Fred Irving, who went west in one of the harvest excursions, returned home on Saturday.

Judge Landry, J. D. Phinney, K. C., M. G. Teed, K. C., and Stenographer Devine, arrived in town on Tuesday to an adjourned session of the Circuit Court, which opened here yesterday.

The suit of Alex. J. Curran vs. Richard O'Leary came on for trial, J. D. Phinney and G. A. Hutchinson appearing for plaintiff, and M. G. Teed and H. H. James for the defendant. The trial took up all of yesterday and is still unfinished.

The death of Rev. A. T. Firth, at Trinidad, was learned of here with much regret. He ministered to the Presbyterian congregation at Kouchibouguac in his theological course during two vacations, and revisited there last summer.

Archie Thompson, of Livermore Falls (Me.), accompanied by Mrs. Thompson and little child, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Thompson, of the Queen Hotel.

Mrs. W. H. Irving and son, Ronald, have returned to their home in Buctouche after a week's visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Inglis, Shediac.

Miss Minnie Gilford, who has been visiting at J. D. Irving's, Buctouche, has returned to Moncton.

Miss Agnes Murray, of Buctouche, has gone to Moncton to visit her sister, Mrs. M. Mellish.

Mr. and Mrs. James Wry and daughter, of Thurza, Colorado, have rented a house in Buctouche and intend spending the winter there.

Mrs. Trecartin, of St. Stephen, accompanied by her daughter, is visiting another daughter, Mrs. McCann, of Buctouche.

Miss Barnes, of Buctouche, has returned from Moncton where she was visiting her brother.

HARTLAND

Hartland, N. B., Nov. 28.—Today the ground is white with snow but there is not enough for sledding. The roads are in a terribly rough condition but still produce is coming to market in large quantities.

Hay, which the dealers at the beginning of the week declared had reached the highest limit, has gone up another dollar and the buyers are eagerly snapping it up at $13.50 per ton. Oats maintain their price well and 45 cents is the average price. Straw is also in demand at $3 to $4.50 per ton.

Wood for fuel is so scarce as to become a serious problem.

Poultry is now beginning to come in quantities. The price is good. Ten cents per pound for chickens is two cents more than the best prices in former years. Ducks and geese bring 12 cents, which, also, is more than the ordinary price; turkeys are quoted at 12 to 14, when of late years the price has been 18 to 22 cents. Pork continues lower than it was a few weeks ago 6 1-2 to 7 cents per pound; beef is cheap, bringing 4 to 5 1-2 cents. Eggs and butter are scarce articles and for that bought for shipment 24 cents for either is paid. For local consumers even higher prices are being paid for especially guaranteed stock. Beans are $2.50 and buckwheat meal $1.50.

Mrs. Nell Sherwood arrived yesterday from Everett, Washington, to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Asa McNinch. She is accompanied by her daughter, Miss Ethel. Her husband, Jacob W. Sherwood, died in the west some years ago. He was formerly a well known school teacher in this county and later ran a general store at Bristol. Mrs. Sherwood is a sister to Rev. A. M. McNinch, of Grand Manan.

A lively interest is manifest in the revivals being carried on at Peel by Revs. J. B. Daggett and A. F. Baker.

Two weddings were recently solemnized at the residence of the officiating clergyman, Elder G. A. Giberson, at Bath. G. Bartlett Wasson, of Windsor, and Miss Mary E. Adams, of Esdraelon, were united in matrimony, as were Sandford E. Ingraham, of Bristol,and Mrs. Sefra Frost, of South Knowlesville.

Mr. and Mrs. Annesley Jones, of Boston, are guests of their aunt, Mrs. Charles Caldwell.

HOPEWELL HILL

Hopewell Hill, Dec. 2—Dr. Burnett, of Sussex, performed a serious operation on Mrs. Charles Morris, of Harvey, at the Riverside hospital a few days ago.

Harris Dixon and Curtis Butterfield, of Lower Cape, and Harvey Smith and Paul Tingley, of the Hill, intend leaving today for Vancouver.

W. M. Calhoun, who is employed near Moncton, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Calhoun, Cape Station, last week.

Miss Ethel R. Peck, who has been quite ill at her home here is improving.

Mrs. W. J. McAlmon spent a few days in Moncton last week.

Miss Eva J. Cochrane, who spent the past three months in Moncton, returned to her home at Curryville a few days ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Cochrane Payne, of Riverside, went to Sussex last week on account of the illness of the former's brother, Fred Payne, who underwent an operation for abscess.

William Bennett, of Lower Cape, who visited his home there, returned on Wednesday to Brockton (Mass.), where he has been engaged in the ice business for a number of years.

