

AUTOMOBILES TO HAMPTON. St. John Men Propose to Run a Line And Are Now Applying For Incorporation With Capital of \$95,000.

FREDERICTON, April 6.—The corporation committee considered a number of bills during the day and made some progress. Mr. Barnhill of St. John appeared before the committee and explained the act to incorporate the Maritime Copper Company. It was decided to report favorably on the bill without amendments. The bill to incorporate the Auto Road Co. had for its spokesman J. S. Armstrong. The other gentlemen whose names appear as incorporators are Ald. Macree, J. H. McAvity, W. D. McVey, Henry Gilbert and R. G. Murray. Mr. Armstrong explained the objects of the company, which were to maintain a line of automobiles or trackless trolleys from St. John to Hampton along the Kennebecasis, and also along the west bank of the river. The company also asks for expropriation powers. The capital stock is placed at \$95,000, with headquarters at Bathurst, N. B. The bill was laid over for further consideration until tomorrow morning. The bill to amend the act incorporating the Tobique Log Driving Company was considered. A. J. Gregory appears for Fraser & Sons, who oppose the bill, and J. C. Hartley for the promoters. The changes asked for by the amendments seek removal of place of meeting from Andover to Fredericton, that the tolls may be sold by tender as well as by auction, the bonds of the company of the drive be not less than \$500, and that the financial responsibility for the sale of tolls be placed upon the directors elected from year to year. There did not seem to be any antagonism one way or the other, and it was agreed that Messrs. Gregory and Hartley consult with the promoters as to satisfactory amendments to be made. The public accounts committee considered and discussed certain bridge expenditures, and will tomorrow take up the expenses in certain permanent bridge accounts. Before the municipal committee Mr. King explained the bill seeking incorporation for the town of Sussex. A committee consisting of Messrs. King, Gimmer and Copp were appointed to go over the bill and report back to the committee.

SACKVILLE. SACKVILLE, N. B., April 6.—Those expecting to graduate from the Alliance Conservatory this year are: In piano—Ivan Spindler, Lunenburg, N. S.; Miss Jennie Marsters, Windsor, N. S.; Miss Sadie Mowat, Campbellton, N. B. In piano and organ—Miss Laurie Whitman, Canso, N. S. In violin—Miss Halburton Osgood, Sackville, N. B., and Miss Hazel Palmer, Fredericton, N. B. Prof. and Mrs. Wilson will spend the summer vacation in England. A former Ladies' College student, Miss May Dickson of St. John's, Newfoundland, was married at Denver, Colorado, March 23rd, to Albert W. Stearns of McCook, Nebraska. Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Cass entertained a number of their friends Tuesday evening. The last regular meeting of Sackville's first council was held in the council chambers, Tuesday evening, with Mr. Anderson in the chair. A communication was read from Robert Wisely of St. John, stating that the St. John fire department would furnish the town with a number of fire alarm boxes at \$25 each. The report of the fire committee, read by Ald.

Ford, showed that the fire department was equipped with 12 feet of hose, ladder truck, a number of ladders, buckets, axes, etc., and that negotiations were under way for the purchase of a fire alarm system. The water and sewerage committee recommended that an inspector be appointed to look after the water system. The report of Town Treasurer Murray showed that receipts for the year 1903 and expenditures \$2,454.83. A building on the Brunswick house hill was offered for sale by Ald. Estabrook, in which to store coal, hose, etc., and was to be inspected by the fire committee as to its suitability for this purpose. The election of the council for the next civic year takes place Tuesday, April 13th. Mrs. Mary White, alleged to be 130 years old, died at the home of John Adams, Frosty Hollow, last Saturday.

CHARGES CRIMINAL LIBEL. Sensational Developments in a Case Now Before Montreal Courts.

MONTREAL, April 7.—The trial of criminal libel preferred by Colonel Cooke, crown prosecutor, was begun in the court of King's bench today. The libel was contained in a letter written by Blackley to a Montreal lawyer asking him to make complaint to the attorney general that Cooke had taken money from him and for which he agreed to ask that in a certain case in which a verdict of guilty had been found against Blackley leniency should be shown. A sensational feature of today's proceedings was the testimony of L. M. Lyon, the lawyer who took the complaint to the attorney general that the letter told him that it was not the first time that serious charges had been made against Cooke. It is expected that before the case goes to the jury some interesting evidence will be presented. Both sides are well represented by counsel, and the case will be one of the keenest fought in the annals of Montreal law.

