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WARNING OF QUEBEC BRIDGE WEAKNESS CAME TOO LATE TO PREVENT DISASTER



View of Quebec Bridge Ruins, Showing Extent of Disaster on Landward Side of Big Pier—Figure of Man in Centre of Picture Gives an Idea of Massive Nature of Destroyed Structure.

MONTREAL, Sept. 2.—The sensational development in connection with the Quebec bridge disaster is the telegram of Theodore Cooper of New York, president of the Bridge Company, made a statement to the effect that no such telegram had been received, and that Mr. Cooper had never sent such a message. In this Mr. Farnell was in error, as a matter of fact Mr. Cooper did send this telegram, but it was sent to the chief engineer of the Phoenix Company of Phoenixville, Pa., and not to the engineer in charge of the bridge, as was taken for granted. It had been. The telegram was sent on Thursday and read practically: "Do not place any more load on Quebec bridge at present. Better look into it at once."

This message reached Phoenixville on Thursday afternoon. John S. Deane, the company's chief engineer, was out and the telegram remained on his desk until five o'clock, when he returned. A few minutes later N. R. McClure, the engineer who made the inspection of the bridge for Mr. Cooper and upon whose report the telegram sent by Mr. Cooper was based, arrived at Mr. Deane's office with full information as to the meaning of the telegram. Strangely enough it was at the very moment when Mr. Deane and Mr. McClure were discussing the matter that the bridge collapsed. Had it held out for 24 hours later, the awful disaster, or at least the terrible loss of life might have been avoided.

A New York despatch reports Mr. Cooper with saying that he had a message from Engineer Hoard saying that examination had shown that the pier were in good condition and that the fault lay in the superstructure. Mr. Hoard reported that the entire construction had collapsed, and that this made it in Mr. Cooper's opinion as if the fault lay near the main post. Mr. Cooper declined to say specifically what his inspector had reported to him, but said that the report did not cause him to believe that there was any imminent danger of a collapse. It only created the impression in his mind that it would be well to suspend operations and have a critical examination made of the work before proceeding further. The officials of the Phoenixville Company say that Mr. Cooper's telegram did not appear to call for instant action, and that anyway it was too late to order the men off the bridge for it would have been impossible owing to the delay due to the telegraphers' strike, to get a message to Quebec before the men had quit work for the day.

MONTREAL, Q., Sept. 2.—The funeral of eight of the Caughnawaga Indians who perished in the Quebec bridge disaster took place at that place today. Archbishop Bruchési attended, as well as a large number of priests, including Father Forbes, formerly in charge at Caughnawaga, who transmitted the remarks of the archbishop into French. The archbishop's reference to the catastrophe was most touching. All the deceased were buried in one grave in the Indian cemetery. Thirty-seven families in Caughnawaga were affected by the disaster. Forty-four children have been made orphans.

INTERCOLONIAL RAILWAY. SPECIAL FARES

—TO—
Toronto Exhibition.

August 26 to September 9, 1907.

Return tickets from all stations, Campbellton, and East, including the Prince Edward Island Railway.

FIRST CLASS ONE WAY FARE.

August 22, 24, 26, 27, 28, 29 and 31—Sept. 3, 4, and 5.

SPECIAL EXCURSION

FARES TO TORONTO.

August 22 and 29.

FROM ST. JOHN, N.B.

All tickets good to return, leaving Toronto, September 11, 1907.

19-5-12.

BOSTON POLICE ARE INQUIRING ABOUT W. B. BISHOP WHOSE BANK BOOK WAS FOUND THERE

Chief Clark yesterday received a communication from Wm. B. Watts, chief inspector of the Boston police force, telling of the discovery by Lieut. B. F. McDaniel in the back yard of his residence, 19 Warrenton street, of property apparently belonging to W. B. Bishop, the engineer who made the inspection of the bridge for Mr. Cooper and upon whose report the telegram sent by Mr. Cooper was based, arrived at Mr. Deane's office with full information as to the meaning of the telegram.

The man mentioned is apparently W. B. Bishop, traveler for Greenfield, Ltd., of Montreal, who when in the city makes his home at the Royal. Mr. Bishop left for Boston a week ago last Saturday on the Yale and must intend to return to the city immediately, as mail came to the Royal here for him yesterday. It is thought by some of Mr. Bishop's friends that he may be at present in Wolfville. Naturally the finding of his property has caused a little anxiety as to Mr. Bishop's whereabouts. The property found included a bank book with an account of \$3,564 on the bank of Montreal, two dividend checks of the Montreal Street Railway for \$1.25 each and three promissory notes, all payable to Mr. Bishop. The notes are signed by W. Green, 164 Duke street; Robertson, Trites & Co., and Byron Morse and are not for large amounts. A despatch from The Sun's Boston correspondent says that Mr. Bishop's name does not appear on the registers of any of the hotels for the past week, but that the police are working on the case.

SHIPPING.

Domestic Ports.

HALIFAX, N. S., Sept. 2—Arrd, str. Silvia, from New York; Rosalind, from St. John, N. B.

British Ports.

GLASGOW, Aug. 31—Arrd, str. Corbithian, from Montreal.

PORTSMOUTH, Sept. 2—Arrd, str. Annie A. Booth, from St. John, N.B.

