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SPENT MORE THAN HALF A MILLION

Public Works Dept. Expenditures for 1921 Total \$673,241.

Report Presented on Excess Cost of Emergency Work—Added Water Supply for Royal Hotel—The City Assessment in Lancaster.

Table with columns for item name and amount. Includes items like Streets, maintenance, Rockwood Pk. Playground, etc.

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Royal Hotel Changes. Commissioner Frink said the Royal Hotel was laying a new four-inch water pipe from the King street main.

Lancaster Assessment. The mayor read a letter from J. King Kelley, county secretary, regarding the assessment on city property in Lancaster.

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House Thronged For The Opening

Bright Scene in Fredericton This Afternoon—Speech from Throne Refers to Proposed Legislation—Lumbering, Farming, Hydro, the Roads, Teachers' Pensions—Reference to Improving Financial Situation.

Fredericton, N. B., March 2.—The opening of the second session of the eighth legislature of New Brunswick this afternoon equalled any preceding opening in impressiveness. The weather conditions were not so favorable as they might have been, as the weather was rather raw and cold.

The galleries were filled and every extra seat placed on the floor was occupied, and there was every indication that the opening is as great a social event as ever.

The composite guard of honor was commanded by Major J. S. Scott, York Regiment, with Lt. F. Barton, 7th C. M. G. Brigade as subaltern, and Lt. C. E. White, University of New Brunswick, as adjutant.

The arrival of His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor was then announced by the sergeant-at-arms, H. C. Rutter. Speaker Dyson accompanied by clerk M. Keefe and clerk assistant J. B. Dickson then retired in accordance with custom and His Honor entered and took his place upon the throne.

His Honor Lieutenant-Governor William Pugsley returned to Government House where a reception was held. This was the chief social event of the day and a hundred persons paid their respects to His Honor and Mrs. Pugsley.

The speech from the throne was as follows: (Continued on page 6.)

DE VALERA MAKES THREAT TO LEAVE DAIL. Dublin, March 2.—Another threat to withdraw from the Dail Eireann was made by Eamonn De Valera today when Arthur Griffith refused, as president of the dail, to answer a question regarding the plan for the future of the Haulbow Line dockyard at Queenstown on the ground that this was strictly provincial government work.

Mr. De Valera declared the question was a test involving the supremacy of the Dail.

HANGED HIMSELF BUT DID NOT USE A ROPE. Buffalo, March 2.—The death of John McNichol, who was found dead hanging from a tree without a rope on the Canadian shore on last Monday, is said to have been a suicide by Inspector Ward of the Ontario police.

Whimpey, March 2.—Three persons were killed and twenty-four other injured, some seriously, in a disturbance this morning in Egypt, fifty-five miles north of Cairo, says a Central News despatch from Cairo.

As Hiram Sees It

"Hiram," said the Times reporter to Hiram Hornbeam, "I read that there are in Asia about 300,000,000 believers in Confucianism and Taoism."

EXPLANATION OF A KILOWATT HOUR

A correspondent, signing himself "Light & Power," has written the Times asking for an explanation of the term kilowatt hour, and in the burning and using of electric light and heat how it compares with the regular hour of sixty minutes.

DEMONTS CHAPTER

At a meeting of the Demonts chapter, L. O. E., this morning with Mrs. Sherwood Skinner presiding, it was decided to send four copies of the "Echoes," the L. O. E. magazine left over after the members had received their copies.

DISTRIBUTING HYDRO CURRENT

Judging by the many communications that have been received by the Hardware Clerks' Association, what is heard in the street, what is discussed at lodge meetings, and by the large number of names on the petitions, it would seem that the great majority of St. John's citizens are now looking upon municipal electric power as an assured and most natural method of placing the current in the homes of the consumers, realizing that this is the only method of distribution by which lighting and power can be obtained at cost and without private profit.

ALL SET FOR THE INCOME TAX

Norman P. MacLeod, inspector of federal taxation, announced today that all forms relative to income tax returns were now in the hands of post masters throughout the province and the responsibility of obtaining them there was on the taxpayer.

