

John F. Timmins Named As Scott Act Inspector

Councillor for Queensbury was Appointed by York County Council This Morning by a Vote of 25 to 4—There was One Blank Ballot—Warden's Dinner This Evening.

The County Council this morning made the expected change in the position of Scott Act Inspector. Coun. John F. Timmins, of Springfield, parish of Queensbury, being appointed by a vote of 25 to 4, there being one blank ballot, to succeed W. L. McFarlane who was the only other person nominated. The salary was placed at \$500 per annum.

When the session opened Secretary Treasurer Bliss presented the annual statement of receipts of the Record Office, showing a balance of \$132.25 on hand after paying the recorder's salary of \$2,000.

This evening the Warden's dinner will be held at the York Hotel.

Secretary Treasurer Bliss presented the report of the St. John delegation who went to Upper Canada and elsewhere to look into the establishment of a prison farm and including the draft of a bill to be presented to the Provincial Legislature at the next session which he believed should be referred to the committee on the administration of justice.

The Secretary Treasurer also said that he had a communication from the City Clerk of Fredericton, stating that the City Council was sending a delegation to Ottawa to urge the necessity of dredging in the river and asking that the St. John Valley Railway shops be established here and asking the county to join.

Coun. Sterling moved that a committee be appointed to investigate the delinquent list of Collector Fairley of Stanley. The Warden appointed Couns. Sterling, Grim, Neil, McMullin and Everett.

The Secretary Treasurer read a communication from Attorney General Grimmer drawing attention to the necessity of the construction of a lock-up at McAdam Junction.

The Warden appointed a committee consisting of Couns. Sterling, Neil and Graham to take up the matter and report at this session of the council.

Warden Skene in so doing expressed the view that the facts as correct in the communication were correct and said that if it was impossible to have the parish establish a lock-up at the expense of the parish, he believed it would mean that McAdam would have to become an incorporated town.

Coun. Sterling wanted to have the matter looked into thoroughly, and thought that the committee could not well report before July. At Stanley a lock-up was also needed but he felt the municipality should bear the expenses and not the individual parishes.

Coun. Green also drew attention to the necessity of establishing a lock-up at McAdam.

The Warden said that he believed it was only a matter of a short time before McAdam would have to become incorporated. He also urged the committee to report at this session of the Council if possible.

Scott Act Inspector.

Coun. Sterling asked for information from the Secretary Treasurer as to the appointment of the Scott Act Inspector.

The Secretary Treasurer read the sections of the law. He said that when no term for the inspector's appointment was made, a two-thirds vote was necessary to replace him, but the inspector for York County was appointed annually.

Coun. Esencia moved, seconded by Coun. J. H. Noble, that Coun. John F. Timmins be appointed Scott Act Inspector.

Coun. Sloat moved that W. L. McFarlane be appointed and Coun. Everett seconded it.

Coun. Sterling moved that nominations close and that vote be taken by ballot.—Carried.

Coun. Sloat said that while Mr. McFarlane had made mistakes it would be hard to get any official who would not do so.

Coun. Esencia said that some of his reasons for seeking a change was that there had been as much drunkenness in his locality last year as in the previous ten years.

The result of the vote was announced as follows:

John F. Timmins . . . 25
W. L. McFarlane . . . 4

The salary was placed at the same figure, \$500 per annum.

Coun. Sloat congratulated the new inspector and said he hoped his report would show some second offence cases.

Warden Skene said that while Mr. McFarlane had probably done his best, the carrying on of the work was not satisfactory and he hoped to see some second offence cases instituted. He believed the late inspector had worked with the idea of having a good revenue, but he thought that what the Council wanted was to have the sale of liquor curtailed.

Coun. Green spoke in favor of the employment of "spotters" or "detectives," as the most effective way of carrying out the law.

The Warden then appointed Coun. Everett, Grant and Green as the Scott Act Committee.

Prison Farm.

Coun. Esencia read the report of the St. John City and County delegation who visited the Ontario prison farm and other institutions. The re-

port favored the establishment of a prison farm in St. John County and gave much information.

A vote of thanks to Mr. J. King Kelley, the secretary treasurer of St. John County, was passed for his kindness in forwarding the information.

Coun. Coworthwaite asked as to whether the county would have to pay the expense of the employment of "spotters" by the Scott Act Inspector.

Warden Skene said that under a resolution of the Council the employment of "spotters" was not allowed.

Coun. Green said he would like to see the Scott Act Inspector have more power to make seizures of illegally shipped liquor.

The Secretary Treasurer said that that was governed by the Scott Act provisions. The Inspector worked under the direction of the Scott Act committee.

On motion of Coun. Everett a license was granted to Henry Close to run a ferry at Springhill.

