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**FORMER ST. JOHN PASTOR
CREATES BIG SENSATION**

Rev. G. A. Sellar Walked Out of His Pulpit in St. Luke's Church, Chatham, Last Night and Resigned His Pastorate.

Chatham, N. B., June 15 (Special).—A bombshell was thrown into the Methodist congregation here last evening when Rev. G. A. Sellar, pastor of St. Luke's Church, announced at sermon time that he was resigning his pastorate. The announcement came as a great surprise to his parishioners. The opinion is expressed that the meeting will accept his resignation.

**ANGRY BECAUSE
SHE DID NOT DIE
CAUSED MUCH DELAY**

Woman Who Predicted Her Death for Yesterday Morning Was Still Alive Last Night.

Passaic, N. J., June 14.—Mrs. Anna Kiesel, who had predicted that she would die at six o'clock this morning, still lives to-night. With the passing of the hour which she declared would be her last on earth the woman, who has been under guard of physicians at the General Hospital, became sullen and defiant and absolutely refused to take food which had to be forced down her throat.

**ATTACKED BY CONVICT
Sheriff Knows of Piscataquis County, Maine is Badly Beaten.**

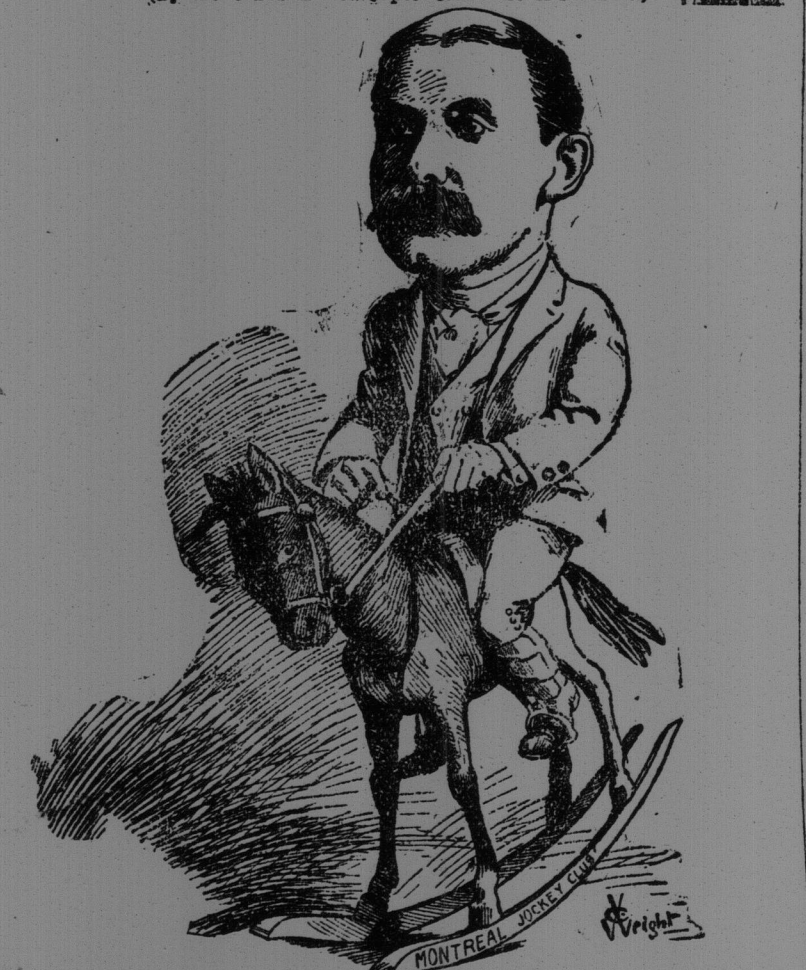
Dover, Me., June 14.—His skull fractured by blows from a slungshot in the hands of a prisoner, Sheriff James M. Knowles, of Piscataquis county, is in a critical condition at the all residence here to-night. Sheriff Knowles was making a round of the jail last night when one of the prisoners, Willie Green, felled him with a slungshot as he was passing Green's cell. The action of another prisoner, Harry Levenseller, a trusty, in running to the sheriff's aid promptly is believed to have prevented an attempted jail delivery.