METHODIST MINISTERS. Transfers Agreed Upon by the Committee.

TORONTO, April 7.—The transfer committee of the Methodist church to-day agreed to the following transfers: Rev. A. D. Richard, Rev. R. S. Stearns, Rev. E. C. Armstrong, from Nova Scotia to Manitoba; Rev. J. N. Wilkinson, from New Brunswick to Manitoba; Rev. Wm. Dobson, from Nova Scotia to New Brunswick, and Rev. W. G. Watson, from Toronto to New Brunswick.

BOXER KILLED. Louis Drolet Made His First and Only Appearance in the Ring.

QUEBEC, April 7.—Louis Drolet of St. Roch made his first and last public appearance as boxer last night, having died at an early hour this morning as the result of a knockout blow administered to him by George Wagner, champion boxer of the Royal Canadian garrison artillery. Wagner has appeared in a number of bouts here for some time past, in almost all of which he has proved successful. Last night's bout was at the Patriote Mirib. The denouement came in the sixteenth round, when the knockout blow, said to have been dealt upon the jaw, was received, though none who witnessed it had any idea of its serious character. Drolet never recovered consciousness and was taken home where he died at three o'clock this morning. He was 32 years of age, worked in a shoe factory and a married man. He had trained for some time past with Routhier.

BRITISH OFFICERS IN JAPAN. TOKYO, April 7.—Lieutenant General Sir Ian Hamilton, Lieutenant General Sir Wm. Nicholson and Col. James A. L. Haldane, the three British officers who will be attached to the Japanese private and public staffs, were received in private audience by the emperor today. The British minister, Col. Sir Claude Macdonald, made the presentation.

DEBATE ON THE G. T. P. AGREEMENT CONTINUED.

Sifton Failed to Meet Mr. Borden's Arguments, but Osler, of Toronto, Delivered a Telling Address.

OTTAWA, April 6.—At 8.30 Hon. Mr. Sifton resumed the debate on the Grand Trunk Pacific concessions, speaking for two hours. As he took the floor Hays and Wainwright of the Grand Trunk, appeared in the gallery. His argument, perhaps unconsciously, had a prairie flavor, and was on the main that of a trained advocate, though at times descending from the level of a cabinet minister to the lower level of a special pleader. He failed to grapple squarely with any of Borden's contentions, and like his leader, avoided the main issues, appealing rather to the party prejudices of the men behind him, who applauded his recklessness with vigor. Sifton was in good voice rather than in good form as a parliamentary debater. He asserted that the government's object was to nationalize the Grand Trunk Railway corporation, to induce it to give up American ports and become a Canadian line. They had confidence that the road would be a paying one, hence the provisions with regard to default on part of the G. T. P. It was not the contract provided for control of tolls by parliament to a most absolute degree, and that the Grand Trunk was a competing line with the Canadian Pacific. Mr. Sifton found every possible fault with Borden's amendment, in melodramatic style, to the delight of his supporters. Hon. John Haggart followed at 5.30 p. m. in a practical business-like speech, hauling the government over the coals for selling out the country to the partner, the Grand Trunk Pacific Co. He reminded the speaker that he made many sectional appeals in his speech, that the G. T. P. would not be built into Montreal, and asked why the government should give up the interest of Montreal? Another suspicious part of the agreement was that, while in the original agreement the government had to build the eastern section of the road, under the new agreement there is a provision by which the commissioners who have control of the building of the road, may enter into an arrangement with the G. T. P. for the leasing of any part or portion which may be completed although the whole of it is not constructed.

After dinner, Haggart resumed his speech, and in a few minutes introduced the subject of the Grand Trunk Pacific agreement from the standpoint of practical railway men. He quoted Sir Rivers-Wilson's address to the shareholders of Little's English, had committed fraud in connection with the distribution of fishery bounty checks for 1903. The question shows that the minister last year promised an inquiry and Mr. Haggart wants to know what is the result and if not, why not. Delegations of the Lord's Day Dominion Alliance, composed of Rev. J. G. Stewart of London, Rev. J. G. Shearer, and T. A. Moore, of Toronto; Hon. James Ross and Thos. Christie, waited on the premier and minister of justice this morning and pressed them for a bill for legislation this session. Mr. Haggart promised to introduce a bill, with the proviso that before final passing the draft shall be submitted to the supreme court with regard to interference with legislative powers of the provinces. This means that before anything can be done the matter will probably reach the British privy council. Thus the legislation will be shelved for this year at least.