On motion of Coun. Sloat, a license was granted to Manassah Dunphy to conduct a ferry at Crook's Point.

On motion of Coun. Hugh Smith George Porter was granted a license to run a ferry at Meductic.

The Council then adjourned until two o'clock.

MEASURE AIMED AT
MAIL ORDER HOUSES.

Toronto, Jan. 18.—Mr. William Proudfoot, K. C., of Goodrich, M. P. P. for Centre Huron, will introduce a bill at the approaching session of the Legislature, at the instigation of the Goodrich Board of Trade, which will provide for the taxing of mail order and catalogue business done in all towns and cities by departmental stores situated in some other town or city.

It is proposed to make the tax equal to the average taxes paid by ordinary retail businesses. It is claimed that the business done by the large departmental stores through catalogue and mail orders is unfair to smaller local merchants.

ST. JOHN LADIES
ARE KEEN CURLERS

St. John, Jan. 18.—The death of John Sullivan, aged 80, occurred at his home here this morning. The deceased, who was a well known rigger, was a native of Ireland and in his early days took the pledge from the hands of Father Matthew, the famous Irish apostle of temperance.

Special meetings of the Common Council will be held on Monday to hear protests of Carleton people against increase in ferry rates.

In the first series of three matches the ladies of St. Andrew's Curling Club defeated the Thistle ladies by a score of 29 to 25.

Judge Forbes this morning sustained a judgment of the police magistrate imposing a fine of \$5 on W. L. Williams, charged with having two entrances to his saloon. The case is of interest, as a dispute regarding his right to the present arrangement of premises is of years' standing.

Miss Helen Morrison is visiting Miss Roberta Wisely, Mount Pleasant, St. John.

Plan to Provide Electricity for
Gibson, St. Marys and Marysville

J. S. Armstrong, C. F., Promoting Company which Seeks Permission to Run Pole Line in Those Places—County Council Asked to Appoint Committee to Make Arrangements

Mr. J. S. Armstrong, C. F., formerly of St. John and now of this city, is arranging for the formation of a company which will furnish electricity for light, heat and power in the villages of St. Marys and Gibson, and the town of Marysville.

The first public announcement of the plan came this morning in the shape of a letter which Mr. Armstrong addressed to the York County Council and which was read at the opening of the session of the council this morning.

Mr. Armstrong asked that a committee be appointed to make arrangements for placing poles and lines in the district referred to and the committee will be appointed before the semi-annual session of the council is finished.

Mr. Armstrong when asked as to his plans said that they had not reached that stage of perfection where he was in a position to make any statement.

The Warden-elect



ALEXANDER SKENE.

Warden-elect Alex. Skene was born at York Mills, parish of Manners-Sutton, 39 years ago, and is a son of Mr. James Skene, who for a number of years was engaged in the manufacture of wooden goods there.

Twelve years ago the new warden located at McAdam Junction and has by hard work and close attention to business built up for himself a large and profitable trade at his general store at the thriving railway centre.

Warden-elect Skene has always taken an active interest in municipal affairs and for the past six years has represented the parish of McAdam at the York County Council.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION MET

Board of Trade Objects to Proposed Rates for Electric Power

The application made by the Fredericton Gas Light Company to the Board of Commissioners of the Public Utilities Commission was heard in the Clerk of the Board's office at the Parliament Building this morning.

Mr. J. S. Armstrong was acting secretary of the board in place of Mr. F. Robinson, who is at Ottawa, and among others present were Messrs. McLeod Vince K. C., G. O. G. Dickson, and F. Melanson of the Public Utilities Commission, L. S. Morrison and H. D. White of the Gas Light Co., and G. Y. Dibble, J. W. McCready, P. B. Edgecombe and A. R. Sillip, M. P. P. of the Board of Trade.

The representatives of the Fredericton Board of Trade objected to the proposal made by the Gas Light Co., and stated that the company should show that the charges were reasonable. The Board decided that the parties opposing the application of the schedule as set forth by the Gas Light Company, must specify and approve their objections.

After some discussion the chairman, Dr. McLeod Vince, announced that the hearing on the application of the Gas Light Company for approval of their schedule of power charges was adjourned until April 18th.

STEAMER FLOATED.

St. John, Jan. 18.—Wm. Thomson & Co. received word this morning that their steamer, Treble, which grounded on Cape Lookout Shoals, was floated early this morning and will proceed to Norfolk for repairs.

At the annual meeting held yesterday the St. John Pilot Commissioners decided to recommend to the Department of Marine that pilotage rates for harbor transfers be reduced.

Hardware Men Were Victors.

