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TWELVE PAGES—ONE CENT

FOUR HOMES NEAR
FREDERICTON ARE
DESTROYED

Fire Causes Ravages in
Woodstock Road

Hon. Mr. Tweeddale Better
Today — Devoted Elections
— Announcement of Fred-
erickton Horse Races With
Promise of Long List.

(Special to The Times.)
Frederickton, April 19.—Four houses were destroyed this morning in Woodstock road and destroyed four houses with part of the contents. The owners and occupants were: Joseph G. Gorman, Angus Campbell, William McDonald and Orla Brewer. A fifth dwelling occupied by Mrs. A. Treadwell was threatened. The furniture was removed, but the house did not burn.

The fire originated in the roof of Mr. Campbell's dwelling, but in a manner unknown. A fireman driving into Frederickton about six o'clock saw the fire and aroused the people. There were no means of fighting the fire, which spread rapidly to the other houses, which stood close together. The structures were burned to the ground.

The condition of Hon. J. F. Tweeddale, minister of agriculture, is reported today to be considerably improved. He hopes to be able to resume his place in the house on Tuesday.

A resolution requesting the dominion government to hold a referendum in New Brunswick on the question of inter-provincial trade in alcoholic liquors is to be introduced by Hon. Mr. Tweeddale, and seconded by J. L. Peck, M. P. for Albert. On Saturday morning Hon. Mr. Tweeddale's condition had become worse and for some time it was thought that he would have to be placed in hospital.

The annual town election is to take place in Devon on Tuesday, but will be a mere formality as Newton Jarvis, nominated as candidate for alderman in Ward No. 4, has withdrawn to avoid making a contest for one seat alone. The entire former council will be returned by acclamation. The personnel is as follows: Mayor, Gilbert Hord; aldermen, A. J. McEvoy, Clarence Brown, Robert Forbes, George W. Ward, H. H. Plummer, W. B. Dayton, H. A. Malloy and E. J. Miles.

Chief Game Warden L. A. Gagnon has returned from Campbellton where three out of six charges of violation of the game act laid by the chief warden were heard before the magistrate. No decision was given in those cases, and the others will be heard later. Chief Warden Gagnon will visit other places in the province this week.

In the George street Baptist parsonage on April 17 William B. Lloyd and Alice C. Day, both of Chipman, were united in marriage by Rev. Z. C. Fairbank. They left by the evening train for Chipman, where they will reside.

Frederickton Races.
The Frederickton Trotting Park Association announces a programme for certain races to be held on the 20th and 21st of the month. The programme is as follows: 2:25 trot, 2:30 trot, 2:35 trot and pace, 2:16 trot and pace, 2:16 trot and pace, free-for-all trot and pace. There will be the largest amount of money ever offered in the maritime provinces for a certain race.

O'Neill has got in touch with a large number of stables and has the assurance that many will have horses entered. A considerable number of horses will train here. Stables expected next week are those of Dr. D. McKeefe and S. L. Rice of St. John, W. B. Fenwick of Bathurst, in whose stable is John A. Hal, 2:03 1/2, and who has signified his intention of sending his horse to Frederickton, and P. H. Rice of Fort Fairfield, Me., also expected to send his horses here. There will be thirty or forty horses training at the Frederickton track.

The track will be ready next week. Secretary O'Neill has submitted the list of names to horsemen at Woodstock and is awaiting a reply. Last year the Frederickton Association brought here Adios Guy. This year there may be some surprises along the line.

New Dredge Company.
It is announced here that a company will be formed to operate the dredge at Tanwan, now on Gregory's blocks in St. John and which was bid in on April 15. The new company will be headed by Frederickton people, also that the dredge will operate in the St. John river.

Mrs. Margaret Kelley, aged seventy-one years, died in Oromocto on Sunday after an illness with paralysis. She is survived by one sister, Mrs. John Ward, her nephew, James Ward.

Sniper Leaves Victims
Dying In New York Streets

Mysterious Shootings on East
Side Puzzle the
Police.

New York, April 19.—Three mysterious shootings on the east side during the last twenty-four hours, all apparently the work of an unidentified sniper, are puzzling the police.

Charles Gagnon, twenty-six, and Lamento Ordo, twenty-two, were each found dying early on Sunday in streets of the lower east side. Gagnon was lying on the sidewalk in Goerick street, with a bullet through his head, and Ordo was in a similar condition in St. Mark's place. Both died without gaining consciousness.

Patrick Hayes, thirty-two, was found lying in First Avenue, near 77th Street. He was taken to a hospital where his condition is reported as serious.

They Must Have
Their Passports

Canadians Going to Europe
via New York Otherwise
Inconvenienced.

New York, April 19.—Many Canadians travelling to Europe through this port have been experiencing difficulty in connection with passports. This has been due to ignorance of the passport regulations on the part of the travellers and a consequent delay of extra work for the officials here and considerable trouble and delay for the travellers.