A very interesting missionary service was held in the Methodist church here Sunday evening. Addresses were given by Rev. Mr. Hicks, principal of Riverside, and Edwin Wagstaff, formerly pastor of the Alma Methodist church. The music, which was excellent, included a finely rendered solo by Bliss M. Fawcett, of Sackville.

A representative meeting of farmers and marsh owners was held Saturday evening in the Consolidated school building at Riverside, when the matter of flooding the marshes in order to bring them back to their former fertility, was quite lengthily discussed. Messrs. Fawcett and George, marsh commissioners of Sackville, addressed the meeting and told of the fine results that had followed the flooding of some portions of the Tantramar marshes.

A resolution was passed by the meeting appointing a committee to meet with a committee from Westmorland county, to draft proposed amendments and alterations to the present marsh law, so that it may be more satisfactory. The following gentlemen were appointed: Hon. A. R. McClellan, Hopewell; H. H. Tingley, Harvey; John F. Wallace, Hillsboro, and Blair E. Chapman, Coverdale.

IT IS NO CRIME TO EVADE HEAD-TAX

Nova Scotia Supreme Court Holds That Chinamen Were Illegally Convicted

ONLY ORDINARY DEBT

Decision Given That Seventeen Celestials, Fined $100 Each for Being Smuggled Into Cape Breton, Must Have Their Money Returned.

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 1—It is not an indictable crime for a Chinaman to get into Canada by evasion of the payment of the $500 head tax. Such is the decision of the Nova Scotia Supreme Court, rendered yesterday.

The case arose from the arrest of 17 Chinamen in Cape Breton who were charged with having been smuggled into Canada from Newfoundland. Judge MacKenzie, of the County Court, had held that the Chinamen in entering Canada without paying the head-tax had committed an offence. Yesterday four Supreme Court judges—Townshend, Meagher, Russell and Longley—held that the tax was only a debt and the non-payment thereof was not a crime, as the judge of the County Court had decided. Judge Drysdale dissented.

The case turns entirely on the construction of the statute. The argument in support of the conviction was that every violation of the act was an indictable offence, but the majority of the court held that this could not refer to the mere fact to pay the tax imposed any more than the non-performance of duties devolving upon various offences under the law, which would be violations of the act in the same sense as the failure to pay the tax. Moreover there were express provisions in the statute with reference to the mode of collecting the tax, which tended to exclude the idea that the non-payment was intended to be made a criminal offence. The general doctrine also was pressed in favor of the defendants that no man could be made a criminal by mere doubtful implications from the language of the law. It must be clearly and definitely stated to be a criminal offence.

The result of the decision is that the convictions of the Chinese prisoners are quashed. The defendants had been fined $100 in each of the seventeen cases. This money will have to be returned, but the Chinamen may be proceeded against by civil process to recover the amount of the head-tax, just as any ordinary debt.

GRAND TRUNK ROAD PLACES CONTRACTS FOR 100 LOCOMOTIVES

Montreal, Nov. 29—Orders were given today by the Grand Trunk Railway for 100 locomotives at a cost of about $1,500,000. This is one of the biggest orders for rolling stock of this kind that have been given by a Canadian railway for a very long time, and coming at this season,when the American railroads are all drawing in their horns, is taken as a remarkable sign of the strength of the Canadian system of railroading.

The locomotives are of all kinds, but chiefly heavy freight engines. The orders have been distributed amongst various Canadian and American firms, and call for delivery within the first nine months of next year.

TEN THOUSAND DOLLAR FIRE AT SUMMERSIDE

Charlottetown, P. E. I., Nov. 30—(Special)—Ten thousand dollars worth of property was destroyed by fire at Summerside early this morning.

The wooden buildings occupied by Wm. Kennedy druggist and Clark & Buchanan, tailors, Water street, were burned to the ground. The fire broke out at 3.15 in the Kennedy building. The stock of drugs and books was destroyed. Loss $6,000, insurance $3,000. Clark & Buchanan lost all their stock valued at $1500, insurance $600.

The building was owned by the Holman estate and was valued at $2500 and insured for $1,000. Several other wooden buildings had a narrow escape.

TO DEVELOP AREAS OF N. B. IRON CO.

Sydney, N. S., Dec. 1.—(Special)—At Saturday's meeting of the New Brunswick Iron Company a resolution was passed authorizing the sale of 2,000 shares of stock at $25 each. This was the only thing done. Cash from the stock sold will be used for development purposes.

LITTLE HOPE OF RESCUING SEVEN ENTOMBED MINERS

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 2—The fate of five American and forty-two foreign miners, entombed in the Naomi mine of the United Coal Company at Fayette City, 35 miles from here, by an explosion of fire damp last night, was pretty well established late today by the finding of the corpse of a mine pumper near the twenty-second entry of the mine. The man died from suffocation.