Green missed four blows upon the sheriff's head and only desisted when Levenseller appeared and drew the unconscious form of the official out of range of the prisoner's blows. Green struck the sheriff by reaching through the bars of his cell. According to a confession which he said to have made his plan was to rifle the pockets of the sheriff after stunning him, secure his keys and effect the escape not only of himself, but of other prisoners. Green said that several other prisoners were in the conspiracy and that he had been designated to fix the sheriff. A physician who happened to be in the jail in attendance upon a sick prisoner, hastened to the assistance of Sheriff Knowles. The sheriff was found to be suffering from a fracture of the skull. His condition is regarded as dangerous. Willie Green is 17 years old and was being held for the grand jury on charges of breaking and entering and larceny. He will be arraigned in the district court to-morrow.

FIGHTING FOREST FIRES.
Stratton, Me., June 14.—Men employed by the Great Northern Paper Company were fighting a dangerous forest fire to-night in the vicinity of Bigelow Station. The fire has spread over many acres and has destroyed two small camps belonging to the company. The blaze was spreading rapidly last night and seemed to be beyond control.

**PROMINENT CANADIANS
PICTURED IN CARTOONS**

(By the Canadian Newspaper Cartoonist Association.)



Sir H. Montagu Allan, of the Allan Line of Steamships and Prominent in the Montreal Jockey Club.

**COST \$42,000 TO
GET NEW SYSTEM**

This is What Kenneth Falconer Got For Establishing a New System of Accounting in Public Works Department.

Ottawa, Ont., June 15.—(Special).—In the common this morning Sir Wilfrid Laurier, answering Mr. Borden's query as to what additional legislation might be expected, said that there would be some amendments to the criminal code, to the judges act, and the railway act. He did not explain their character. After some questions by members, to one of which Mr. Pugsley admitted that certain public works employees had not shown up on election day, the house went into committee on the bill amending the Yukon placer mining act. There were further lengthy explanations by Mr. Oliver which took up much of the sitting. Answering Mr. Blain, the minister of marine said that Kenneth Falconer, his accountant was to be paid \$42,315 for his work in establishing a new system of accounting in the department.

**SOCIETY WOMEN ARE
CAUGHT SMUGGLING**

Leading Society Women in Chatham, Ont. Discovered Smuggling from Detroit.

Chatham, Ont., June 15 (Special).—About twenty Chatham ladies, including some of the city's leading society women, have been notified by the customs department that they have been discovered smuggling from Detroit, and they will now either have to repay the price of the articles smuggled, plus the duty, or return the goods, else they will be sentenced to suffer the consequences. For the past few weeks reports have been at work in Detroit under the pay of Chatham officials. They carefully waited for bargain hunters from Chatham, and followed them around through different stores, gathering evidence.

**CARLETON CO. FARMER
HEAVY LOSER BY FIRE**

Woodstock, N. B., June 15 (Special).—Nelson McBride, a well-to-do farmer of the parish of Richmond, met with a heavy loss by fire yesterday afternoon. Three barns, two sheds and a granary with all their contents, including a large amount of last year's wheat, a valuable mare and all his harness, wagons, grinding mill, mowing machine, pump, etc., were burned. Two calves, pigs, and a highly prized dog were also consumed. The insurance is \$40,000. The origin of the fire is a mystery, as the boys visiting the barn in the morning and Mr. McBride in the afternoon, both found no signs of fire. There were no children around who might use matches. By hard work four horses were cut loose and saved.

**RESSENTING A SLANDER.
Patrick McGuey, night watchman at Stetson, Cutler & Co.'s, Indian town mill, was quite badly injured at the mill about 5 o'clock this morning.**

Mr. McGuey was on a ladder fixing a sprinkler when he lost his balance and fell 10 to 12 feet, breaking his right leg at the ankle and severely bruising his right hip. Dr. W. F. Roberts was summoned and rendered the necessary medical aid and the unfortunate man was taken to his home.

METHODIST CONFERENCE.
Rev. R. G. Fulton of Woodstock, Rev. J. C. Berrie of Gibson and Rev. G. M. Young of St. Stephen, came in on the Montreal train today, en route to the Methodist conference at Moncton. The ministerial session opens tomorrow morning and continues till Wednesday. The general conference opens Thursday. The meetings are to be held in the Central Church. St. John clergymen will go tomorrow and Wednesday.

**HIRAM MAXIM INVENTS
NEW NOISELESS RIFLE**

Inventor Gives Private Exhibition of Its Powers in His Own Home—A Wonderful Weapon.