The river here has dropped several inches since Saturday, but the water is still very high. Unless another rainy rain follows, no damage is liable to be done.

The body of a baby boy, apparently only a week or so old, was found floating in the water near the Four Corners at Monday on Saturday. The body was without clothing and was found floating in the water. It is believed that the child was drowned some time ago when the ground was snow covered. There is no clue to the guilty parties.

GERMANS MAKE
TROUBLE IN THEATRE.

Prague, April 19.—A band of Germans created a disturbance in a theatre at Koblitzka, southwest of Brno, on Saturday. The actors with knives, clubs and stones. Three of the actors and several of the spectators were injured. There was no guard of allied troops in the town at the time, but on the demand of the British consul, British troops were sent to preserve order.

A. Hoels, Russian Communist leader, was arrested at Marfouin on Saturday, according to an official report, and is now in prison at Eger.

Plan Revolutions
In Several Countries

Turkey, India, Egypt and
Persia Named

As Hiram Sees It

DR. MICHAEL CLARKE



With stirring rhetoric and bitter invective and with a keen eye for the dramatic, Dr. Michael Clarke, addressing the largest gathering ever assembled at I. L. F. meetings at the Labor Temple, in Toronto, assailed the protectionists recently upon four separate counts, and also advocated the formation of a new party—the Progressive Party, composed of an allied group of veterans, farmers, workers and all those desirous of the progress of dominion in the principles for which the allies fought the great war.

FOUND DEAD IN
A CITY OFFICE

Andrew Ferguson Had Died
During Night

Chief Clerk of Marine Com-
pany Here and Native of
Scotland — Coroner Porter
Is to Hold Inquest.

A shocking tragedy, which savors of the mysterious, occurred some time during the night in the local offices of the Marine Navigation Company, as a result of which the chief clerk of the company at this port, lies in the General Public Hospital awaiting an autopsy to ascertain, if possible, the cause of his death.

Very little is known of the circumstances. Mrs. Joseph Lewis, wife of the janitor of the old Bank of Nova Scotia building in Prince William street, in which the company has its local office, found the dead body in the office about 7:40 o'clock this morning when she went to clean up.

She found him beside one of the desks, resting on one knee and crouched against the desk with his head touching the floor. Life was extinct and the face was almost black, as though death had been caused by hanging.

In conversation with a Times reporter this morning, Mr. Lewis said that he has been customary for the unfortunate young man to be on duty until a late hour many nights on account of steamship work and when, last night, voices were heard in the office nothing unusual was suspected. About 10:30 or 11 o'clock there were several people in the office and a little later they were heard to go out and everything was quiet, and it was presumed that the office had been vacated and that Mr. Ferguson had closed the street doors as had been his custom when working late.

Mrs. Lewis was horrified at the sight of the body and immediately opened the office door in the early morning. She said that Mr. Ferguson was of a quiet character and a very likable young man. It is supposed that, on account of the position in which he was found, he had started from his desk and before he had reached the office door was stricken and fell where he was found.

Following the discovery, Mr. Lewis notified the police and Coroner H. A. Porter. Detective Biddiscombe and Mr. Porter soon arrived on the scene and the coroner ordered the body removed first to Powers' undertaking rooms and then to the General Public Hospital where there will be an autopsy.

Mr. Porter has also empanelled a jury and with them will view the body at the hospital at 6 o'clock this evening and adjourn until Thursday.

Very little is known of Mr. Ferguson's personal history as he was the only representative of the company in the city when no steamer of the line was in port. It is said that he was a native of Scotland and about twenty-nine years of age. He served the war with a Highland regiment and was wounded in the foot. He made his home in Montreal, where two sisters also reside.

Steel Magnates Are
Gathering In Ottawa

Meeting With Colonel Mor-
den Over Big
Merger.

(Special to Times.)
Ottawa, April 19.—Steel magnates from various points of Canada have arrived in Ottawa. It is believed that they are meeting here with Col. G. Mordecai in connection with the great steel shipbuilding merger of interests in Canada and Great Britain already indicated by Colonel Mordecai in a recent address here. No announcement was made this morning as to plans.

NEW CHIEF OF
C. P. R. HERE CAME
TO CITY TODAY

Takes Charge at Once and
Mr. Grout Will Leave on
Thursday for Toronto.

J. M. Woodman, who succeeded H. C. Grout as general superintendent of the C. P. R. New Brunswick district, arrived in the city this afternoon in his private car Quebec, attached to the Montreal train. He takes over control of this district immediately, as his appointment as well as that of Mr. Grout becomes effective today.

Mr. Grout, who has been appointed general superintendent of the Ontario district, with headquarters in Toronto, will leave Thursday to take over his new duties. In the meanwhile he will introduce Mr. Woodman to local officials as well as many throughout the district. This morning a large number of citizens called on him to extend their congratulations and also to express their regret that he is to leave their midst. Since his appointment to this district he has won the esteem of men in every walk of life.