Judging from two fatalities thus far known both having been caused by poisonous gas fumes, it is almost certain that the miners still in the mine have succumbed to the deadly after-damp.

There is also possibility that the explosion of last night occurred so close to the men that they were killed by its force or the resultant fall of tons of rock and earth.

Since about 8 o'clock last night a large force of rescuers have labored almost constantly to reach the imprisoned men. The work has been necessarily slow on account of the wreckage and after-damp. Notwithstanding the rescue parties have worked in fifteen minute relays, a score or more of their number have been compelled to go home suffering from the poisonous gas. Two of the rescuers are in a critical condition.

All day a crowd estimated at 2,000 has stood about the mouth of the ill-fated mine, awaiting some tidings about the entombed men. Hundreds of these people are relatives or friends of the unfortunate miners and their grief is pitiful.

The rescuers are divided as to when they can reach the imprisoned men. Some believe the end of their search will come late tonight, but others do not expect this until tomorrow evening.

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Report of Commissioners Laid Before Parliament

Engineers Report Fair Rate of Progress—On One Section a Combination of Dynamite and Rum Has Ended Career of Many Workmen---Expenditures So Far Something Over $8,000,000.

Ottawa, Nov. 29—The house met for a few minutes today and after some formalities in the way of presenting reports and petitions, adjourned until Monday, when the debate on the address will begin.

The national transcontinental commissioners report for the nine months fiscal period was presented to the house today. The total expenditure was $5,537,867, of which the purchasing department expended $224,880 for supplies.

Guy C. Dunn, engineer of division A, expresses the opinion that the route selected will reduce the passenger time between Quebec and Moncton by one hour and all freight delivery by two hours, when compared with the other route.

A. E. Doucet, engineer of division B, which extends from the New Brunswick boundary to Weymontachene, 400 miles, reports that construction is making good progress. At the end of March the contractors had 3,297 men at work.

A. N. Molesworth, district C, reports good progress with the surveys as far as the Garneau River.

S. R. Poulin, district D, states that surveys were nearly completed. Two of his staff were killed.

Major A. E. Hodgins, until recently in charge of district F, says that work was delayed by the scarcity of labor but that the sub-letting of McArthur's contract has had beneficial results. He states that there has been considerable trouble with illicit liquor sellers and that there were seventeen men killed and twenty-six injured, due to the carelessness of the men themselves in handling dynamite, "and to some extent on account of liquor in the camps."

Hugh D. Lumsden, chief engineer, lays stress upon the difficulty of obtaining ties in northwestern Ontario and Manitoba, and lays the blame upon "the action of the Ontario government in declining to issue permits to cut ties."

He estimates the total distance of the N. T. R. from Moncton to St. Joan Chrysostom at 453 miles, as against 488 by the Intercolonial and the through distance from Moncton to Winnipeg at 1,818 miles, as against 1,890 miles originally estimated.

The expenses at headquarters in Ottawa totalled $166,191.

The total expenditure from September, 1904, to March 31, 1907, was $8,148,584.

Of the $224,880 expended on supplies all was spent in Canada except $1,833 for goods from Great Britain and $444 for purchases from the United States.

Ralph Smith has given notice of a resolution declaring that "in the opinion of this house steps should be taken to restrict the influx of Oriental immigrants to Canada and inasmuch as the policy of the government concerning Chinese immigration has proved entirely satisfactory, a definite policy should be immediately put into operation looking to the accomplishment of equally satisfactory results with regards to the other Oriental immigrants."

Col. Worthington asks for the production of correspondence that has taken place between the government and the Ross Rifle Company.

DISTRIBUTION OF SEED GRAIN AND POTATOES

Ottawa, Nov. 30—By instructions of the honorable minister of agriculture a distribution is being made this season of samples of superior sorts of grain and potatoes to Canadian farmers for the improvement of seed. The stock for distribution has been secured mainly from the experimental farms at Indian Head (Sask.), and Brandon (Man.) The samples consist of oats, spring wheat, barley, Indian corn (for ensilage only) and potatoes. The quantity of oats sent is four pounds, and of wheat or barley five pounds, sufficent in each case to sow one-twentieth of an acre. The samples of Indian corn and potatoes weigh three pounds each. A quantity of each of the following varieties has been secured for this distribution:

Oats—Banner, Wide Awake, White Giant, Danish Island, Thousand Dollar, Improved Ligowo, all white varieties. Black oats are not recommended for general cultivation, a few samples, however, are available which can be sent if specially asked for.

Wheat—Red Fife (beardless); Preston, Pringle's Champlain and Huron (early bearded sorts); Percy and Stanley (early beardless varieties.)

