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COMPLAINT RE WEST END CAR HEARD

Mr. Mayes in Role of Lawyer Before Utilities Commission

MR. TAYLOR'S POINT

Brings Out That Personal Complaints Were Not Just as Set Forth — A Visit to The Scene—Likely Finish Today

Evidence was taken this morning before the public utilities commission in the complain made by residents of the west side against the St. John Railway Company, for inefficient service on the west side "loop" line.

Col. D. McLeod Vince presided with O. M. Melanson and G. O. D. Otty, and F. P. Robinson, secretary present. F. R. Taylor appeared in the interests of the railway company and G. S. Mayes acted in the role of counsel for the complainants. Mrs. Smith took a stenographic report of the proceedings.

After some preliminary skirmishing between Mr. Taylor and Mr. Mayes regarding the examination of witnesses and the grounds for the complaint. Mr. Mayes called Recorder Baxter and put him through a searching examination.

Recorder a Witness

The recorder testified that the car used on the loop line last summer leaked at times and he had on several occasions found the seats wet. Also during the winter months he had seen snow sifting through cracks in the car. There was a large crack in the floor of the car, though he was not sure the car was in use during the winter months. In his opinion the car was not warm enough though this was not due to inattention on the part of employes.

Cross-examined by Mr. Taylor, the recorder said he did not think the leak was caused by an open ventilator.

To Commissioner Otty, he said he did not see any necessity for an open car in the summer months as there were many very cold and foggy nights when a closed car was preferable. There was no discomfort from a closed car as the windows could be let down if desired. He thought, however, that the cars should be warm in winter.

S. Merritt Wetmore gave evidence similar to Recorder Baxter. In his opinion, the car on the west side loop was not as good as the cars on the main line service. To Mr. Taylor he said he had never complained to the company.

Mr Mayes on the Stand

Mr. Mayes then asked to be sworn and Mr. Wetmore assumed the role of questioner, though his services were not called upon to any great extent. In addressing the commissioners, Mr. Mayes said he was prepared to answer any questions the commissioners might put to him.

Col Vince remarked to Mr. Mayes that he had better tell his story in his own way and added that it appeared that Mr. Mayes had not had much experience in conducting court cases.

Mr. Mayes—"We have lost a lot of time in this matter and if we could afford it, we would have had a lawyer."

Mr. Taylor—"It's awful to be poor, Mr. Mayes, isn't it?"

Mr. Mayes, in giving his evidence, said he had complained to the company on several occasions but had received no satisfaction. He then recited what were, in his opinion, causes for complaint. He said he thought there should be an open car in the summer.

In answer to Mr. Wetmore he said the cars on the east side were far superior to those on the west side. It was like summer compared with arctic weather.

To Mr. Taylor, the witness said he knew of only one other person on the west side who had complained about the conditions.

Manager Hopper—"That person has already given evidence."

Mr. Mayes—"I don't think, Mr. Hopper has any right to interrupt in this way."

Mr. Taylor—"As a matter of fact, Mr. Mayes you are the only one of those signing the complaint that ever really complained to the company?"

Mr. Mayes—"Except one other I have referred to."

Mr. Taylor—"Isn't the car now in use fairly satisfactory?"

Mr. Mayes—"I couldn't say."

As to Complaints

Mr. Taylor remarked that although the names of S. M. Wetmore, Capt. Crossley, C. B. Lockhart, Rev. G. F. Scovil and W. O. Dunham, were signed to the complaint, Mr. Mayes was apparently the only one who had made a complaint to the company. The petition set out that the petitioners had complained several times without getting any satisfaction.

Capt. Crossley and Rev. Mr. Scovil gave evidence along the same lines as the other witnesses. Mr. Mayes said that as Messrs. Lockhart and Dunham were out of the city and would not be able to attend, they would not call any more witnesses.

Mr. Taylor asked the commissioners to issue a subpoena for an electrical expert and named Frank D. Vaughan as a suitable man. They would show by expert testimony that it was impossible to operate electric heaters in the cars on the loop line on account of insufficient voltage.

Mr. Mayes said that he had no personal spite in the matter but simply wanted to see a better service for the west side residents.