Although he is C. P. R. first, last and all the time, he managed to spare a little time to assist in many enterprises and by his wide experience and general knowledge was able to impart valuable information on various subjects. He is held in high esteem by the entire staff of the C. P. R., who knew him not only as a superior but as a friendly man.

It is understood that before Mr. Grout's departure citizens will tender him a banquet in the Union Club. Mayor's Tribute.

"We will all be very sorry to lose Mr. Grout," Mayor Hayes said this morning. "He is a very agreeable man to do business with and his going away will be a loss to the city. It is possible that in his dealings with labor matters, Mr. Grout struck me as a man who had a sense of justice and was possible in an easy and amicable settlement of all questions arising. It always afforded me a great deal of pleasure to do business with him, and I shall certainly be sorry to see him go."

SCHEDULE FOR
THE BOWLERS
IS ARRANGED

The bowling tournament for the silver trophy, emblematic of the championship of New Brunswick and Eastern Manicouegue, will be held on the bowling alleys on Wednesday and Thursday. The following schedule has been arranged for this event:

Wednesday, April 21.
10 a. m.—Calais vs. Amherst.
10 a. m.—Y. M. C. I. vs. Fredericton.
12 noon—Y. M. C. I. vs. Black's.
2 p. m.—Calais vs. Y. M. C. I.
4 p. m.—Fredericton vs. Y. M. C. A.
4 p. m.—Amherst vs. Black's.
6 p. m.—Calais vs. Fredericton.
8 p. m.—Amherst vs. Y. M. C. I.
10 p. m.—Fredericton vs. Black's.

Thursday, April 22.
10 a. m.—Y. M. C. A. vs. Amherst.
12 noon—Y. M. C. I. vs. Black's.
2 p. m.—Calais vs. Y. M. C. A.
4 p. m.—Amherst vs. Fredericton.
4 p. m.—Y. M. C. I. vs. Y. M. C. A.
6 p. m.—Amherst vs. Black's.

In the evening after the last game a smoker and refreshment will be held in the Y. M. C. I. auditorium at which all the visiting bowlers, as well as members of the City League and Y. M. C. I. League will be present. A special programme is being arranged for the occasion.

RECOVERING
FROM STORM

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From United States.

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Despite the strong winds no reports of any serious damage have been received, although it is believed that the shore fishermen suffered some loss of gear. The weather man says that snow at this time of the year in Nova Scotia is not at all unusual. He points out that on the last day of April last year there was quite a heavy snowfall.

Blizzard in Western States.
Denver, Col., April 19.—Eleven west-coast states were in the grip of a blizzard which started on Saturday in Montana, according to reports reaching here last night. Weather reports indicated that the storm swept from Montana over eastern Idaho, Utah, northern New Mexico, northern Arizona, Colorado, Wyoming and parts of South Dakota, Nebraska, Iowa and Kansas.

The second day of the blizzard brought about almost complete paralysis to all railroads entering Denver and blocked the streets of the city. Only a few motor cars were permitted to be driven in the downtown sections today, by order of the mayor.

Denver faced a milk famine as a result of blocked rural highways and a curfew on milk trains. Telephone and telegraph companies reported communication out of the city improved last night but messages were still being delayed. The estimated fall of snow was one foot and a half with the temperature ranging from 25 to 27 degrees above zero.

Northwestern Nebraska and Wyoming reported blizzards in the grip of six years with no freight trains moving and much of the passenger traffic tied up.

COMMON COUNCIL
IN OVERALLS

This Is Suggestion of Com-
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H. C. of L.—Mr. Fisher De-
murs.

The adoption of the use of overalls to combat the ever-increasing prices of wearing apparel and to help reduce the high cost of appealing to public, was referred to by Commissioner Jones in the committee meeting of the common council this morning. People in cities and towns in Canada and the United States had taken up the overall vogue, he said, and it was possible that the suggestion be adopted in St. John. He suggested that the common council might very well consider the matter, and expressed keen anticipation in the prospect of seeing Commissioner Fisher arrayed in the new attire.

Commissioner Fisher decided to pass. He said that as his term in office was nearing a close, he did not think that the purchase of a suit of overalls would be a very great blow at the H. C. of L. No action was taken by the council.

SCHOONER FROM
HERE HITS ON
SWAN ISLAND

The American schooner Samuel Carter, Jr., which sailed from here on Saturday with a full cargo of lumber for New York, was driven ashore on the East side of Swan Island, yesterday during a storm and is full of water, according to a despatch received by Nagle & Wigmore, her local agents, this morning from Rockland, Me. A later report informed them that she had been hauled off and was being towed to Rockland. The schooner is 250 tons register and was in command of Captain Clark. It is not known as yet how badly damaged she is, but her cargo of lumber is keeping her afloat.

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Weather Report section with a small illustration of a person and text about weather conditions.

Have to work fast to get it done this week advertisement.

Law Committee of Legislature advertisement.

Weather Report advertisement.