

EARTH THROUGH COMET'S TAIL.

SUN SPOTS AND HEAVY SHOWERS

Unusually Large Solar Eruption Noticed at St. Louis by Father Brennan.

Boston Alarmed by Fierce Thunder Storm—No Word from Official Observatory.

The comet came, the comet went, and the old world is no worse and no better and very little wiser. There was no collision as the superstitious and ignorant feared and now that the comet is headed away from us there will be no recurrence of the manifestations of terror that were recorded from all parts of the country and of the world.

Not did anybody suffocate from dead syanogen gas. Comet parties were held everywhere, in the streets, on roof tops, but for all that was visible to the naked eye, the tail of the comet was indeed "the vilest approach to nothing set in the midst of naught."

Accepting the estimate of Director Campbell of the Lick Observatory that the diameter of the comet's tail was 1,000,000 miles along the line of the earth's transit, it may be calculated that the earth in the passage encountered 48,000,000,000,000 cubic miles of the tail.

Prof. Campbell thinks the tail contains not more than a single solid particle of gaseous molecules to the cubic yard. It is a simple calculation to determine that on this memorable journey we encountered 265 sextillions of these particles of molecules. In figures this looks imposing, thus:

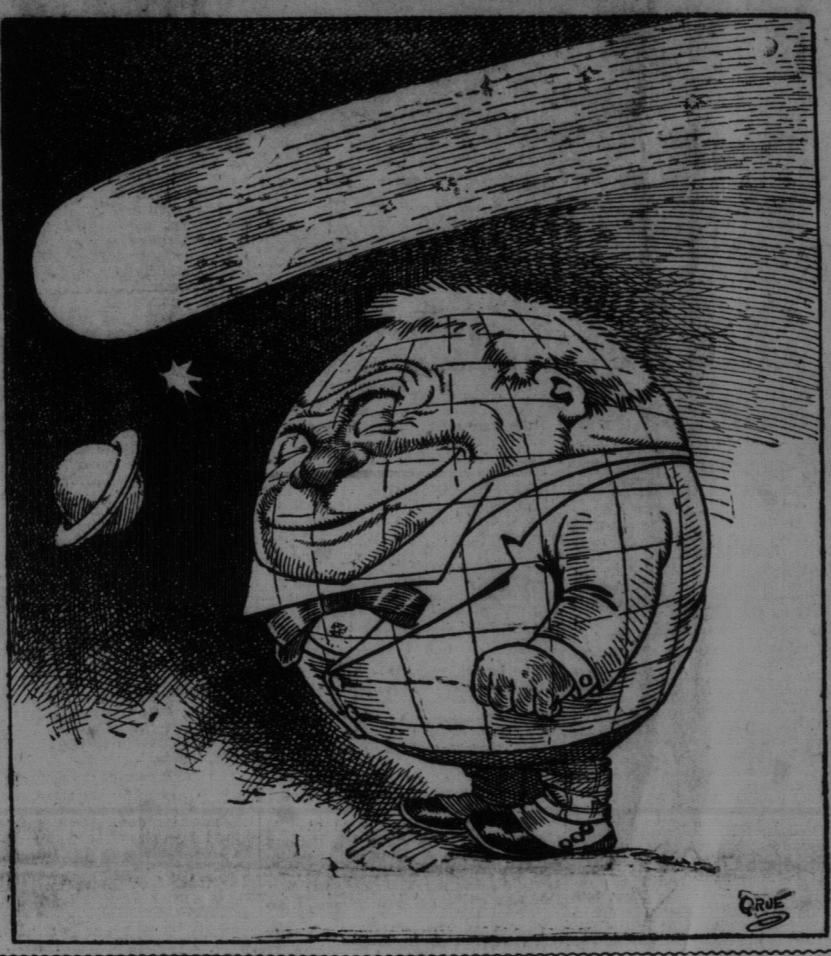
Quebec, May 18.—A special session of the Quebec diocesan synod was convened in the church hall this morning in answer to a summons issued by the late bishop of the diocese. The object of this special session is for the purpose of deciding the question of the election of a coadjutor to His Lordship Bishop Dunn, who has made the request for the election of an assistant. At the cathedral an impressive service was conducted and an inspiring sermon preached by Right Rev. A. C. A. Hall, bishop of Vermont.

It is anticipated that some difficulty will be encountered in the election of a coadjutor as some of the leading clergy and laymen of the diocese have declared themselves both orally and in writing to the effect that the best interests of the diocese would be served by abstaining from the election of a coadjutor altogether since the canon on the subject makes such coadjutor who will bear the title of bishop of Sherbrooke, the successor of the lord bishop of the diocese, and if left with the see vacant a better man could be secured than anyone who is likely to accept the position of coadjutor.

Boston, May 18.—That he was forced from the business by H. P. Hood and Son, who he alleged not only overpaid him to the producers, but that they even gave milk away to his customers, was the testimony of John M. O'Hara before the legislative committee which is investigating the milk situation at the State House this afternoon.

STREETS THROGGED WITH CROWDS LOOKING IN VAIN FOR SIGNS OF THE COMET

Never Touched Me.



Passing of Halley Comet Great Disappointment from Spectacular Standpoint.

Jupiter Received Much Attention from Local Star-Gazers—What Mr. Hutchinson Says.

Will Have Another Chance Friday Evening After Comet Shifts to Other Side.