The commissioners decided to go to the west side and view the car on the loop line and adjournment was made until 2 o'clock this afternoon.

It is expected that the case will be finished this afternoon.

PORTUGAL MINISTRY TO GO DOWN?

Religious Question Prominent and Some Regard it Likely to Cause Defeat of Government

(Canadian Press)

Madrid, Feb. 28—The religious question has again assumed prominence and threatens the existence of the ministry which will be subjected at an early date to a furious attack by the conservatives.

The Vatican has sent another note to the administration. The text, it is understood, is more intransigeant than ever, making impossible all hope of agreement.

The ministers will meet on Wednesday to examine the text of the association's bill. It is rumored that the minister of finance, who is a moderate liberal, may not approve the bill and consequently will bring on a ministerial crisis. It is supposed that the tone of the Vatican note is due to assurances from certain influential elements that the religious question will cause the fall of the ministry.

THE MARKET SLIP

A Complaint from Captains of Lime Schooners and the Answer made to it

Complaint is made by some schooner men using the Market Slip regarding the position occupied by three schooners laid up there for winter quarters, it being alleged that they are so placed as to interfere with the hoisting and discharging of the small ones coming regularly with hay and other commodities.

According to Captain Leighton of the schooner Romanze the berth is especially valuable for the traders for the reason that there is but a small rise and fall of tide and it is therefore possible to work the vessel all the time. At the present time the Romanze, Eastern Light and others have to tie up at the lower or harbor end of the slip, where there is a fall of fifteen or eighteen feet. As none of the small craft have hoisting gear, it means that at certain times of tide, they are compelled to lie idle.

Captain Leighton said that, as he had been coming here for many years and was paying for his privileges all the year round, and he felt that he should be shown consideration. Captain Morse of the Eastern Light also makes complaint.

On the other hand, Frank D. Alward, collector of harbor revenues, explained that as there was little or no trading in winter he felt that it made small difference where the vessels were placed for winter quarters. In fact, during the summer season scows occupied the place where the schooners now are, and he had never heard of any complaint of their being in the way. This being brought to the notice of the schooner men they assert that the scows were further up the slip.

The schooners complained of are the Ida M. Barton, Pandora and Eskimo, and Captain Leighton says that if the first named was moved up alongside of the other two, the difficulty would be straightened out. It has been ascertained that the Barton will be out in about a week or ten days, so that in this case the difficulty will soon cease to exist.

TANGLE IN THE U. S. SENATE

Last Minute Report Says Compromise On Big Measures Has Failed

Stirring Times as Last Day Draws Near—An Attack Made Upon President Taft Truce After Fillibuster of 19 Hours

(Canadian Press)

Washington, Feb. 28—After a filibuster which had lasted for more than nineteen hours throughout yesterday afternoon, all night and the early hours of today, to prevent a vote in the Lorimer case, a truce was reached at 8.10 o'clock this morning, in the most sensational legislative battle of the sixty-first congress in the United States senate.

The Lorimer men, led by Senator Bailey of Texas, were finally compelled to yield by the tactics of the filibusters.

On motion of Senator Bailey the senate voted by unanimous consent to take a recess until 11 o'clock.

The main work of the filibuster against Lorimer had fallen upon Senator Crawford of South Dakota, who, with Senator Cummins of Iowa, had organized Lorimer's foes to prevent a vote. Crawford had been talking for eight hours and five minutes, and had just been relieved by Senator Bristow of Kansas when the Lorimer men sued for peace. As Bristow had the floor and was talking, by unanimous consent when the recess was taken he was left in possession to continue his speech on re-convening.

Although not so apparent on the surface Canadian reciprocity is the biggest issue. Senators Bailey and Cummins make a queer partnership, but both are fighting it through for different reasons. Cummins, is said to be restive under the lashing he is getting through the country for opposing reciprocity after the cause had done so much to lift him to fame during his earlier years in politics.

Bailey is at variance with his party, too, and there is speculation as to why he is against the McCall Bill, except his statement that he would extend its free list.

Senator Smith of South Carolina, democrat, spoke late last evening in favor of the reciprocity bill. He said Canadian food stuffs were an economic necessity in the United States, and gave the insurgents "a hot shot" by saying that the farmers who clung to the wheat tax put themselves in the same class with the other so-called iniquitous trusts and combinations.