Hartford, Conn., June 14.—At the invitation of Hiram Percy Maxim, inventor of the noiseless gun, reporters witnessed a private exhibition of the powers of this wonderful weapon at the home of Mr. Maxim in Prospect avenue. The inventor, who is a resident of the city, produced the "Maxim Humane Slaughterer," the name chosen for the gun that he proposes to use in the slaughter of cattle in stock yards. "Very frequently," said Mr. Maxim, "the blow which is dealt to the animal in the stock yards does not kill them, but merely stuns them. Now, it sometimes happens that the man with the iron maul hits an ox in the eye and simply maims him. The creature, or if it is only stunned when it is dumped bodily into the slaughter room, and the butchers have run for their lives. This gun is intended to slaughter them painlessly and end all this trouble. Other guns will not do this, because the noise maddens the other animals. "It is not the type of the noiseless gun that I expect to see used in the army. The gun which Mr. Maxim held appeared like an ordinary army rifle, except that it was sheathed with an outer barrel of aluminum. In this outer sheathing was concealed the silencer. The inventor loaded the gun with a thirty-two calibre bullet and fired it at a pile of a dozen magazines, resting on edge against the wall. The only noise heard

**FREDERICTON
SOLDIER WILL
BE DEGRADED**

Private Shields of the R. C. R. Charged With Theft Will be Imprisoned and Then Drummed Out.

Fredericton, N. B., June 15 (Special).—The annual High School entrance examinations are going on here to-day in the Normal School building under the direction of Principal Foster. There are eighty-two candidates, fifty-six of whom are from the city and the remainder from adjoining districts. Sitting Police Magistrate McCready held court for the first time this morning, being delegated by Col. March to try the charge of assault preferred by John B. Guter against Policeman Wright. Mr. Guter wanted adjournment to allow time to procure witnesses and on his request being refused he withdrew the complaint. Wright says that he found Guter loitering on the street corner a few nights ago and ordered him to move on, but denies that there was any assault. Solicitor General McLeod returned Saturday evening from a ten days' trip to the upper counties.

The nomination papers of John J. Weddall, who is contesting St. Ann's ward for the city council, were filed this morning. His opponent is Cornelius Kelly. Cedric, the youngest son of H. J. McGrath, inspector of masonry on the International, is here undergoing medical treatment for theft and attempted desertion, was this morning sentenced to six months' imprisonment at the conclusion of which he will be dismissed with ignominy from the service. It seems that he stole a value belonging to a member of the detachment of Woodstock Field Battery, which fired the salute at the opening of the legislature here, and afterwards attempted to desert, but was captured at the railway station after he had purchased a ticket for Halifax.

**BIG RUSH ON C. P. R.
Owing to Big Increase in Traffic Many New Train Hands are Being Hired.**

Fort William, Ont., June 15.—(Special).—One month ago money could not buy a first yesterday afternoon. Three barns, two sheds and a granary with all their contents, including a large amount of last year's wheat, a valuable mare and all his harness, wagons, grinding mill, mowing machine, pump, etc., were burned. Two calves, pigs, and a highly prized dog were also consumed. The insurance is \$40,000. The origin of the fire is a mystery, as the boys visiting the barn in the morning and Mr. McBride in the afternoon, both found no signs of fire. There were no children around who might use matches. By hard work four horses were cut loose and saved.

TURKISH TROOPS REVOLT.

Tangier, June 15.—Four thousand of the troops of Abd El Aziz, the Sultan, have revolted and taken prisoner a French commander and three other officers.

POLITICAL.

"Yes, sir," said the first politician. "It was a piece of British robbery. Robbery, I say, sir." "How do you make that out?" asked the other politician. "The money was paid as the nose on your face. Didn't our side lose?"

KING ALFONSO AT SARAGOSSA.

Saragossa, June 15.—King Alfonso and Mr. Cruppi, the French minister of commerce attended the commemoration to-day of the hundredth anniversary of the defense of the city against Napoleon's army. The king was exceptionally enthusiastic at the reception which was accorded him by the multitude.

BENGORE HEAD SLIGHTLY DAMAGED.

Southampton, June 15.—The British steamer Bengore Head which came amuck in Portsmouth harbor yesterday afternoon, carrying away a part of the upper works of the battleship Vanguard, finally grounding in the mud, is now in dry dock here. The damage to her bows is not considered serious.

A PLAGUE OF LOCUSTS.

Willensland, Island of Curacao, June 15.—The invasion of the State of Zulul in Venezuela, which the capital is Maracaibo by locusts, is taking on a very serious character. Fears are entertained that crops will be destroyed and that a famine may follow.

AN OLD HYMN.

Sixty years ago, in a provincial town in England, a hymn was frequently sung in which was the verse: "Ye codlins from the sandbanks leap And wag your tails about."

