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QUEBEC IS DEAD TOWN NOW THE TERCENTENARY IS OVER

The Last Performance of the Pageants Was Something of a Frost--Costumes, Decorations, Etc., Will be Sold by Auction

Quebec, July 31.—With a final performance of the pageants on the plains, the last scene of the last act of Quebec's three-hundredth birthday celebration was staged this afternoon. The last act of the spectacle has dragged a bit and in a way it is a relief for all that the curtain has at last been rung down. On the other hand, the heat of the past two days has been so intense that only the hardiest of citizens and visitors could have stood the pace set when the prince was here and the action of the piece was rapid.

Perhaps after all it was as well that the celebration should have closed in this peaceful calm of the final days. Saving the larger pieces, the machinery of the stage will be stowed away more rapidly than was at first expected, and it is only a matter of a few days until small trace of the recent celebration will be visible to the eye of the August tourist.

Workmen on all sides are busy night and day taking down flags and bunting and lights. Several of the larger buildings now present no signs of their former festive garb and everywhere there is apparent haste to hide away the decorations that in the broad light of day, with all the holiday air gone out of the city, seem so foreign to the business activity of the city.

The population of the city has been practically normal for the past three days. Even of the usual summer tourists there are fewer than is customary at this season of the year. It would seem as if the Tercentenary had drawn within its short range the great bulk of the summer travel that comes Quebec's way. The tourist travel was light before the celebration and it is feared that it will prove the same in the aftermath. Even the cheap excursions arranged to give Canadians a chance to see the last of the pageants failed to bring in anything like the expected crowds. Of the outsiders who remain here, most of them are ex-Quebecers, or people with relatives in the city. Most of these are waiting until Monday, when the time limit of their excursion tickets expires to return home.

The last performance of the pageants was anything but impressive, except in point of attendance. Many of the performers found it impossible to turn out and others were weary of the heavy demands that had been made on their time.

A preliminary statement of the financial side of the celebration may be expected in about two weeks' time, when the Battlefields commission meets here again. Only general details were discussed at a meeting of the commission yesterday and it will be ten days, at least, before even an approximate statement can be issued. The commissioners decided to order the resale of all the costumes, ornaments, decorations, etc., used in the pageants which were purchased in the first instance by the commission. It is thought that these will be put up at auction at some early date.

Only a few of the large number of newspaper correspondents who were here for the Tercentenary remain in the city. The arrangements for a central press bureau at the court house proved a considerable service to men from outside and they likewise had the hearty co-operation of the Quebec journalists. Some complaints, nevertheless, are heard. Mr. Maxwell, the English war correspondent, who has been with the prince on all his voyages, is quoted as denouncing the manner in which the press representatives were treated.

"Why," he is reported to have said, "the only tickets I got were tickets to the pageant and I could have bought these. I asked if they had tickets to admit me to the citadel, and they looked at me as though I were crazy. The only persons asked to the colonial dinner were an artist and a stenographer. Earl Grey personally apologized for the way things had been done."

Owing to a tremendous stock on hand at the present time, this grand mid-summer clearance sale is of most valuable importance. Never before in our history have we conducted a clearance sale with such a tremendous stock of fine seasonable merchandise, and on account of the enormous volume of this handsome stock, the prices have been slaughtered most mercilessly. We are determined that this mammoth stock must be disposed of before the end of the season; we have selected ten days in order that patrons may purchase to most profitable advantage and supply their wants when most needed. With us it is quite different; we are obliged to make room for a following season. Advance orders as a rule are shipped in advance. This being the case with us now, we are obliged to vacate space to receive daily arrivals of fall goods. —C. B. Pidgeon, corner Main and Bridge streets.

Roberval, Que., July 31.—Roberval Hotel was burned today. The fire was first noticed on the roof of the kitchen and in an hour the whole building was in flames. It is a total loss. The buildings pertaining to the hotel were also burned to the ground. There were no casualties, although there were many tourists at the hotel The loss is estimated at $75,000.

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SCHOOL BOARD TO ARRANGE FOR BOOKS

An Issue of $53.000 Will be Made for School Improvements and the Winter Street Annex.

At a special meeting of the board of school trustees yesterday afternoon the tenders for the erection of the Winter street annex were referred to the buildings committee to bring in a recommendation at the next meeting of the board. The matter of the various improvements, recommended by the common council to be made in the school buildings, was also referred to the buildings committee.

Both these matters would have been dealt with before but it was found impossible to get a quorum till yesterday. Those present besides the chairman, R. B. Emerson, were Mrs. Skinner, and Messrs. Russell, Coll, Bullock, Keefe, Nase and Architect H. H. Mott.