Last night's sitting was the first night gathering of the present session, but reciprocity had little place on its bill of fare.

Senator Bailey wanted a time—some time—any time—fixed for a vote on the Lorimer case. Senator Cummins wanted the same thing for the Tariff Board Bill, and apparently he wanted it just as much as the Texan wanted a Lorimer vote. "It will be a test of endurance," said the Texan, and the Iowan appeared quite content to pit his powers against those of the leader of the Lorimer forces.

A report had currency yesterday that the republican opponents of reciprocity were trying to secure enough Democrat votes to defeat the bill this session thus avoiding an extra session, which no one really wants if it can be avoided, and then have it reintroduced in December. So far this plan is said to have failed.

Attacks President

Aside from the filibuster, the most sensational thing that has occurred at this session, the principle feature of the night was the vitrolic attack of Senator Bourne of Oregon upon President Taft. He obtained the floor early in the night and in a two hour speech flayed President Taft, raked him fore and aft, criticized his policies and motives and declared that the president used his vast patronage power to coerce congress.

The speech of Mr. Bourne was part of the plan of the anti-Lorimer forces to filibuster.

Complete account of the all-night filibuster was given to President Taft this morning.

The president was keenly interested. His two favorite measures; reciprocity and the tariff board were practically running the gauntlet and he was anxious to ascertain how they measured up in the sentiment of the upper house following the fight and the chances for an early vote.

The Compromise

A basis for the proposed agreement is understood to be that a vote will be taken on the Lorimer case at a fixed hour on Thursday and that at a later hour the same day a vote will be had on the permanent tariff board bill; that the amendment to the post office appropriation bill proposing an increase of the postal rates on the advertising sections of magazines will be eliminated and that still other concessions will be made. At one time it was suggested that an agreement might be reported by a division which would permit a vote on the Canadian reciprocity agreement with a pledge in advance, that enough members pledged to vote for the commercial pact would absent themselves and encompass its defeat.

The purpose of this suggestion was to avoid an extraordinary session if possible. It is not believed, however, that there will be any trade by which the Canadian reciprocity agreement will be sacrificed, although it is not likely that a vote can be had in the senate upon this measure.

Compromise Fails?

Washington, Feb. 28—When the senate convened at 11 a.m. it was stated that all efforts to effect a compromise had failed.

Senator Money, the Democratic caucus leader, stated that the responsibility for the final decision lay with the Republicans. Not even the president, he said, by threats of an extra session or otherwise could coerce the senate.

At 11.20 a.m. the senate adjourned until 11.50 a.m., to close the "legislative day" of yesterday and provide for the vote in direct election of senators, set by agreement to follow the reading of the journal today.

ST. JOHN ARBORICULTURE SOCIETY RECOMMENDATIONS

Help beautify your city.

Become a member of the society—annual dues $2; life membership $25.

Protect and take an interest in the trees.

Place window boxes with flowers in your front windows.

Plant vines and ornamental shrubs for permanent effect.

If practicable remove all walls, fences and railings from your property.

The society will bear part of the expense of purchasing, planting and placing guards about trees for members.

G. WEST JONES,
President.

THEY'RE PLOWING IN PRAIRIE PROVINCES

Springlike Weather and the Birds Are Returning

Winnipeg, Man., Feb. 28 — (Canadian Press)—Plowing has begun in many parts through the prairie provinces. Spring is generally in evidence with many birds returning earlier than usual. There will be a largely increased acreage sown as result of the American immigration.

ATTACK ON THEATRE BY AN ANGRY CROWD

(Canadian Press)

Paris, Feb. 28 —Organized disturbances were renewed last night at the comedie Francaise, where Henry Bernstein's "Apres Moi" is being presented. Both within the theatre and in the streets adjoining, the disturbances showed careful planning.

A party securely barricaded in a loge, set off fireworks, stopping the performance for fifteen minutes. Outside, a troop of municipal guards trotted up and down the square and prevented the rioters from forming en-masse. The manifestants threw sticks and brooms between horses' legs and one determined rush was made to storm the theatre entrance, where some comrades were under arrest. The troopers and police had difficulty in forcing the crowds back.