It used to be sung to the tune of "Old Nativity," and in the last line, trebles, basses, alto and tenors ran after each other exclaiming, "And wag your tails about."—Musical News.

over the statement that a Japanese spy was taking snapshots of the military parade yesterday. In his opinion, the man should have been arrested and his room searched. James has no doubt that he secreted in the trunk of the man from Japan would be found photographs of the battleship Vanguard, which the capital is Maracaibo by locusts, is taking on a very serious character. Fears are entertained that crops will be destroyed and that a famine may follow.

A SERIOUS MATTER.

Mr. James Jones is greatly agitated

**MONTREAL DOING
VAST GRAIN
TRADE**

Much of the Trade has Been Diverted from New York to Canadian Port.

New York, June 15.—The withdrawal from service of the freight ships of the White Star Line, and the complaint of the company that the railroads have so discriminated against New York that the grain of the country is being sent abroad by way of Montreal, will be thoroughly gone into by the New York Produce Exchange next Thursday, when its trade and transportation committee will submit a report on the subject which is expected to recommend the appointment of a committee to confer with the railroads. "New York should be the natural shipping point for the grain of the country," said President Ring of the Exchange, "and there seems to be no other reason for the grain being sent to Montreal than that the railroads are giving that port lower rates than they are giving New York. They are handling the grain and all the terminals are in good shape to admit of its handling. The railroads have plenty of cars and engines." Mr. Ring said that every thing that could be done would be done by his associates to bring back the business to this city.

**REPUBLICAN
CONVENTION**

Will be Called Together at Chicago Tomorrow—Secretary Taft Almost Certain of Presidential Nomination.

Chicago, June 15.—The convention to name a republican candidate for president of the United States is at hand. The gathering made up of representatives from every state and territory in the Union, as well as the more recently acquired island possessions, will be called to order tomorrow at noon by Harry S. New, chairman of the Republican National Committee, who will introduce Senator Julius C. Burrows of Michigan, as temporary chairman. Senator Burrows will outline the keynote of the coming National campaign. When his speech has been concluded, Senator Burrows will announce the important committees, including that on credentials and the committee will adjourn until such time as the latter is ready to meet. It is expected that most, if not all, of the delegates will be in Quebec during the celebration.

DELEGATES TO QUEBEC.

Ottawa, June 15.—The secretary of the Dominion Central Committee has received a letter from Asa R. Minard, president of the Canadian Club of Boston, intimating that the club would be in a position to present and represent the Canadian Club of Boston at the twenty-tenary celebration, Charles H. McIntyre and Dr. R. H. Upland, two former presidents of the club who will be in Quebec during the celebration.

ALEX. C. BERRY

Amherst, N. S., June 15 (Special).—Alex. C. Berry, aged 78, died at the residence of his wife at Amherst, this morning. Mr. Berry was widely known throughout the province and was for many years postmaster at Nappan. He leaves one son, Harry J., formerly chief agent of the I. C. R. here but now of Winnipeg. His wife predeceased him some months. The funeral takes place tomorrow at Amherst.

THE PHONOGRAPH AND THE PARROT.

(Rochester Post Express.)
The training of parrots has been greatly aided by the introduction of the phonograph, the instrument now being used to give a given phrase for hours each day to a roomful of the noisy creatures until they have mastered it. The various kinds of birds require various methods of training; the bird experts develop specialties and win fame in their exclusive fields for their accomplishments. Finally, the whole imitative of 20,000 is disposed of and distributed throughout the country, and the cycle is begun for another year that will bring something to the utilitarian who rules practical fowls for the market, and more to the sportsman who seeks game to shoot.

**JUDGE FORBES RETURNS
FROM TRIP TO THE WEST**

He Says Western Farmers Expect That Wheat Crop This Year will Reach 120,000,000 Bushels.

The Honor. Judge Forbes returned home today from Winnipeg, where he was attending the general assembly of the Presbyterian church in Canada. Speaking to a Times man he said he had had a very enjoyable trip. He went first to Chicago, then to St. Paul, Minneapolis, and up through North Dakota and on to Winnipeg. In St. Paul he met W. A. Kerr, who was at one time a student in Weldon & McLean's office here. He has been succeeding wonderfully well in his adopted home.

His honor was also present at the dedication service in St. Paul of an industrial Catholic cathedral, costing \$5,000,000. Among the notable clergymen present were the Papal legate of the United States and Archbishop Ireland. Speaking of conditions in the west, Judge Forbes said that west of Winnipeg the farmers expect to harvest 120,000,000 bushels of wheat. The judge saw some winter wheat that was two and a half feet high. The country looks fine, he said, and the people appear prosperous.