NOTHING BUT GAS.

LONDON, April 7.—Julius G. Lay, U. S. consul general at Barcelona, telegraphs as follows to the Associated Press: "An explosion of gas occurred here last night, giving rise to a report that a 'petard' exploded as King Alfonso was leaving the exhibition. The explosion, however, took place a mile from where the king was."

NO ATTEMPT WAS MADE ON THE LIFE OF KING ALFONSO.

LONDON, April 7.—Private accounts received from Barcelona regarding the explosion which took place as King Alfonso was leaving the exhibition here yesterday vary in detail. The following official report of the affair has been issued here: "At 9.30 o'clock last evening a petard exploded in the portico of the house No. 19 Rambla Delcentro. There was a loud explosion, which caused material damage. In the ensuing panic two persons were slightly injured. "King Alfonso passed the spot within a few minutes after the occurrence, and was warmly cheered by the crowd, which had then become tranquil. "The originator of the outrage has not been discovered. One man was arrested but has since been released."

INLAND REVENUE RECEIPTS IN MARCH.

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Spirits... 1903, 1904. Tobacco... 1903, 1904. Raw leaf... 1903, 1904. Cigars... 1903, 1904. Bonded m/f's... 1903, 1904. Other receipts... 1903, 1904. Total... 1903, 1904. Increase, \$944.61.

DUTY ON LOGS.

Several Prominent Operators Oppose Mr. Fleming's Motion. They Think New Brunswick Now Has the Better Side of the Bargain.

FREDERICTON, April 6.—With the testimony of Mr. Murray, Mr. Warner and Mr. Cushing, the evidence in Mr. Fleming's resolution regarding the placing of duty on American logs was concluded this afternoon. Mr. Murray said that he was against the resolution. He did not think there were enough logs on the crown lands to warrant the action. The lands above Grand Falls were mostly owned by private individuals and the New Brunswick Railway Co. As regards the alien labor law he never knew of our laborers being denied employment in Maine, in fact our men were sought for, so he regarded the preamble to the resolution erroneous. There are about sixty millions of American logs cut in Maine and almost the full work on these were done by our own people. If the Americans retaliated and interfered with this cut it would be most injurious. He could see no objection to the resolution, while if it passed it might be most disastrous. He had read Frank Todd's evidence and regarded it as a very clear and fair statement of the case. Mr. Warner corroborated Mr. Murray, but as he was an American citizen, he did not wish to express himself very freely. The sixty millions of American logs were mostly cut by Canadian and Victoria Co. men and the money went to our own people. It would be better not to interfere with this business, but let well enough alone. Mr. Cushing said he employed between 450 and 500 men. Like the two previous gentlemen he opposed the resolution. It was to this province's best interests to have the American logs come down the St. John. The work in the business of cutting, rafting, etc., amounted to about \$10 per thousand, and so meant the distribution of something like \$700,000 per year. He thought that New Brunswick had now the best of the bargain and should not say much. He did not agree with Mr. Murray in his claim that the preamble in the resolution was erroneous. He understood that there was an alien labor law in the States, but it was not enforced. The committee took time to consider the resolution in private.

A LONG VOYAGE.

The barkentine Ethel Clark, Capt. Rice, from Alapachicola via Bermuda, reached St. John yesterday morning and anchored in the stream. She left Alapachicola about three months ago, and sprang a leak and was forced to put into Bermuda. There she remained till the weather improved sufficiently to make Capt. Rice think it was safe to attempt the completion of the voyage over which she will dock at the I. C. R. pier to discharge, after which she will proceed to Bear River to rejoin the Ethel Clark, a fine looking vessel, and her commander, Capt. Rice, seems to be a clever mariner and a very affable gentleman.

BIG LOT OF PASSENGERS.