In the opinion of many St. John people Halley's comet did not come up to expectations. They were out on the streets last night waiting for something to happen, but they waited in vain.

RECIPROCITY NOT FAVORED

Montreal Chambres de Commerce Comes Out Strongly Against Movement—Record Opening Of Belle Isle Strait.

Special to The Standard. Montreal, May 18.—The Chambre de Commerce came out today strongly against reciprocity with the United States, passing a resolution asking the government to pay no heed to the movement across the border.

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MAYOR OF LAWRENCE IS UNDER ARREST

With Chief Engineer, Major White Was Indicted By Essex Circuit Court—Local Policemen Served Warrants.

Lawrence, Mass., May 18.—Acting on secret indictments returned in a supplementary report of the Essex County Circuit, sitting in Newburyport today, officers of the local police force, assisted by a member of the state police, tonight arrested Mayor William P. White and Chief Engineer James A. Hamilton of the local fire department.

W. H. BANKS PASSED AWAY AT CALEDONIA

Well Known Nova Scotia Newspaper Man Succumbs To Sudden Illness—Editor Of The Gold Hunter.

Special to The Standard. Caledonia, May 18.—This community was startled this morning by the announcement of the sudden death of W. H. Banks, editor of the Gold Hunter.

Fredericton, N. B., May 18.—The fire department members held a special meeting this evening and decided to attend three tournaments this summer. They will go to Houlton, Me., for July 4th, running an excursion there by C. P. R. and they will also attend the tournament at Amherst, N. S., during Old Home Week from July 10th to 16th, and the Truro, N. S. tournament on August 24th and 25th.

SUDDEN DEATH OF MR. R. W. AMBROSE

Traveller For Imperial Oil Company Given Short Notice At Bridgewater—Was a Resident Of Amherst.

Bridgewater, N. S., May 18.—R. W. Ambrose, a well known citizen of Amherst and a traveller for the Imperial Oil Company, Halifax, died suddenly at Clout's Hotel tonight. He had been out fishing during the afternoon and returned early in the evening and ate a hearty supper. Shortly after having the meal he was taken suddenly ill and passed away. His wife and family reside in Amherst.

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Fredericton Firemen Plan Visits To Houlton, Amherst, And Truro—Discouraging Report Of Stranded Drives.

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Another paper said the comet would appear on Friday one hour after sunset in the western sky. The location is correct but the time unfortunately according to the almanacs is the exact hour at which the comet will disappear below the horizon.

PROMOTION FOR COAL CO. OFFICIALS

Special to The Standard. Glouce Bay, N. S., May 18.—Bulletins issued by Assistant General Manager MacDougall of the Dominion Coal Co. today, are to the effect that Mr. Alex. MacDonald for the past ten years manager of the Caledonia Mines has been appointed district superintendent of collieries Nos. 3, 4 and 6. John Casey, underground manager, is appointed manager of Caledonia.

LAURIER PARTY FACES DEFEAT

YARMOUTH IS ELATED OVER C.P.R. PLANS

Hears Report That Boston And Maine Will Be Taken Over By Canadian Pacific Railway—Steamship Activity.

Special to The Standard. Yarmouth, N. S., May 18.—In conversation with a correspondent today, a gentleman who resides in Boston said that the Boston and Maine railway system would very soon pass into the hands of the Canadian Pacific company. Yarmouth is elated over the now assured fact that the latter will practically control the railway and steamship business in Western Nova Scotia.

The people also believe that the New York service which the D. A. R. started a few years ago and which was abandoned, will be re-established. The steamer Prince Arthur performed the service but the ship was not large enough to give stateroom accommodation to all who required it.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, May 18.—Evidence accumulates that the Laurier Government feels very shaky on the subject of the next election. It is transpiring that it received a severe scare in the last contest; about midway during the campaign the inner circle felt very uncomfortable and it was by a variety of steps taken in the last few days that it won success.

Ministers to Spend Vacation in Desperate Effort to Stem Unfavorable Tide.

Last Election Was Closer Than is Generally Realized—Pugsley Weakening Element.

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MR. R. L. BORDEN HAS BEEN WILL

Will Be Confined To His Room For Some Days—Suddenly Attacked With Severe Illness On The 10th.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Ont., May 18.—Mr. R. L. Borden has been more seriously ill than was thought, and he will not be able to leave his room before the middle of next week at the earliest.

HOURS IN WHICH C.P.R. WORK STOPS

St. John Employees Will Quit Work At 9 O'Clock—General Holiday In Offices And Car Shops.

Montreal, May 18.—One o'clock in London, Greenway time, on Friday, is the hour set for the funeral and interment of King Edward. By special order of Sir Thomas Shaftness, the whole system of the Canadian Pacific Railway, including all boats and trains will stop for three minutes, as a mark of respect and honor to the memory of the late King.

BANK THIEF GOT 15 YEARS

Geo. W. Coleman Confesses To Looting Of Cambridge Bank And Receives Sentence—Kelliher Defies Authorities

Boston, Mass., May 18.—Of the three men who are held responsible for the robbery of nearly half of the assets of the national city bank of Cambridge, Geo. W. Coleman, the thieving book-keeper, confessed his guilt today and will serve 15 years in prison, while his alleged accomplices, Wm. J. Kelliher and Wilson W. Lockhart, defy the government and demand trial.

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