It was announced last night that the play had been suspended until Thursday, owing to the indisposition of one of the performers.

TORIES IN PRETTY ROW IN COMMITTEE

(Special to Times)

Ottawa, Ont., Feb. 28—"That is a deliberate lie, now where are you?" shouted Edmund Bristol of Centre Toronto at E. A. Lancaster.

"You come out side of this room to the corridor, and I will show you where I am," was the reply of Mr. Lancaster.

"Oh, shut up," said Claude Macdonald.

These remarks were made in the railway committee this morning, and marked the culmination of the most bitter row of the session. It was confined to Conservatives alone. The bill of the Western Central Railway Company was again under discussion.

THINK FOOTLIGHTS HAVE LURED THEM

Hamilton, Feb. 28—(Canadian Press) — The police have been asked to search for Ethel Curtis and Myrtle Jewell, who disappeared on Sunday. Their parents think they answered an advertisement for chorus girls.

LOCAL NEWS

HAS BEEN BROUGHT HOME

His many friends will be pleased to learn that Rev. W. E. McIntyre has been removed home from the hospital, and is considerably improved.

SLEIGH DRIVE AND PARTY,

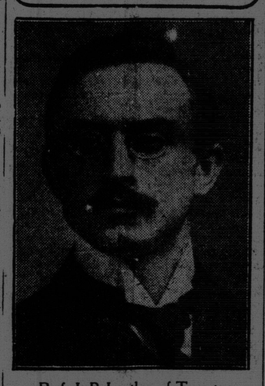
The united staffs of the Lyric and Unique theatres last evening enjoyed a pleasant sleigh drive to Brookville, and on their return had supper at the home of Wm. Trifts, of the Unique staff, Peters street. After a tempting supper, the merry party spent a delightful social evening in dancing and other diversions.

DIED IN BOSTON

No further details of the death of John Macaulay in Boston were received today. He left here about 23 years ago. He was in his 57th year and was a carriage builder by trade. A telegram telling of his accidental death was received yesterday by his brother, Alfred E. Macaulay, of 173 Princess street, but no particulars were given. Today at noon the body was brought here. Two other brothers, William in the states, and James, of this city, also survive, as well as one sister, Ada. Mr. Macaulay was not married.

PEOPLE OF NOTE

Times' Gallery of Men and Women of Prominence



Prof. J. B. Leathes of Toronto

Toronto University man, who has been made a Fellow of the Royal Society of London. This is one of the highest honors that can be awarded in the world of science. There are just eight other men in Canada who possess it.

THE DIVORCE COURT IN FREDERICTON

Death of Mrs. Thomas Monahan—School Teachers' Salaries Increased

(Special to Times)

Fredericton, N. B., Feb. 28—Judge McKeown presided at the divorce court today. The cases are Robert Clarke vs. Ella Clarke, application for divorce on statutory grounds—McLeod, K. C., files record; Maud K. Evans vs. William H. Evans—S. A. M. Skinner files record; George W. Galloway vs. Martha Anne Galloway—Crocket and Guthrie file record, Gregory and Winslow file appearance. The Clarke case was postponed. The parties belong to Marysville.

Hearing in Evans vs. Evans is now going on. M. G. Teed, K. C., is associated with Mr. Skinner and the case was undefended. The parties belong to Bathurst. The plaintiff and a Montreal detective gave evidence.

Mrs. Thomas Monohan died here last night after a brief illness from spinal meningitis. She was formerly Miss Rutledge, of Oromocto.

The value of goods entered at this port during February was $108,499, against $85,615 last year. The duty collected was $4,910, against $7,848 for February 1910.

The school trustees yesterday voted $1,339 for increased salaries to teachers. Principal Foster gets an additional $120 and proportionate increases are made to members of staff of more than two years' service.

John Giles and Donald Campbell are to leave for the west this week to engage in the hardware business.

Dr. H. V. Bridges, A. S. McFarlane, S. N. D. Simmons and F. P. Hatt will skip against the St. Stephen curlers here Thursday.