The judge said he was treated royally in Winnipeg. About half the people there seem to have come from the maritime provinces. He met W. H. Treuman, E. R. Chapman, the McLaughlin boys and many others. One of the most prosperous citizens of Winnipeg is that of Mr. Crowe, formerly of Truro. He has amassed quite a fortune. The Canadian Club of Winnipeg gave a luncheon in the judge's honor and he addressed the members, about 400 being present. "One thing that impressed me most," said his honor, "was the large number of young men that are interested in public affairs." A visit was made to the historic town of Selkirk which was founded in 1816 and many interesting places were seen. The weather in Montreal yesterday was intensely warm, his honor said, and he was glad to get home again to the city. The various matters discussed in the assembly were all very interesting and have been alluded to in despatches.

**THREE GRADUATES FROM THE
KING'S COLLEGE LAW SCHOOL**

R. W. Howard, W. B. Farris and J. Perley Lunney Will Receive Their Degrees of B. C. L. at Windsor This Week.

The Kings College Law School of this city closed its term on Saturday last when the second and third year students wrote their final examinations. The freshmen were through their examinations some time ago.

The graduating class is Renfrew H. Howard, B.A., J. Perley Lunney and Wendell B. Farris and they will leave for Windsor on Wednesday morning next to receive their degree of B. C. L. The dean of the faculty, Silas Alward, M.A., D. C. L., K. C., will also attend the exercises at King's College.

The young men of the graduating class are all well known and their future in the legal profession will be watched with interest. Mr. Howard, who has the honor to lead his class, is a son of the Rev. Samuel Howard, of this city. He is a B. A. of Mount Allison University and since entering the law school has shown himself efficient in all branches of the studies. He is affiliated with E. R. Chapman, now of Winnipeg. He will be known in as an attorney this autumn and will likely practice in the west.

Mr. Lunney is a son of Thomas Lunney, retired merchant, and has done good work since entering the law school and is the president of the students' society. Mr. Lunney may practice in this city. He is affiliated with W. J. Mahoney.

**VOLCANIC OUTBURST
IN SAMOAN ISLANDS**

Auckland, New Zealand, June 15.—Advisers received here state that for three nights beginning May 10, there was a remarkable volcanic outburst on Savaii, the largest of the Samoan Islands. The first eruption was followed by the greatest flow of lava in the history of the island, it being estimated at nearly three thousand tons per minute. Soon there was an almost continuous sheet of lava 8 miles wide and from six inches to six feet deep flowing down the mountain side. It destroyed the cliffs, destroying many native houses in its way, dropping into the ocean and causing an immense uprising of steam.

FUNERALS

The funeral of Mrs. Margaret A. Hutchings was held from her late home 224 King street, east, this afternoon at 2.30. Service was conducted by Rev. H. D. Marr and Rev. C. W. Squires, and interment was in Fernhill.

The funeral of Miss Bertha L. Traflet was held from her late home on Guilford street, West End, this afternoon at 3 o'clock. Service was conducted by Rev. Mr. McDonald and interment was in Cedar Hill.

DIED FROM HIS INJURIES.

Providence, R. I., June 14.—Swampy Johnson, a grocer of Pontiac, died at the Rhode Island General Hospital to-night from injuries received last night in a collision between an electric car and a carriage. Johnson was the second victim of the collision, William Carlson, who was with him, having died last night.

TORPEDO BOAT'S FAST RUN.

Newport, R. I., June 14.—The torpedo boat Morris, which took part in the naval tests in connection with the Monitor Florida arrived tonight from Norfolk. She made the run of 380 miles from Norfolk to the torpedo station here in less than 24 hours, including a stop of one hour to repair a pump and casing down to clean fins. This is said to be the record run of small torpedo boats between the two points.

DROWNED WHILE BATHING

Boston, June 14.—Eric C. Hopkins, aged 20 years, of 23 Manton street, was drowned at the L Street bathhouse in South Boston late today. He left his clothes on the bank and went into the water to swim and did not return. Manchester, N. H., June 14.—Joseph Zerzo, aged 19, an Italian employed at the tannery in South Manchester, was drowned in the Merrimack River late this afternoon. The body was recovered.

JUDGE PETERS OF QUEENSTOWN, AND MRS. PETERS SPENT SUNDAY WITH MISS PETERS AT ECHO HILL, LINGLEY, AND LEFT FOR HOME THIS MORNING.

Judge Peters of Queenstown, and Mrs. Peters spent Sunday with Miss Peters at Echo Hill, Lingley, and left for home this morning.