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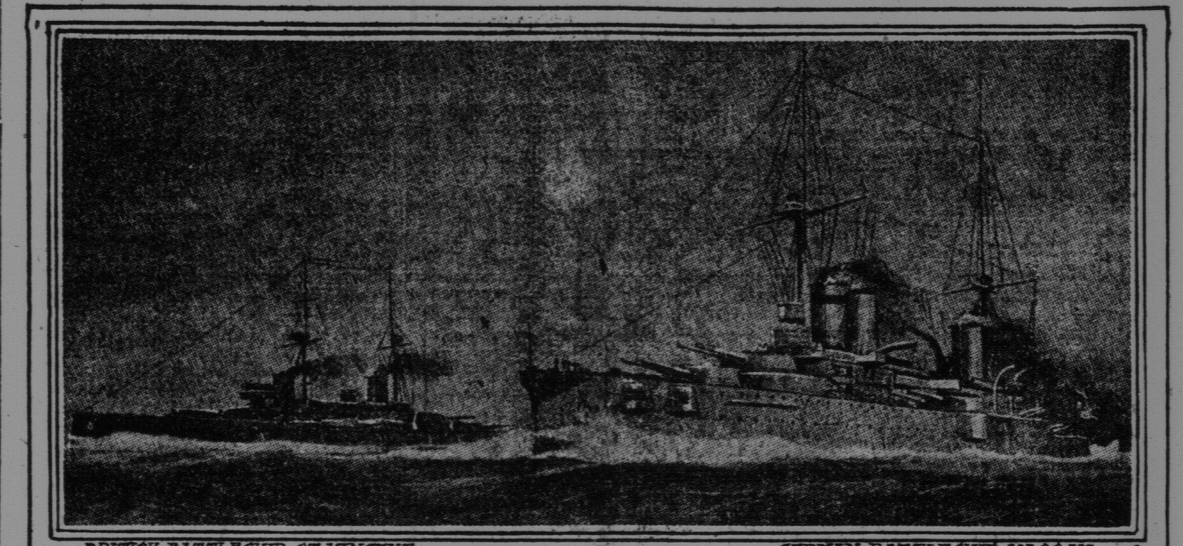
HUGE FOREST RESERVE FOR THE DOMINION

Government to Set Aside Whole Slope of Rocky Mountains Forever

Announcement Made by Hon. Sydney Fisher at Forestry Convention at Montreal—New Brunswick and Federal Authorities Criticized for Lax Regulations in Conserving the Country's Timber.

(Special to The Telegraph.) Montreal, Mar. 12.—The important announcement was made by Hon. Sydney Fisher at the Dominion Forestry convention here today that the Dominion government had decided to set aside the eastern slope of the Rocky Mountains forever as a forest reserve...

RECENTLY LAUNCHED BATTLESHIPS OF BRITAIN AND GERMANY



The British battleship St. Vincent and her two sisters, the Collingwood and the Rodney, now under construction—with a fourth ship, the Anson, to be built under the forthcoming estimates—are modified editions of the Dreadnaught, displacing 19,300 tons. They are armed with ten 12-inch guns and an anti-torpedo battery of 4.7 quick firers, and are expected to exceed twenty-one knots on trial.

LIVELY DEBATE OVER POLITICAL PUBLIC WORKS

Perley of Argenteuil Charges That Useless Wharves Are Built

Claims There is an \$80,000 Structure at Bathurst Not Used—Dr. Pugsley Defends the Expenditure of His Department—Osler and Fielding Have Sharp Tilt—Many Other Members Take a Hand.

(Special to The Telegraph.) Ottawa, March 12.—Mr. Aylesworth, in the House today, introduced a bill to amend the supreme court act. The new bill is to arrange the list of cases which come up for hearing in the court. At present the cases are divided in three parts: (1), maritime province cases; (2), Quebec cases; and (3), Ontario cases.

ONTARIO GENERAL ELECTION LIKELY TO TAKE PLACE IN JUNE

(Special to The Telegraph.) Toronto, March 12.—At a Conservative caucus today Premier Whitney announced his intention of going to the country as early as possible and it is probable the general election will be held during the second week in June.

MAURETANIA MAKES NEW OCEAN RECORD

Queenstown, March 12.—The steamer Mauretania, which arrived here today from New York, broke her westward record.