WEATHER REPORT IS REPORTED TO BE SINKING

Boston, Mass., March 2.—The Norwegian freight steamer Grontoff was reported sinking about 500 miles south-east of Cape Race, in radio messages received here today.

MARY PICKFORD HAS WON CASE

New York, March 2.—Mary Pickford does not have to pay Mrs. Cora C. Wilkenning any part of \$108,000 which Mrs. Wilkenning claims was due her as commission for getting the film star a raise to \$100,000 a week.

Congress Not For A Reciprocity Pact

Washington Says Hon. W. S. Fielding Has Been so Advised—Statement by Senator McCumber, Chairman of Financial Committee.

LOCAL NEWS

NEW CATCH BASIN. A new catch basin has been installed by the city near the railroad crossing in Gilbert's Lane. Much surface water has collected in the past in this spot and a new basin will effect considerable relief.

OTHER WAY ROUND. In a curling match on St. Andrew's ice last evening between a rink of the home club skipped by C. A. Beattie and one from the Thistle club skipped by W. H. Gamblin, the former won by a score of 18 to 11.

COUNTY COURT. In the County Court this morning before Hon. Judge Armstrong, the case of Dean vs. Palmer was commenced. The action by the plaintiff is for alleged trespass to property owned by him at Musquash, caused by the landing of lumber, iron, tar, etc., in connection with the construction of the mine leading to the hydro plant last evening.

MRS. KATHERINE CORKERY. The death of Katherine, widow of Arthur Staff, professional skating ace of Montreal, occurred early this morning at her residence, 88 Elm street. She was eighty-nine years of age. She is survived by two sons, Joshua of this city and Maurice of Boston; three daughters, Mrs. T. P. O'Connor of Wisconsin, Sister Mary DeChaumont of St. Vincent's Convent, and Miss Katherine at home, and two sisters, Mrs. Michael Coll and Miss Delaney, both of this city.

SKATERS HERE AGAIN. Gladys Robinson, of Toronto, champion woman skater of the world, and Arthur Staff, professional skating ace of America, returned today from Fredericton, where they gave an exhibition in the Arctic rink last evening.

THORNE WHARF MATTER. Before Mr. Justice Crockett this morning the matter of expropriation of the Thorne wharf property was continued. The J. M. B. Baxter, K. C., appeared for the city and Mr. C. E. Cook, K. C., and W. H. Harrison for Hon. W. H. Thorne. Evidence was given by D. C. Clark and E. F. Starr of St. John and F. W. Cowie of Montreal. Senator Thorne was also on the stand. Mr. Justice is consulting engineer for the Montreal board of harbor commissioners. The case was continued this afternoon.

HARBOR WORK. A recent and valuable addition to the equipment of the city harbor department is a new power boat which has been secured for use in connection with wharf repairs and which will fill a long felt want. The craft is twenty-four feet long with a six foot beam and has a five horse-power engine and cabin. It will be used for repair work on wharf fronts, towing of material and ballast.

VISITING C. N. R. MEN. L. S. Brown, assistant general manager of the city harbor department, arrived in the city this morning from Montreal in his business car, No. 76. He was accompanied by T. C. Hudson, general master mechanic. In conversation with the Times Mr. Brown said they were here on an inspection trip and in connection with preparations for spring work. He is also looking into the handling of the large quantity of grain now coming over the C. N. R. He said there are over 1,000 cars on route here from Montreal and points west. He would not predict as to future shipments, as he said it depended largely on the opening of the water at the head of the great lakes.

KING GEORGE PLAINTIFF, PRESIDENT DEFENDANT. Fort Worth Texas, March 2.—King George of Great Britain, through his attorneys, has filed a suit here against President Harding, asking damages of \$1,079 for alleged non-delivery, by the Rock Island Railroad, of sixty-four cases of corn beef during the war.

CANADA AUTHORS. Toronto, March 2.—The increase in the sale of works in Canada written by Canadian authors has increased from twenty-six in 1917 to about 400 last year, according to Hugh Eayers, president of the MacMillan Co. of Canada, who addressed the Kiwanis Club here yesterday.