Three, Thousand Immigrants to Arrive Within Next Ten Days. Reports received here of late indicate that there will be landed in St. John within the next ten days nearly 8,000 people from Liverpool, London and Antwerp. The steamers are all C. P. R. boats and the contribution which they will make to the population of Canada and the United States, barring accidents, will be as follows: Str. Mount Temple, 400 passengers; Lake Manitowish, from Liverpool, 200; and Lake Erie, from the same port, 1,200 more. At Halifax within a short time some 2,800 people will be landed, besides landing these people will be Canada, 1,100; Hamburg-American line, 400; Franco-Canadian boat, 300; Pretoria of the Allan line, 350; and the Numidium under the same flag, 350 more.

CORNS GROW BETWEEN THE TOES.

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JOSEPH GALLANT FROM NEWTON.

Mixed Up in the Page Murder Case. Provincials Married in Boston—Nova Scotia Man in Trouble on Bigamy Charge.

BOSTON, April 6.—New England is just emerging from the midst of a widespread murder carnival which seems to have more or less affected all states, more especially the ordinary cases. As has been recorded in the press of the United States and Canada, an affair which baffles the police is the murder of Miss Mabel Page, the daughter of a leading family, who was stabbed to death while alone in her home at Weston, six miles from here, on March 31. The Pages were once wealthy and formerly lived on Commonwealth avenue, Boston, the leading aristocratic thoroughfare. Miss Page was 42 years of age and a handsome woman, who, once disappointed in a love affair, had never again contemplated matrimony. From the first there have been a series of blunders in tracing the case. In the first place the medical examiner carelessly examined the body and pronounced the case one of suicide, a gross error, for which his removal from office is threatened. By the time the police were delayed 12 hours in their work of investigation. When they did become active, a number of innocent persons were held up and their careers spread broadcast by the sensational newspapers. Just now some of the newspapers and apparently one or two officers express the opinion that one William Jones, caretaker of the Page farm, should be found and interrogated. Jones and his wife lived in a cottage on the Page estate three years ago. Jones had some disputes with Page regarding the rent, for which the Nova Scotia man, should be employed by the state attaching no importance to the fact that Jones had a dispute with Page. They say that the Joneses should not have been brought into the case at all, even through rumors, and that Jones could know nothing of any person who had a motive to commit the murder. A Nova Scotia man, Joseph Gallant, a French teamster, of Newton, informed the police today that on the afternoon of the murder he saw two men enter the Page residence in conversation with the father of the dead woman. Gallant made a deposition in writing.

DANCES AT EIGHTY-NINE.

Wonderfully Active Woman Now Living on Victoria Street. Mrs. Mary White, who died a day or two ago at Frosty Hollow, was said to be 120 years of age. This is probably incorrect, for many cases where great age was claimed have been investigated and found to be lacking in the essential. In St. John there are quite a number of persons upwards of ninety years of age, but perhaps the most remarkable of all is one who, according to her own claim, is still below that mark. This woman is Mrs. Ann Williams of Victoria street, who is not quite sure whether she is eighty-eight or eighty-nine, but who, her friends think, must be some few years older. Mrs. Williams takes no particular pride in her age, but is happy in the possession of health and a constitution which is envied by many only half her age. She is not feeble, she is not losing her senses, and she is not confined to her home. Every day in the year, rain or shine—to use her own words, Sundays always excepted—she is out at work, from morning till night. Mrs. Williams is the recognized leading lady here in Indian town, and spends her time in washing, scrubbing, mending dishes, and doing the many other odd jobs necessary in housekeeping. The sphere of her activity extends even down to Mill street, and she always walks to and from her work, wherever it may be. "Ann" is a cheerful old body, always smiling or singing, of great good nature, and as light on her feet as an Irishman. She will do a step for the children at any time, and is always ready for fun, whether it be a dance, or a quick answer. Mrs. Williams was a great grand motherly person, and lives with her grandson and his family at about 81-89 Victoria street.

ANOTHER MAN GONE WRONG.

French Painter in the C. P. R. Shops Gets Two Years for Stealing. MONTREAL, April 7.—Frank Frapper, formerly best painter at the Hochelaga shops of the Canadian Pacific railway, was today found guilty of having padded the books of the company and of stealing material belonging to it, and was sentenced to two years in St. Vincent de Paul penitentiary. Frapper was arrested and allowed out on bail. He promptly disappeared, and before he was recaptured officers of the C. P. R. secret service chased him over four thousand miles, finally capturing him in Brooklyn.

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