DENVER PRIEST'S ASSASSIN TO HANG

Denver, Colo., March 12.—Giuseppe Alia, who shot and killed Father Le Heinrich in St. Elizabeth's church in this city Feb. 23, was today found guilty of murder in the first degree. Hanging was the penalty fixed by the jury.

CONVICTED LONDON ELECTION BRIBERS OUT OF JAIL YET

Toronto, March 12.—John O'Gorman, William J. Molloy, George M. Reid and Daniel Wiley, the four men convicted in general sessions last November for conspiracy in the London election, have been released before Judge Winchester this morning and had their bail renewed.

NEW ENGLAND COTTON MILL OPERATIVES' WAGES TO BE CUT TEN PER CENT.

Boston, March 12.—A general reduction in the wages of the cotton mill operatives of the north will be made during the latter part of the month and following weeks, according to millmen in this city and in several leading textile centres. A definite announcement that the present wage scale would be lowered has been expected for some time, in view of the fact that on Feb. 14 it was strongly intimated in mill circles here that a cut would have to be made.

ROSEBERY SAYS ACTIVE MENACE OF SOCIALISM MAY DRIVE BRITAIN TO EMBRACE PROTECTION POLICY

London, March 12.—"The active menace of Socialism" with which Great Britain is confronted, was a prominent and striking feature of Lord Rosebery's presidential address before the Liberal League this afternoon. The former premier was discussing the necessity of the league's unceasing activity "of sane imperialism" in which category he included the maintenance of the policy of free trade.

OPPOSITION STILL PROBING AT OTTAWA

Expert Charged \$42,000 for Reorganizing Marine Department. Chief Accountant Owen Tells of Holding Up Payments for Want of Vouchers—Deputy Minister Gobell Retired from Public Works Service.

N. B. LIBERAL CONVENTION IN ST. JOHN APRIL 21

(Special to The Telegraph.) Ottawa, March 12.—A meeting of the Liberals of New Brunswick has been called for April 21, in St. John city.

STANDARD OIL STARTED BOGUS "INDEPENDENT" COMPANIES AS BLIND

Former Employee Tells of Many Schemes of Octopus to Crush Out Competitors. Cleveland, Ohio, March 12.—Absorption of rivals, dismantling of competing plants, gathering of information regarding the customers of opponents and the methods by which some information was obtained from railways by the Standard Oil Company, were testified to today at the hearing before Special Examiner Ferris here in the government's ouster suit against the company.

TWO LYNN SISTERS DROWNED IN POND

Lynn, Mass., March 12.—While crossing a small pond on the property of J. B. Bredt, of Lynnfield street, this afternoon, Olive and Ethel Belden, daughters of James Belden of 29 Great Wood Road, fell through the ice and were drowned. A companion, Louise C. Arbutnot, was rescued. Several persons who were on the ice after the children fell through the thin crust and narrowly escaped drowning themselves.

GRAHAM BELL'S AIRSHIP MAKES A RECORD

Hammondsport, N. Y., Mar. 12.—Professor Alexander Graham Bell's new aeroplane, the "Red Wing" today, in the presence of a committee of the Aerial Experiment Association, and a number of other spectators, flew a distance of 318 feet, 11 inches at a height of from 10 to 20 feet. The machine is equipped with an eight cylinder motor. The distance traversed is said to be a record for this country.

RECOVERING HIS HEALTH

Nice, France, Mar. 12.—Alarmed reports concerning the health of Joseph Chamberlain, who has been here for some time past, are untrue. His health is improved and he takes the keenest interest in current events in the expectation of returning to political activity.

FAVOR MARITIME PROVINCE PORT FOR ALL-YEAR-ROUND FAST ATLANTIC SERVICE

(Special to The Telegraph.) Halifax, N. S., March 12.—Under the auspices of the Halifax Board of Trade a mass meeting was held today to notify a resolution favoring an all-year-round port in Maritime Provinces as a terminus of the fast Atlantic steamship service between Canada and Great Britain. The speakers were careful to express no preference for one port over another, so long as it was understood that it should be on the Atlantic seaboard.

(Continued on page 2, fourth column.) The resolution was adopted unanimously by many boards of trade throughout the Maritime Provinces, included: Geo. Faulkner, president of Halifax Board of Trade; Mayor MacIver, Hon. J. N. Armstrong, Wm. Roche, M. P.; R. W. Starr, president Nova Scotia Fruit Growers' Association; Premier Murray, J. W. Regan, Halifax; C. E. Tanner, M. P.; and E. H. Armstrong, M. P., Yarmouth. The resolution was adopted unanimously.

