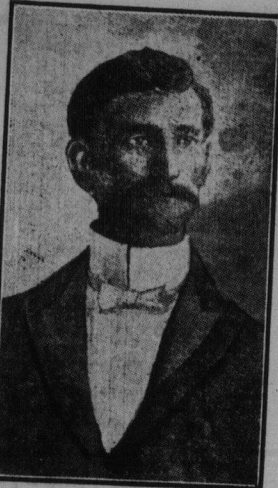


FRIENDS DALLY TO SUPPORT OF REV. F. CURRIER

Believed Now That Preliminary Hearing Charges, Will Be Discontinued At Today's Session.

COMPLAINANT WILLING IF MONEY IS RETURNED.

Woodstock, Sept. 1.—Staunch friends of Rev. F. A. Currier, many of them formerly members of his congregation, are standing by him nobly in the unpleasant position in which he finds himself in his efforts to sell land for fruit growing in British Columbia.



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that he represented them to be and say that he is willing to make good to a reasonable extent, any loss sustained by those who purchased lots and had failed to realize the amount invested.

Willing to Drop Case.

William Everett, who has been pressing the charge of obtaining money under false pretences, is said to be willing to drop the case under these conditions and a conference between representatives of the two parties in the case, it is believed was productive of some understanding.

Rev. Mr. Currier was very popular during his stay here and was regarded as one of the brightest of the younger ministers in his denomination. He went from here to the Neva street church, Winnipeg.

FASHIONABLE WEDDING AT ANNAPOLIS ROYAL

Schaffner-Willet Nuptials Celebrated Before Large Gathering — Bride Extremely Popular.

Special to The Standard. Annapolis, N. S., Sept. 1.—The wedding of Miss Agnes Mariel Willet, daughter of the late Lawrence Willet, to Roy Schaffner, which took place at the home of the bride this morning, was an event in which Annapolis, on account of the popularity and social prominence of the contracting parties, has been greatly interested.

The ceremony took place at 9:30 o'clock and was performed by the Rev. Thomas Suckling, B.D., M.A., rector of Cranville, and was witnessed by a large number of guests. The bride was gowned in white tulle and wore the conventional veil and orange blossoms. She carried a bouquet of bridal roses. Miss Grace Willet, sister of the bride, acted as bridesmaid and looked charming in a dress of white silk and carried a basket of roses and carnations.

After the ceremony a reception was held on the westbound D. A. train the happy couple left for St. John on their wedding trip, which will include the principal Canadian cities. On their return they will reside in Granville.

The bride's going-away dress was of blue tulle broadcloth with lace and white to match. The presents received by this popular bride were numerous and beautiful and testified to the great esteem in which she is held by a large circle of friends.

SUCCESSFUL OBSERVATION.

Cambridge, Mass., Sept. 1.—A successful observation of the eclipse of the moon was made at the Harvard observatory tonight. Observations were obtained of both the disappearance and reappearance of the planet and photographs were obtained to a large extent of the clouds obscuring the reappearance. Clouds obscured the reappearance of the planet to a large extent of the clouds obscuring the reappearance.

GREY RESENTS HIS TREATMENT IN FAR NORTH

Because Vice Regal Party Is Guilty Of Violating Game Laws And Is Held Up, Trouble Is Brewing.

TROPHIES OF CHASE ARE CONFISCATED.

Special to The Standard. Victoria, B. C., Sept. 1.—As an impracticalist, Viscount Lascelles, eldest son of the Earl of Harewood, is very much annoyed at the stupid dogberys of the north. The fine, however, is not an inconsiderable one, \$300 and costs being the limit for which the vice-regal party was confiscated much to the mortification and disgust of its members.

Inoffensive Member. Lord Lascelles is an inoffensive but valuable member of the official party representing His Majesty which is touring in the far north of the Dominion of Canada, who, in the course of the party, he has engaged there in his vice-regal capacity, is very much annoyed at the stupid dogberys of the north. The fine, however, is not an inconsiderable one, \$300 and costs being the limit for which the vice-regal party was confiscated much to the mortification and disgust of its members.