BURIED TODAY. The funeral of Mrs. Sarah Kennedy was held this afternoon from the Mater Misericordiae Home to the Cathedral for service by Rev. A. P. Allen. Interment was in the new Catholic cemetery.

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FOUND GUILTY OF MURDER IN LIQUOR CASE. Plattsburg, N. Y., March 2.—Harry Frazer, of Champlain, N. Y., was found guilty of murder in the first degree at St. John's, Que., yesterday and sentenced to be hanged June 19, a dispatch received here last night stated.

FLAVELLE AND THE GRAND TRUNK. Ottawa, March 2.—(Canadian Press)—Rumors that Sir Joseph Flavelle is about to retire from the chairmanship of the board of management of the Grand Trunk Railway do not indicate any new development, according to government officials here in touch with national railway matters.

FINES OF \$200. David White of McAdam, whose premises were raided by liquor inspectors on Wednesday, was convicted in the police court in Fredericton this morning of violating the prohibition act by selling liquor on Feb. 26 and keeping liquor for sale on March 1. He was fined \$200 on each charge.

QUEST YOUNGER OR PREMIER QUILTS

Crisis Near in British Political Situation.

Breach in Conservative Party Widens — Early General Meeting Expected — Election or the Resignation of Lloyd George General Belief.

(Canadian Press Cable.) London, March 2.—Either an early general election or the resignation of Premier Lloyd George will be the upshot of the present political crisis, is generally believed.

The apparently widening breach in the Conservative party, together with the consistent gain in strength of the Liberals under former Premier Asquith and the Laborites, as evidenced by the recent by-elections, have forced these alternatives on the premier.

Lloyd George is understood to have served notice in a letter to J. Austen Chamberlain that Sir George Younger, leader of the Conservative essentialists, who recently attacked the premier in the House of Commons, must go or he will step down from office.

Sir George Younger's tactics have met with disfavor among the considerable section of the party, especially with Mr. Chamberlain and Lord Chancellor Birkhead, the latter publicly voicing his disapproval in a recent speech. In this connection some significance is attached to a report that Younger may resign from the house and be elevated to the peerage.

Meanwhile the government leaders are giving much time to the problem, and an early meeting of the whole Conservative party is expected.

"DAPPER DAN" HAS BEEN INDICTED

Allege He Has Been Landing Liquor Along the Atlantic Coast.

Philadelphia, March 2.—"Dapper Dan" Collins was indicted by the federal grand jury yesterday on charges of having violated the Volstead act. Helen Cromwell, said to be Collins' wife, was indicted on the same charges.

Collins was named in the indictment as the "mysterious skipper of the gas yacht Nomad," by which it was alleged, has landed along the Atlantic coast several cargoes of liquors from the British West Indies.

With his wife and three other men, said to constitute the crew of the Nomad, Collins was specifically charged with having imported 1,000 bottles of liquors from this country without a permit on Dec. 13 last.

The liquors were said to have been landed at Chester, Pa.

N. B. COAL OUTPUT 160,000 TONS. Total for Canada was 15,000,000 Short Tons Last Year.

Ottawa, Ont., March 2.—(Canadian Press)—The output of coal from Canadian mines during 1921, amounted to 15,000,000 short tons, valued at \$74,378,000 or \$4.97 a ton. This was 88 per cent of the amount mined during the preceding year, but more than a million tons in excess of the 1919 production.

Alberta led with an output of 4.8 million tons, Nova Scotia 6.7 million; British Columbia 2.8 million; Saskatchewan 322,000 tons and New Brunswick 180,000 tons.

Of this output 62.3 was shipped, 22.1 went to railroads for locomotives, 7.2 per cent was used about the collieries for power purposes, 4.2 per cent was sold for ships' bunkers, 3.2 per cent was put on bank, 2.6 per cent was put on the waste dump, 1.5 per cent was supplied to employes for domestic consumption, 5 per cent was used in the manufacture of coke at the collieries, and 4 per cent was used in making briquettes.

Included in quantities referred to in the disposal was 541,820 tons lifted from bank during the year.