EASTPORT, Me., Sept. 2—Arrd, str. Hattie McKay, from St. John, N.B.

Sid, str. Fleetwing, for St. George, N.B.

PORTSMOUTH, Sept. 2—Sid, str. Annie A. Booth, for St. John, N.B.

NEW YORK, Sept. 2—Arrd—Sch. Harold B. Cousins from St. John, N.B.; F. G. Smith from South Amboy for St. Andrews.

CITY ISLAND, Sept. 2—Bound south—Sch. Minnie Slauson from St. John, N.B.

BOSTON, Sept. 2—Arrd—Str. Numidian from Glasgow; Halifax from Charlottetown, Hawkesbury and Halifax; Sch. Canning Packet from Meteghan, N.S.

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Foreign Ports.

VINEYARD HAVEN, Mass., Sept. 2—Arrd and sid, str. Moravia, from Halifax for New York; Scotia Queen, from New York for Five Islands, N.S.

ALBANY, from do for River Hebert; Helen, from do for St. George, N.B.; H. H. Kitchener, from do for Halifax; Ethel, from do for do; W. H. Davenport, from Richmond, Me. for Port Chester, N.S.; tug Springhill, towing barges Nos. 6 and 7, from Philadelphia for St. John.

Sid, bark W. W. McLaughlin, from New York for Annapolis, N.S.; scho. Willie L. Maxwell, from Port Reading for Northeast Harbor; John Cadwalader, from do for do; Maggie Todd, from St. George for Lunenburg; from St. George, S.I. for Eastport; Minnie E. Moody, from Providence for Isaac Harbor, N.S.; Cymbeline, from New York for Halifax; Priscilla, from do for St. John; Grace Darling, from do for Windsor, N.S.

Passed, str. Wanda, from New York for Charlottetown, P.E.I.

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POSTMASTERS GET RAISE.

This Applies to the Country Officials.

New Rule Increases Minimum to \$36 with 50 Per Cent Increase over \$1,000 Revenue

OTTAWA, Sept. 2.—The salaries of country postmasters have been increased. For some time the postmasters have been applying to the postmaster general for an enlargement of their allowances. Hon. Mr. Lemioux has decided that the gaining revenue of the postoffice department and the increase in living expenses has entitled the postmasters to more pay. In the past country postmasters have been serving at a minimum salary of \$25 a year with 40 per cent. of the first \$800 revenue of the office—each year 25 per cent. on allowance from \$800 to \$10,000 and 15 per cent. on all over \$10,000. The new scale increases the minimum to \$36 with 50 per cent. of the first \$1,000 revenue of the office in each year, 20 per cent. on allowance between \$1,000 and \$10,000 and 15 per cent. on all above \$10,000. At present extra payment is made postmasters who have to be on duty after 10 p. m. or before 6 a. m. The minimum extra allowance has been \$5 and the maximum \$60, according to the time employed and the work done. The new plan for extra payment changes the hours to 9 p. m. and 7 a. m., adding an hour at each end, while the minimum allowance is increased to 15 and the maximum extra allowance to \$100. At present there is a forward allowance of 10 per cent. of the revenue of the office where the forwarding is done direct and 5 per cent. where the forwarding is indirect or through another office. The new scale is 12 1/2 per cent. for both direct and indirect forwarding.

A POOR COMPLIMENT.

Minister (on return from holiday)—Well, Daniel, my good man, and how have things been going on in my absence? Daniel—Dear sir, a' things been gaun bravly. They say that you meenisters when ye gang frae hame aye tak' guid care to send waur men than yourselves to fill the poost. But ye never dse that sir!—Punch.

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Our Sale Last Friday and Saturday Surprised Us Beyond All Expectations.

We feel sure the neighbors of the lucky ones will feel sore at missing such a chance. So to make everybody happy we will

Continue the Sale WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY

See Our Windows. To Miss Them Means a Loss of Money.

Every Man Should Have a Spare Suit. Now is the Time to Get it.

Men's \$13.00 Hewson Suits.....	Sale Price, \$7.75
14.00 " " " " " " " "	8.00
8.50 Canadian Tweed Suits.....	5.50
6.00 Wool Serge " " " " " "	2.98
10.00 Canadian Serge " " " " " "	6.50
14.00 English Black Clay Suits.....	10.00
15.00 " " Fancy Worsted Suits " " " "	10.00

The Lowest Price Suit for Wednesday and Thursday for Men is \$2.98

And the highest price suit in the store will be 10.00

Boys' \$3.00 2-piece Suits—good Canadian Tweed,	Sale Price, 1.98
“ 4.00 3-piece “ “ Tweed, “	2.98
“ 50c Outing Shirts..... “	38
Men's 65c “ “ “ “ “ “ “	48
“ 75c Galatea Shirts. Extra heavy... “	48
“ 65c White Dress Shirts..... “	42
“ 65c Wool Fleece Shirts and Drawers “	42
“ \$3.00 Pants—English Hair Line..... “	1.98
“ 3.00 “ Hewson Tweed..... “	1.98
“ 35c Braces..... “	19
“ 25c Neck Ties..... “	19
125 Dress Suit Cases. Worth \$1.75..... “	1.24