SUPREME COURT IS OPENED AT DALHOUSIE

Judge Barry Presiding At September Sitting Of The Supreme Court In Restigouche County.

Special to The Standard. Dalhousie, N. B., Sept. 1.—Supreme court opened yesterday with Judge Barry presiding. As this is his home grand jury and the barristers present. The following barristers were present: Mr. Teed, of St. John; Mr. Ernest McKenzie, A. T. LeBlanc, of St. John; James S. Harquail and W. A. Trueman, of Dalhousie.

There are three civil cases, Charles S. O. Crockett against the town of Campbellton for damages sustained on water supply from the town which ran his printing press, was concluded today. Mr. Oswald Crockett for the defence. Two witnesses were heard. This case was tried last year and Mr. Crockett won from the town, but on appeal the Supreme Bench threw out the case on the ground of excessive charges for damages fixed by the jury. A special jury was called by the clerk of the court, A. J. LeBlanc, for this trial. The two cases against the town of Campbellton, for failure to arrest and detain the police of Robert Crawford, chief of police, and James McRae against the same officer for a similar offence.

Not at Brooklyn. But by chance Mrs. Cook was not at her Brooklyn home, but spending the summer at Harpswell, Maine, so the despatch was received by B. R. Davidson, a friend of the explorer, who made its contents known with them flashed the good news to Mrs. Cook. Brief as it was it is the first news that she has had from her husband since March 17, 1908, when he wrote from Cape Hubbard on the edge of the polar ice sea on the northwest side of Ellesmere Land. At that time, he instructed his companion, Edolph Frank, then stationed at Etah, Greenland, with supplies, to wait there until June for his return, but in the event of Dr. Cook's failure to appear to proceed to America, he was to be directed, but as Dr. Cook failed to come back, he caught the Peary auxiliary ship and reached New York last fall. Since that time Dr. Cook's whereabouts have been a mystery, although members of the Arctic Club in the city viewing the situation optimistically, were inclined to think that he had reached the pole, despite his long absence.

MARIEN'S BAD MEMORY

A GOOSE TO ALDERMEN. Montreal Man Before Royal Commission Confesses That He Had Paid \$20,000 To Aldermen.

Special to The Standard. Montreal, Sept. 1.—A number of Montreal aldermen and ex-aldermen have reason to be thankful that Roch Marien has a bad memory. Today on the witness stand before the Royal Commission he confessed that in twenty years he has paid \$20,000 to aldermen and civic officials in order to secure the sale of horses to the city. Counsel for the defence insisted upon the details of the expenditure of this money, but Marien could not remember a single alderman with more success, for after a great deal of reluctance he confessed that one official had got about fifteen hundred dollars of his money, and with a little more coaxing he was induced to confess that the beneficiary was Ex-Chief Benoit of the fire brigade. Chief Benoit resigned about a year ago.

HEARING CONTINUED.

Van Buren, Me., Sept. 1.—At the afternoon session, Ben Levasseur, the Van Buren boss in charge of the sorting party of the St. John Lumber Company, testified as to methods used in sorting logs at Van Buren until tomorrow.

Dr. Frederick Cook Claims To Have Reached the North Pole

Dream of Explorers and Men of Science for Years May Have Been Realized in the Fruition of Intrepid American's Endeavor—No Official Word Has Been Received, But Despatches Received from Returning Discoverer Indicate That Goal Has Been Reached.

In Message Received at Copenhagen it is Stated That Pole Was Reached by Cook 21st April, 1908—Explorer Is Now On Ship Bound for Danish Capital—By Furnishing Cook With Supplies Canada Has Indirectly Contributed to Success of Expedition.

A SCIENTIST'S VIEW. Boston, Mass., Sept. 1.—Unless important meteorological, geological and geographical observations have been made by Dr. Frederick A. Cook in his discovery of the North Pole, Prof. Wm. H. Pickering of Harvard University, said tonight that the event was of chief interest as a sporting event in which an American won. Professor E. C. Pickering, director of the Harvard Observatory and a brother of William H. Pickering, said tonight: "I should want to have more evidence than I have thus far received before I should believe that the North Pole has been discovered. If the Pole has actually been located, it is of course a matter of considerable importance."