The tenders for the Winter street annex were on the table. Mr. Coll moved that they be sent to the buildings committee to bring in a recommendation at the next meeting of the board. This, he said, had been the line of procedure always followed.

Mr. Allan objected. He thought that as the special meeting had been called to deal with the tenders they ought to be opened.

Mr. Bullock seconded Mr. Coll's motion, which was carried.

A letter from the common clerk was then read acquainting the board with the action of the council in regard to the fire improvements. On motion of Mr. Coll, this was also referred to the buildings committee for recommendation.

The chairman of the board and Mr. Bullock were empowered to make the necessary arrangements for the issue of the $13,000 debentures for the improvements and the $40,000 for the Winter street annex.

After the board adjourned a short meeting of the teachers' committee was held.

RACES AT WESTFIELD THIS AFTERNOON

The races at Westfield today will include the postponed second race for motor boats, in which there are nine competitors. The course is from Westfield to Sutton Village and return; start 3 p.m. This will likely be an exciting race, as the motor boats are well matched.

There will also be some very exciting rowing and paddling races. These are the outcome of last Saturday's contests, the participants not being satisfied with the results.

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NEW HEALTH ACT IS NEEDED AT ONCE

Secretary Burns of Board of Health Discusses the Urgent Necessity for a New Provincial Act.

Secretary Burns, of the local board of health, was interviewed yesterday afternoon as to the necessity for a new provincial health act. He said that some months ago the provincial board met with the local board here. It was pointed out at that time that many of the requirements of the health act were contradictory and suggestions were made by the city men and were promised the fullest consideration.

In view of this, Mr. Burns said there could be no question of the necessity for a new health act. Speaking of local conditions, he thought that greater powers for the city board would be a good thing.

Another matter he mentioned was connecting tenements and dwelling houses with the public sewers. One case is that of a woman who owns a good deal of property in the city. The sewer has been laid to her houses, but she refuses to instal water closets. Every spring this woman is in the police court for neglecting to clean her premises and as often she fights her case. If a fine were imposed every time on this woman, Mr. Burns said, it would no doubt have a salutary effect, but he suggested that if the board had power to instal the necessary improvements and charge it against the property it would be better.

Another fruitful source of contention to which Mr. Burns alluded, was the stagnant pond at the foot of the dump between Broad and Sheffield streets. This he sad was growing worse every year. At first, when the board drew the attention of the city to it, Director Murdoch drew up a report showing that when the I.C.R. line was first built at that point it was on crib work through which the tide flowed freely. After a time the railway department filled in the place with gravel, thus making the pit which now exists there.

The I. C. R. authorities on their side claim that when they filled the place with gravel they placed a culvert there, but that the gradual encroachments of the city dump choked it up. Mr. Burns says there has been much correspondence on the matter. Recently he wrote to General Manager Pottinger who replied that he had placed it in the hands of his engineers.

The job of placing a large iron pipe through the embankment at the point would, Mr. Burns thinks, not be a costly one. It would have been much more satisfactory all round, he continued, if the board could have had the work done long ago and collected the money in some way from those interested.

First College President—What sort of an opening did you have?

Second College President—A new fullback and three crack linesmen.—Nashville American.

PECULIAR STORY TOLD BY A GIRL

May Robinson of P. E. Island Claims She was Kept a Prisoner by a Colored Woman.

A story which reads like a page from the typical dime novel was told the police yesterday by May Robinson, a comely miss of twenty summers who was taken from the house of a colored woman known as Madge Hughes, in Duke street, and restored to a position as servant in a city family.

She said she was lured to the house by promises of an easy and comfortable life, and was detained and was asked to marry a negro named Walter Thompson. She was not illtreated, however, and did not suffer from her enforced detention.

The girl is an orphan. She came here about ten months ago from Prince Edward Island and, with the exception of a short time in the Salvation Army Home, lived out with two families. On Monday last, she says, she was prevailed upon to leave her place and, taking her little bundle of clothes, entered the colored woman's house in Duke street. Soon after going there, she says, the praises of a young man named Thompson, who had such a pretty little farm out on the road, were sung. Miss Robinson was interested until Thompson appeared and then not any more.

She says she wanted to leave but could not get her clothes. Thompson neglected his farm, though it was haying time, and proceeded to make hay while the sun was shining around the Duke street house. His praises were sung continually, the girl says, and he was thrown in the girl's way. She says a wedding was secretly arranged for and Sunday, the 2nd inst., was set.

The white girl found sympathizers, however, and a young colored man sought out Sergt. Campbell. This was all that was needed and the sergeant was not refused admittance when he called at the Hughes house yesterday afternoon.