ARMED YJUTH IN SCHOOL WITH SON OF KING

London, Feb. 28—(Canadian Press) — Arthur Sweetman, seventeen years old, was arrested yesterday with a loaded revolver and a sheath knife, in St. Peter's school, Broad Stairs, where Prince Henry, the third son of King George, is a pupil.

Young Sweetman said that he had travelled with a sailor named Eseminger. He could not give a satisfactory explanation of his presence in the school, and was held for trial.

A DANGER THREATENS BASEBALL

Betting Syndicate in Kentucky Takes up Book Making on National and American League Games

(Canadian Press)

New York, Feb. 28—There were received here today by express from Kentucky, circulars of a betting syndicate which offers to accept bets on the outcome of the approaching pennant races in the National and American Baseball Leagues, and also on club against club series. The circular caused some uneasiness among the local baseball men, who were quick to denounce the scheme and it is understood that immediate steps will be taken by officers of the leagues to correct what they consider a menace to the national game.

Gambling has long been tabooed in professional baseball, and the feeling seems general that if it is now brought into the game it will be to the detriment of a sport that is now clean and wholesome.

Some persons attribute the new scheme to book-makers, whose revenue has been cut off by the passage of anti-race track betting laws. The syndicate announces in its circular that it is willing to accept bets of $5 or over, which shall be sent by express, telegraph or telephone. According to the "book" it has planned, 3 to 5 is offered that New York finishes first in the National League race, that the Giants finish second, 3 to 5 is offered, and for third place 1 to 4 is quoted. In the American League, Philadelphia is the favorite at 6 to 5 to win, 1 to 2 for second place, and 1 to 5 for third.

Years ago baseball came near breaking up because of open gambling. The layer of odds followed the teams about the circuit and openly made books in the spectators' stands. Players fell in with the gamblers and games were thrown. This brought the situation to a climax, and, seeing ruination of the game facing them, the club owners acted hastily and formulated stringent rules against betting in their parks.

Plan to Kill It

The scheme will be promptly and thoroughly investigated by federal and state authorities here and it is not unlikely that they will find a method of putting a prompt quietus on the proposed innovation. "There is no danger, whatever, that they can ruin the national game. While I do not care to divulge the course the commission will pursue, I say positively that this syndicate will do no business whatever. We can, and will stop it immediately. There is no question but gambling would ruin baseball. We will not allow it. I believe that after twenty-four hours have elapsed little more will be heard of any betting syndicate," said Chairman August Hermann, of the National commission.

JEWS IN SAD PLIGHT

Report From Tripoli Says 13,000 Are in Urgent Need of Food and Clothing

(Canadian Press)

Washington, Feb. 28—The poor Jewish people of Tripoli are in a desperate plight, according to American Consul Wood, who reports to the state department that there is urgent need for food and clothing for no less than 13,000 Jews who comprise about one-third of the entire population of the city, crowded together in one-quarter which is now infected with cholera.

The Consul reported the unusual fact that these people on the African coast of the Mediterranean actually are suffering from cold, which has thrown many of them out of work, and made others unable to assist their friends by reason of the failure of the crops upon which they depended.

FALLS DYING AS HE IS ABOUT TO OPEN LODGE

Sudden Death of H. J. Bateman, Noble Grand of Toronto Oddfellows

(Canadian Press)

Toronto, Feb. 28—When Hiram J. Bateman, noble grand of Laurel Lodge, No. 110, I. O. O. F., was about to open the meeting of the lodge in the new hall on Bathurst street last evening, he fell out of his chair. He was carried into the lobby and expired in a few moments, the cause of death being heart failure.

P. E. ISLAND SENDS TEN LADS TO JOIN NAVY OF CANADA

(Special To Times)

Charlottetown, P. E. I., Feb. 28—Prince Edward island's first lot of recruits for the Canadian navy, ten lads, aged fifteen to seventeen, left this morning for Halifax to join the Niobe.

Eight were members of the League of the Cross temperance society. This society turned out with a band to give them a hearty send off.