Barley — Six-rowed — Mensury, Odessa, Mansfield and Claude. Two-rowed—Standwell, Invincible, Canadian Thorpe and Sidney.

Indian Corn (for ensilage)—Early sorts, Angel of Midnight, Compton's Early and Longfellow; later varieties, selected Leaming, Early Mastodon and White Cap Yellow Dent.

Potatoes—Early varieties, Early White Prize and Rochester Rose. Medium to late varieties, Carman No. 1 and Late Puritan. These later varieties are as a rule more productive than the earlier kinds.

Only one sample can be sent to each applicant, hence if an individual receives a sample of oats he cannot also receive one of wheat, barley, Indian corn or potatoes. Lists of names from one individual, or applications for more than one sample for one household, cannot be entertained. The samples will be sent free of charge through the mail.

Applications should be addressed to the Director of Experimental Farms, Ottawa, and may be sent in any time before the 15th of February, after which the lists will be closed, so that the samples asked for may be sent out in good time for sowing. Applicants should mention the variety they prefer, with a second sort as an alternative. Applications will be filled in the order in which they are received, so long as the supply of seed lasts. Farmers are advised to apply early to avoid possible disappointment. Those applying for Indian corn or potatoes should bear in mind that the corn is not usually distributed until April, and that potatoes cannot be mailed from here until danger from frost in transit is over. No postage is required on mail matter addressed to the Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa.

WM. SAUNDERS,
Director of Experimental Farms.

FREDERICTON SCOTS HONOR ST. ANDREW

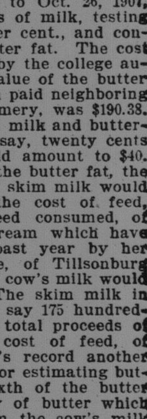
Fredericton, N. B., Dec. 2.—Fredericton Scotchmen honored the memory of St. Andrew this evening by a grand smoker concert held at Knights of Pythias hall at which 200 were present, including members of the society and their guests. J. D. McKay, president of St. Andrew's Society, occupied the chair and all entered heartily into the spirit of the occasion. Fraternal greetings were read from sister societies in St. John, Campbellton, Chatham, Ottawa, Montreal and Quebec, New York, Chicago, Philadelphia and other places.

Only two toasts were honored,The King, proposed by President McKay, and "The Day and All Who Honor It," by R. Watson. The latter was responded to by Mayor McLeod in a stirring address, in which he referred to the achievements of Scotchmen in the Motherland and all parts of the world and was heartily applauded.

An impromptu musical programme was carried out, including selections by Hanlon's orchestra, vocal solos, readings, chorus ,instrumental selections, etc. Major Gordon ,of St. John, who was dressed in Highland costume, danced the Highland fling with bag-pipe accompaniment by Piper Ross, of St. John, and was vociferously applauded. Refreshments were served during the evening and the very pleasand gathering broke up shortly before midnight.

20,778 POUNDS MILK FROM ONE COW IN 12 MONTHS

Visitors to the Ontario Agricultural College during the past summer were shown a Holstein-Friesian cow, called Boutsje Q. Pietertje DeKol, which was expected to produce 20,000 pounds of milk within the year. As a matter of fact, she has actually exceeded this estimate. From. Oct. 27, 1906, to Oct. 26, 1907, she has given 20,778 pounds of milk, testing a fraction more than 3.76 per cent., and containing 781.91 pounds of butter fat. The cost of the feed, as charged up by the college authorities, was $72.66. The value of the butter fat, at prices that have been paid neighboring farmers by the college creamery, was $190.38. In the 20,000 pounds of skim milk and buttermilk were to be valued at, say, twenty cents per hundredweight, it would amount to $40. Adding this to the value of the butter fat, the total yield of butter fat and skim milk would equal $230.38. Deducting the cost of feed, we have a profit, over feed consumed, of $157.72. At the price of cream which have been received during the past year by her former owner, George Rice, of Tillsonburg (Ont.), the butter fat in this cow's milk would have been worth $224.57. The skim milk in this case would have been, say 175 hundredweight, worth $35, making total proceeds of $259.57; or a profit, over cost of feed, of $186.91. To state this cow's record another way, according to the rule for estimating butter yield by adding one-sixth of the butter fat, the estimated quantity of butter which could have been made from the cow's milk was practically 912¼ pounds, which is about six times the yield of the average cow of this country. This is a wonderful record, one which very few cows would be capable of making. Prof. Dean writes that so far as he is aware, it is one of the best, if not the best, ever made in Canada, and he doubts whether any cow beginning her record before she was four years old has a better one.—Farmer's Advocate.



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