The Hardware team defeated the Queen Hotel bowling team at the Queen Hotel Alleys last evening by twenty-seven pins.

SIR EDWARD GREY LIKELY TO BE MADE THE SCAPEGOAT

Radicals Much Displeased with the Foreign Policy of the Government

AMBASSADOR BRYCE'S NAME MENTIONED

As Probable Successor if Government is Forced to Make Change

New York, Jan. 18.—A London cable says the Liberal discontent with Sir Edward Grey has already reached a point where his successor is already being discussed, and according to the London correspondent of the Liverpool Post, it is suggested that James Bryce be brought from Washington and put in charge of the foreign office.

A straw showing which way the wind blows is the necessity Sir Edward has felt of dealing through his secretaries that his policy is "aggressive or inspired by antagonism to Germany." Under ordinary circumstances, a foreign secretary would have disdained to notice such a charge.

Several London papers today have articles pointing out that Sir Edward Grey's policy is becoming more and more distasteful to the supporters of the government and many influential Radicals are calling for a change in the foreign secretariatship.

NEW APPOINTMENTS.

Many Positions Filled by the Provincial Government and Appointments Gazetted.

The following provincial appointments were gazetted:

York Co.—John L. McGibbon, to be a justice of the peace, and Claud D. Clayton, Marysville, to be a commissioner for taking affidavits to be read in the Supreme Court.

Victoria Co.—Alvin A. Lounsbury, of Steeves Mountain, to be a justice of the peace.

Kings Co.—David Proudfoot and M. W. Freeze to be justices of the peace. Maria W. Freeze to be a stipendiary or justice magistrate for the County of Kings to hold his court in the parish of Springfield.

Burpee W. Alward, to be a labor act commissioner for the parish of Havelock, in place of Osvel N. Price, removed from the county, and Fred Alward of Havelock, to be a commissioner for taking affidavits to be read in the Supreme Court.

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Albert Co.—Isaiah Steeves, of Lower Coverdale, to be a justice of the peace.

Madawaska Co.—Urbald Beaulieu to be a member of the board of liquor license commissioners for the town of Edmundston in the place of Dr. LaPorte, resigned.

Victoria Co.—Charles J. Jensen to be an additional labor act commissioner for the parish of Drummond.

Carleton Co.—Mrs. Bella F. Leong, of Bristol, and Ercell Belyea, of Coldstream, to be issuers of marriage licenses.

Charlotte Co.—Frank N. Thomas to be a justice of the peace.

THE BOARD OF TRADE

Will Ask City Council to State Policy for Assistance of New Industries

A meeting of the executive council of the Board of Trade was held in the Mayor's Office at the City Hall last evening. Several new members were admitted to the executive and before long a canvass of the city will be made for additional members. The Board now has a membership of over one hundred and it is thought that this can be doubled by a strenuous campaign.

A committee was appointed and will go before the City Council, probably at their next meeting, to find out what inducements, such as exemption from taxation, etc., the city will offer to firms or industries who might locate here.

A committee was also appointed to draw up a memorial in regard to the St. John River dredging, permanent wharves and the Valley Railway car shops, and will have this ready, to be sent with the delegates from this city to Ottawa.

Secretary H. S. Campbell stated this morning that it had been practically assured that within a year's time the Gibson to Minto Railway would be in operation, and the Eel River Light, Heat and Power Company would furnish power to this city.

It was also planned to make arrangements for a vigorous advertising campaign as soon as possible. The executive council of the Board will meet on next Wednesday evening.

Mr. E. A. Smith, of St. John, registered at the Barker House.

Mr. O. M. Melanson, of Shediac, is at the Barker House.

Population of Turkey Is Ripe for Rebellion

The New Premier of France



M. RAYMOND POINCARÉ.

Mons. Raymond Poincaré, the new French Premier, is one of the most distinguished and perhaps the most versatile figures in French political life. He is a lawyer, philosopher, artist, writer and parliamentarian, and is a member of the French Academy. He is fifty-two years old and received his first appointment as a minister when he was thirty-three. He served several times in various cabinets and twice declined the honor of leading the Cabinet. He is a fearless exponent of truth.

Aged Woman Found Frozen to Death In Her Door-Yard in York County

Mrs. William Atherton's Stiffened Body Found in Dumfries by Men who were Shovelling Out the Roads This Week—Had Been Seized with Fainting Spell on Monday

Mrs. William Atherton, an aged widow and one of the best known residents of Dumfries, was found dead in a snow bank in the door yard of her home this week.

Mrs. Atherton's husband died about fourteen or fifteen years ago and since then she had lived alone. Mr. Samuel Davidson and other neighbors doing all in their power, however, to make the old lady as comfortable as possible.