The girl was taken to Central police station, where she was questioned by Deputy Chief of Police Jenkins. On the strength of her statement, the matter was allowed to rest for the present. It only remained to secure the girl a place to work and this was successfully accomplished last night. She seemed to be in good spirits during her stay in Central station and chatted cheerfully to the policemen.

This afternoon one of the most interesting yachting races of the season will take place at Millidgeville for the Beveridge cup. Twelve yachts have entered. The start will be at 2.30 p. m., and the time limit is 2½ hours.

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FUNCTIONS PLANNED FOR "BOBS" WERE HELD BUT HE WAS ABSENT

Lord Roberts Affected by Heat in Montreal and Cancelled His Engagements--Will Not go to Ottawa Today.

Montreal, July 31.—Considerable disappointment was felt in the city today when it became known that Lord Roberts, who is here as the guest of Robert Meighen, was too ill to attend any of the functions arranged in his honor. Lord Roberts enjoyed an auto drive in the morning with Mr. Meighen, but the terrific heat proved too much for him, and he drove to Mr. Meighen's residence, where his physician advised him to rest in his room. "Bobs" expected to be able to turn up later in the day, but did not feel equal to it.

A large number of members of the board of trade met at noon, but were disappointed at not seeing Lord Roberts. In the afternoon a garden party was given by Mrs. Meighen in honor of her distinguished guest, and a dinner in the evening, and much disappointment was felt by the guests at the absence of the famous general.

Ottawa, July 31.—Great disappointment was experienced throughout the city tonight as the news spread that Lord Roberts was not coming to Ottawa tomorrow. At 6 o'clock Mayor Scott received a telegram from Lord Roberts' aide-de-camp stating that owing to fatigue resulting from the excessive heat the field marshal had been obliged to cancel his trip to Ottawa and would be compelled to remain in Montreal until rested up a bit.

Preparations for a reception to Lord Roberts were completed this evening and everybody was looking forward to a fine turnout of the militia, including the South African veterans. A spacious platform had been erected at the steps leading to the parliament buildings. The luncheon to the guest of honor by the Canadian Club was to have been given in the senate chamber, which had been specially arranged for the function.

Tickets for the luncheon and for the admission of ladies to the senate galleries were only issued late this afternoon.

At a meeting of the city council tonight a resolution was passed regretting that indisposition had prevented Lord Roberts from visiting Ottawa tomorrow, expressing the hope for his speedy recovery and the prospect of his being able to come to Ottawa before long. Mayor Scott wired a copy of the resolution to the field marshal in Montreal tonight, accompanied by an expression of his personal regret.

It is not thought that the illness of Lord Roberts is at all serious, but that the fatigue of the past few days in the torrid heat, that has prevailed, has been too much for the venerable soldier.

THE GREAT HUMANOV NICKEL NEXT WEEK

In introducing "The Humanov" to the people of St. John, the management of Nickel Theatre assumes not only a great financial risk, but furnishes entertainment of an unquestionably high character for the smallest admission fee in America. In some American theatres this sterling attraction costs a quarter dollar to hear and see. "The Humanov," as has already been explained, is a company of New York playpeople who supply the words for photo-dramas, comedies, farces and extravaganzas from behind a transparent curtain, making the general effect that of an actual theatrical performance. Already in the United States, particularly in Chicago, theatrical managers, playwrights and actors are seeking legal means to restrain this kind of entertainment as it is endangering their work, but so far have met with no success. By today's steamer the "Humanov" company will arrive and Monday afternoon the first production of D'Ennery's pathetic French drama, "The Two Orphans" will be put on. Nickelgoers are waiting intently for this fine attraction. The management of the theatre would respectfully request parents to send their little ones in the afternoons as the evening crowds are sure to be especially large. Furthermore, the evening shows commence at 6.30 o'clock so that those having supper at 5 may attend a whole show before the crowds commence to arrive. Extra ushers and aisle men will attend to the seating arrangements.

NEW STEAMER FOR THE WASHADEMOAK ROUTE

Company Decide to Build a New Boat to Replace the Aberdeen.

It is now practically certain that the Washademoak Steamship Company will not buy a steamer to replace the Aberdeen but will build a new steamer to go on the route in the coming spring. The company, headed by Dr. J. E. Hetherington, have investigated the offers of a number of steamer owners at different places and no boat has come up to the requirements.

It is likely that the Sincennes will have the route to herself during the remainder of the season but that the new steamer will be ready by the opening of navigation in 1909. Quotations have already been asked from city firms, though it is not certain that the steamer will not be built in Nova Scotia.

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