HEROIC WORK OF FIREMEN

Swing Truckman in Mid Air to Rescue Woman

THRILLING SCENES

A New York Apartment House Blaze Brings Out the Bravery of the Fire Fighters — Several Daring Rescues Are Made

New York, Feb. 28—Fastening a clothesline under the arms of John Stack, of Truck No. 40, several policemen and firemen lowered him over the edge of the roof of the five story apartment house at No. 302 West 121st street and swung him back and forth, about fifty feet above the street, until the momentum was sufficient to let him catch the sill and climb in the window of the fifth floor from which a woman and her baby were seen to fall back into the burning building.

Once in the room, Stack removed the rope and fastened it around the waist of Mrs. John O'Connor, who was lying unconscious on the floor with her baby, Ella, three months old, in her grasp. Laying the baby near the window so that she would not be suffocated, Stack told the men above to pull, and soon Mrs. O'Connor, still unconscious, was swinging in the air, and at last was hoisted to the roof.

By that time firemen had ascended the four flights in No. 304 and were at a window overlooking an airshaft four feet wide. Stack straddled the airshaft, with a foot on either window sill, and passed the baby then unconscious, to his companions.

Frank Quigley, twenty years old, made his way up through the flames and smoke filled halls to the O'Connor apartment, and discovered Annie O'Connor, eleven years old, unconscious from smoke and her limbs burned severely. She also was passed across the airshaft to firemen in the adjoining building, and was taken to the J. Hood Wright Hospital, where it was said she would recover.

While this was being done members of the ten families which occupied the building were huddled on the fire scapes. They were chiefly women and children, and were screaming loudly for aid. The fire had started on the fourth floor from a cause unknown, and the flames and smoke had spread up and down until escape by the stairs was impossible. Those living on the first and second floors were able to get out before the flames had gained great headway.

On the fourth floor Alexander Edelstein, his wife and their daughter were asleep when the crackling of flames awakened them. Mr. Edelstein discovered that the fire was in his hallway, just outside the door, and had gained such headway that his family could not reach the stairs. They gathered at the front windows and called for help. In a few minutes the men of Truck No. 30 had run up an extension ladder to the window, and the firemen assisted the three down the ladder.

Several other persons were rescued by the firemen of Truck No. 30, which is quartered opposite the building which was afire. The flames were confined to the upper floors and did $10,000 damage.

NO ANNEXATION; BUT NEVER WAR

Dr. MacDonald Addresses World's Peace Foundation in California

Riverside, Cal., Feb. 28— "Canada will never be annexed to the United States," said Dr. James A. MacDonald, of Toronto, at the World's Peace Foundation yesterday.

"Neither will Canada or the United States ever oppose each other in war. The peace that has lasted between our two nations for a century past will last through all the centuries to come."

The conference was attended by several persons of international reputation including Dr. David Starr Jordan, who presided, and sounded an international not in saying: "There is nothing of which the two great North American nations have a greater right to be proud than this boundary of trust and confidence."

NEW REGULATIONS FOR CANADA'S MILITIA

(Canadian Press)

Ottawa, Feb. 28—Militia orders announced to day that it was necessary that in future all recruits to the active militia must qualify in primary institutions in musketry, in most cases on the sub-target gun, before they will be permitted to use service ammunition on the ranges. In case a regiment goes to camp, this instruction is to be completed before leaving for camp. Musketry instructors will be appointed for each unit.

An individual prize is being offered by the militia council to each gazetted and efficient civilian rifle association for rifle competition this year. The prize is a nickel silver ornamental salver, ten inches in diameter to be known as the Dominion of Canada prize.

WEATHER BULLETIN

Issued by authority of the department of Marine and Fisheries. R. F. Stupart, Director of Meterological Service.

9 A. M. WEATHER REPORTS

Temperatures Past 24 Hours.

	Max	Min	Dir	Vel.	
Toronto	28	16	NW.	12	Cloudy
Montreal	36	-2	W.	20	Clear
Quebec	36	-8	SW.	14	Clear
Chatham	42	6	W.	16	Fair
Ch'town	40	14	NW.	18	Snow
Sydney	40	20	NW.	16	Cloudy
Sable Island	38	24	NW.	36	Snow
Halifax	48	14	NW.	24	Fair
Yarmouth	40	12	N.	18	Cloudy
St. John	44	6	NW.	24	Clear
Boston	50	16	NW.	18	Clear
New York	50	24	NW.	12	Cloudy

Forenoon Bulletin From Toronto.