Officially Notified. It is understood that the Danish consul at Lerwick, where the Hans Egede remained for two hours, was officially notified of Dr. Cook's success by his attempt to reach the pole, but that he was bound to secrecy concerning the explorer's discoveries. Director Ryberg, head of the Greenland administration bureau, said tonight that he had received no further details of Dr. Cook's achievement before the arrival of the Hans Egede at this port, which probably would be made no steps on the voyage from Lerwick to Copenhagen.

Director Ryberg proceeded to the American Legation and informed the noted explorer, Commander Hovgaard, leader of various North Pole expeditions, was convinced that the message that Dr. Cook reached the pole was true, he remarked that it was strange that the cable whether or not there is land at the pole. It is the intention of the people of Copenhagen to give him a most enthusiastic reception.

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ANXIETY IS FELT FOR CREW OF HAVELOCK

Capsized Annapolis Schooner Picked Up At Sea Off Cuba—Details Of Disaster Are Meagre.

Annapolis, N. S., Sept. 1.—A great deal of excitement exists in Annapolis tonight over the report of the loss of the three-masted schooner Havelock, which was picked up at sea bottom up and towed into port at Nuevitas, Cuba. Some of the crew, who it is feared are all lost, hail from here, and the anxiety is increased by the facts that details are few and the owner of the vessel is known. Practically all that is known as yet is the fact that the Havelock which left this port on July 25th, for Savannah loaded with lumber, has been found at sea bottom and the crew missing. Her captain was Captain Gildert, of Lunenburg, and her mate is a man named Rafuse, who like the captain hails from Lunenburg county. The vessel is owned by Frank Pickles Lumber Co., of Annapolis.

MUNICIPALITIES OF NOVA SCOTIA IN SESSION.

Yarmouth, Sept. 1.—The fourth annual meeting of the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities opened here today with a good attendance, representatives coming from as far east as Sydney and as far north as Amherst. Many towns and municipalities were represented. The meetings will be continued tomorrow morning.

GOMPERS ADDRESSES CONGRESS

President Of The American Federation Of Labor Speaks Before Labor Gathering In Paris.

Paris, Sept. 1.—Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, addressed the International Trades Unions Congress again today. He denounced international strike-breaking and declared the systematic immigration of workmen in times of depression and strikes in other countries to be one of the greatest menaces of organized labor.

Conference Adjourned. The conference adjourned today to meet at Budapest in 1911. Mr. Gompers thanked the delegates for the courtesy extended to him. He was one of the principal speakers at a labor mass meeting tonight for the abolition of war. The feature of the proceedings was the sharp battle to expel a band of anarchists who tried to address the meeting. The speakers upheld their Spanish comrades in their revolt against the war waged in the interests of capitalists. Mr. Gompers said that in 1909 it ought not to be necessary to organize demonstrations in favor of universal peace; nevertheless armaments had increased and the burden was always falling on the workers. The meeting closed with the adoption of a resolution.

RESTIGOUCHE COUNTY TO NOMINATE TICKET

Conservatives Of Flourishing Section Already Preparing For Next Election—Intend To Win Fight.

Fredericton, Sept. 1.—A convention of the friends of the Provincial Government in Restigouche county has been called to convene at Campbellton on Sept. 14, to nominate a ticket for the next provincial election. This will be the first move for the friends of the Government in Restigouche are out to take Victoria sure in the next campaign. Provincial Secretary Fleming and Mr. Dr. Landry will attend the convention as members of the Government.

MCCURDY WILL NOT FLY WITHOUT INVESTIGATION

Ability Of Airship Must First Be Demonstrated He Says Before a Return To Petewawa Will Be Made.