It is believed while in the doorway on Monday Mrs. Atherton was seized with a fainting attack, of which she was subject, and fell to the ground. Whether she recovered consciousness is, of course, unknown, but it is said she was frozen to death.

On Tuesday a party of men, including Mr. Davidson, were shovelling out the road when they started to shovel their way to Mrs. Atherton's house to find out how she was getting along. They were surprised and horrified when they came upon her stiffened body in one of the large snowbanks.

The late Mrs. Atherton was aged about eighty and had no near relatives survive. Mr. T. W. Fraser, of Prince William, being a nephew and one of the nearest relatives. The sad tragedy cast a gloom over the community in which Mrs. Atherton was so well known and generally beloved. The funeral took place yesterday and it was only today that friends in this city learned of Mrs. Atherton's tragic death.

38 DROWNED IN WRECK STEAMER

British Vessel Went on Dangerous Rocks on Coast of Aberdeenshire, Scotland

Aberdeen, Scotland, Jan. 18.—The British steamer Wistow Hall was wrecked this morning on the Bullers of Buchan, a group of dangerous rocks off the coast of Aberdeenshire. Thirty-eight of her crew were drowned. 35 of them went down with the ship, and five others clung to the wreckage, but only two of them succeeded in reaching shore. The sea was so huge that it was impossible to launch a life boat. The life boat crew of the village of Bullers tried several times to put out to sea, but their craft was hurled back onto the shore. Most of the drowned sailors were Lascars. The Wistow Hall was a vessel of 2,130 tons and was built at Greenock, Scotland, in 1890. She was owned by the Hall Line of Liverpool.

THE VALLEY RAILWAY.

First Call for Tenders for Construction Work Will Be Made About February 15th.

The St. John & Quebec Railway Company will make their first call for tenders for construction work on the St. John Valley Railway about the middle of February.

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Conditions Have Not Improved Since Sultan Was Deposed

LAWLESSNESS IS PREVALENT

Foreign Interests Anxious to See Close of Hostilities With Italy

London, Jan. 18.—The reports of special correspondents in Macedonia and other parts of Turkey describe in the most gloomy strain the condition of affairs throughout Turkey generally. According to one writer, Macedonia is in a state of anarchy. The conditions at the present moment are even worse than they were under the rule of Sultan Abdul Hamid. There is a complete absence of security for life and property, and the authorities appear to be unable to put any check on the prevailing lawlessness.

Another special correspondent says that a similar state of affairs exists in northern Urubian, and that the first outbreak may be expected to occur in that region. The condition of unrest in Turkey is fully realized by the European populace, who are anxious to bring about a cessation of hostilities between Turkey and Italy, before the season is sufficiently advanced for the Macedonians and Albanians to begin their campaign of guerrilla warfare. The whole country from the Aegean Sea to the Adriatic is ripe for rebellion.

Bulgaria and Greece, however, are maintaining the most correct attitude in their relations with Turkey.

TRAM CONCESSIONS TO HALIFAX CITY

Halifax, N. S., Jan. 18.—The finance committee of the City Council yesterday considered a scheme of the chairman, Alderman Whitman, whereby the present exclusive charter of the Halifax Tram Company, which expires in 1915, should be made perpetual by concessions from the company. It is proposed to limit the dividend on common stock to eight per cent, to allow four per cent, for extensions and improvements, and to require a division of net profits in addition to what the city now gets from the company. The common stock is \$1,400,000. The bonds amount to \$600,000. The new scheme would give the city from \$15,000 to \$25,000 additional revenue. It is also proposed to limit the capitalization to present figures, to prevent watering of the stock. The scheme will be presented to the city council tonight.

BOMB THROWERS WERE STRANGLED

Pekin, Jan. 18.—The three men who were arrested after they had thrown the bomb at the carriage of Premier Yuan Shi Kai were executed this morning, when they were strangled by the public executioner.

Premier Yuan Shi Kai will today the memorial rites for the captain of the escort, who was killed yesterday from the splinter of the bomb. The Premier has been granted three days leave ostensibly on account of indisposition arising from the indignity caused by the attempt on his life. It is thought, however, that a real reason is that he does not desire to attend the conference of the Empress Dowager and the Princes of the Imperial Clan on the question of the abdication at the Imperial Palace tomorrow.

Seven of the Mongolian princes persist in their determination to oppose abdication and stand firmly against the idea of a republic.

BUTTER FAMINE AT NEW YORK NOW

New York, Jan. 18.—Butter at 60 cents retail within a few days, with indications that it will go higher still, is prophesied by wholesalers here, who profess themselves unable to supply the demand even at a considerable premium above the present wholesale price of forty-two cents.

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