Forecasts—Strong northwest winds fair and cold. Wednesday, fresh northwest winds fair and decidedly cold.

Synopsis—The Gulf disturbance has moved east and the barometer will now rise steadily. The weather is fairly cold throughout the Dominion. To Banks and American Ports, strong northwest winds.

Saint John Observatory.

The Time Ball on Customs building is hoisted half its elevation at 12.45, full elevation at 12.59 and drops at 1 p. m. Standard time of the 60th Meridian, equivalent to 5 hours, Greenwich mean time.

Highest temperature during last 24 hrs 44
Lowest temperature during last 24 hrs 6
Temperature at noon 9
Humidity at noon 51
Barometer readings at noon (sea level and 32 degrees Fah.) 29.89 inches.
Wind at noon: Direction, N. W. Velocity 24 miles per hour. Fine.
Same date last year: Highest temperature 44; lowest 38. Fog and rain.

D. L. HUTCHINSON,
Director.

FEAR GREAT LOSS OF LIFE HAS OCCURRED

St. Petersburg, Feb. 28—According to the official report of the disaster in the Gulf of Finland, of the 500 persons who were carried away on an ice floe, many have been lost. The floe broke into several parts, each bearing forty or fifty persons. In the break up many fell into the water and perished. Two parties totalling 120 persons were subsequently driven ashore. None of the remainder has been found.

Son of I. C. R. Superintendent

Quebec, Feb. 28—(Canadian Press)—The death of Donald R. McDonald, son of the late A. R. MacDonald, superintendent of the Eastern Division of the I. C. R., occurred last evening. He had been ill for some time, and had lately undergone an operation the Hotel Dieu Hospital.

THE TIMES' NEW REPORTER

WHAT THE STANDARD OMITTED.

Mr. Jamesey Jones says that he is disappointed in the St. John Standard. It cannot rise to a great occasion. Here is a proposed reciprocity agreement that threatens to shatter the British empire to fragments, and bury them in the uttermost depths of abysmal ruin; and yet the Standard comes out with the following milk-and-water declaration:—

"If the business men and loyal Canadians, who hate this measure as they hate death, will do their plain duty in every city, town, village and county in the dominion, even this government will be made to pause, and their supporters in the house to apply the veto to further action. It is up to the country now. Let those who have convictions make them known. Let public meetings be held everywhere and the peoples voice be heard. Otherwise worse will befall."

What Jamesey expected the Standard to say at such an awful time of gloom and peril was something like this:—

"Oh, sacred emblem of the free! Oh, spirit of a thousand years! Oh, memories of a mighty past! Is there no voice to cry aloud, no hero soul to stand undaunted and repel the fierce invader of our turnip patch. Shall the rich potato, warmed in New Brunswick soil, and nourished by the balmy airs and golden sunlight of New Brunswick, be saved from the potato bug to make French-fried for a Yankee glutton? Perish the ignoble thought! We are men. Let us arise. Garrison the cabbage garden. Kill every cow rather than that her milk should be converted into butter for a Yankee breakfast table. Set a torch to our forests rather than that a Yankee foot should tread a floor of Canadian wook. Spurn the traitor who would take a fish from Canadian waters to fry in a Yankee pan. Beat the war-post. Raise the flag. Swear by the beard of the prophet of North Toronto never to yield. If we fail to defend our heritage, may the brown-tail moth nest in our whiskers, and the fruits of our folly turn to ashes on our lips."

"Now that," said Jamesey, "would be something like a protest."

TWO THOUSAND VICTIMS OF PLAGUE A DAY IN ONE PLACE

(Canadian Press)

St. Petersburg, Feb. 28—Pei Chuanlintze, about fifty miles north of Harbin is being ravaged by the plague. The deaths there are reported to number 2,000 daily. The disease is raging at Kirin, Hulanchen, opposite Harbin, and at Bodune 100 miles southeast of Harbin.

this district. The foreign consuls arepreparing to leave. Troops have refused to march into the plague places and mar-tial law has been established. The Chinese emperor has reprimanded the Man-churian authorities for not having dealt more energetically with the situation. TheFar Eastern press is filled with apprehensions of a recrudescence of Boxerism.