Petewawa, Sept. 1.—J. A. D. McCurdy, aviator, today advised a local paper by telegraph that he and F. W. Baldwin are now at work at Baddeck and will make a thorough test of their new aerodrome before deciding whether or not they will make further trials at Petewawa.

SCHOONER FOUNDERS.

Special to The Standard. Charlottetown, P. E. I., Sept. 1.—The four-masted schooner, P. E. I., bound from North Sydney to Gapeau, sprang a leak about 40 miles off East Point, P. E. I., and foundered. The crew of six men took to the boats and were shortly afterwards picked up by Capt. Murphy of the American schooner Emily Foley and landed at Souris.

PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS AT TORONTO BURN

Ontario Legislative Building Visited By Disastrous Fire—Library Destroyed With Irreparable Loss.

Special to The Standard. Toronto, Sept. 1.—Fire which broke out in the west wing of the Parliament buildings at 1:30 this afternoon, totally destroyed that section of the building and caused a loss estimated at about \$750,000. At 1:10 the flames were seen burst from the bottom floor, Hon. Frank Cochrane, hatless, coatless and dripping with water, worked amid pools of furniture and documents with great effect. The legislative chamber caught fire three times. The first time it was noticed by Hon. J. J. Foy, who rushed in with an axe and helped extinguish the flames. In a short time the fire had worked its way into the library and despite the efforts of fire fighters, both regular and volunteer, it was entirely destroyed.

Premier to Rescue. As soon as the fire was noticed hundreds of clerks and stenographers started to carry out bundles of legal documents from the offices and the library. Premier Whitney, who was in his office at the time, superintended the work, standing in a pool of water, but it was fully 1:30 before the fire brigade was on the scene. By that time the roof of the west centre wing was blazing and in a short time nothing remained of it but the smoking rafters.

Loss Irreparable. It was one of the most complete and valuable on the continent and its loss will be almost irreparable. A cricket match was in progress when the fire started, between the Philadelphia Pilgrims and the Toronto Stars, but the fire put a temporary restus to the game and the players fled to the safe refuge of the library. At one time the physics, medical and library departments of the University were in danger, and a strong west wind was the only thing that saved them.

A good deal of adverse criticism was directed to the fire brigade. Premier Whitney stood on the steps, fully fifteen minutes elapsed from the time the alarm was turned in until the first fire brigade arrived on the scene. Fire spectators claim that the firemen's efforts were not directed to the best advantage. Neither Premier Whitney nor Hon. W. J. Hannr would make any statement during the fire, but the premier intimated that he would have something to say afterwards. R. L. Perot, one of the visiting Philadelphians, said afterwards he never saw a fire brigade, "was the only remark Hon. J. J. Foy would make. This was not a compliment.

By 3 o'clock the fire was under control. A well-known insurance man stated after the fire that there was not a cent's insurance on the contents of the building. There had been some, but it was allowed to lapse a month ago.

The loss is estimated at about \$750,000. The insurance companies interested herein are: London and Lancashire, London and Mutual, Manitoba, Etana Alliance, Mercantile, Merchants, Montreal, Canada; New York Underwriters, Guardian, Hartford District Mutual, Guardian, Hartford; Home, Law, Union and Crown; Liverpool, London and Globe, London Assurance Corporation, The Scottish Union and National, Sovereign, Standard Mutual Union of England, Sun, British-American, Waterloo Mutual, Calcutta, Western, York Mutual, Yorkshire Commercial Union, North-ern, Norwich Union, Ottawa, Phoenix, Brooklyn; Phoenix Assurance Company, Queen City, Anglo-American, Atlas, Queens Fire, Richmond and Drummond, Rochester, German, Royal, Connecticut, Equity and German-American.

The insurance on the Parliament buildings is about \$1,000,000. They were erected at a cost of \$1,250,000. The apartments in the building which has been destroyed are the library, insurance department, office of the registrar general, the offices of the municipal railway board, the sea of labor, the apartment of the sergeant-at-arms and those of the King's printer, Judge Morson, who was present the fire, estimated the loss of the library at \$500,000.

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