FROM ALL OVER THE MARITIME PROVINCES

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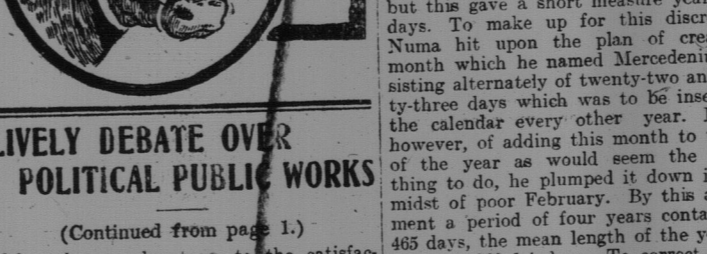
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Ultimately an advantage, to the satisfaction of everybody. Useless Warnings, Says Crockett. Mr. Crockett said that the member for Argenteau, who was speaking in regard to the proposed public works, was not in the public interest.

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HOW LEAP YEAR CAME ABOUT. February the Butt of Calendar Makers. Amazing Shifts and Changes from the Days of Romulus Downward—The Year of Confusion Which Ours Created When He Adopted Radical Measures.

(New York Evening Post.) This is the one in all the year that calendar makers claim to be the "day in June." For that reason, if for no other, one ought to know all there is to know about it.

Wild Horse Wastage Causes Great Damage on Western Ranges. A Washington dispatch to the Boston Transcript says: About a month ago an interesting dispatch was published from Reno, Nevada, to the effect that orders had been issued by the U. S. game warden to kill all the wild horses found on federal lands in Nevada.

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HUNDREDS OF READERS WILL APPRECIATE IT. Advice of Noted Authority, Also Gives a Simple Home Prescription.

Now is the time when the doctor says that the patient medicine should be taken to dress warmly and keep the body dry. This is the advice of a noted authority, who says that the most common cause of colds, coughs, and influenza is the failure to keep the body warm.

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Saved From the Surgeon's Knife. When the system becomes so disordered that all the wheels of health clog up, the usual result is constipation and piles. A good remedy must be used immediately, otherwise an operation may become imperative.











LAYMEN'S MISSIONARY MOVEMENT WELL LAUNCHED

Plan to Double Contributions for Missions from St. John Churches—J. Campbell White Speaks at Luncheon in Keith's Theatre—Many There and Project is Adopted Enthusiastically.

The Laymen's Missionary Movement became an established fact in the organized work of the various denominations in St. John at a largely attended meeting of laymen in Keith's assembly rooms Tuesday evening.

There was a large attendance of pastors and a fair number of laymen at the afternoon meeting in St. John's church school room. T. S. Simms was in the chair and the meeting was addressed by Mr. White and others.

Figures showing the amounts raised by the churches for local work and for missions were placed on a bulletin board and it was pointed out that the amount given to missions was an average of less than one cent for each church member and but one-seventh of the amount raised for local expenditures.

Rev. Archdeacon Raymond led the devotions and Mr. White followed. He spoke of the remarkable work accomplished in Toronto. At the first meeting there were only 100 men present, but these entered so heartily into the spirit of the movement that in one year the contribution to missions was increased from \$12,000 to \$50,000.

In London (Ont.), the amount raised for missions amounted to \$25,000. It was resolved to increase this to \$50,000. The Methodists had been giving \$7,000 and the new order of things had \$10,000 as their share they at once set about the collecting of \$20,000 and were likely to succeed.

In St. Josephs (Mo.), the church funds reached \$127,000 in one year, while the foreign missions were only \$12,000. It was voted to raise the amount to \$50,000 and one Presbyterian church alone raised \$10,000 and one individual in this congregation donated \$10,000 more.

The meeting was then thrown open for discussion, and Mr. White was asked if \$2 for each church member was a good average. In reply he stated that Montreal and Toronto had both undertaken to contribute an amount equal to \$3.33 for each member. In no city where the movement had been inaugurated had the laymen undertaken to increase the amount raised by double.

The discussion was participated in by Rev. A. A. Graham, Rev. M. E. Fletcher, W. S. Fisher, P. E. Campbell, E. M. Sippell, Rev. W. W. McMaster and J. Hunter White. Mr. White favored the idea of doubling the missionary contribution. Speaking for the Baptists Rev. McMaster thought the amount could easily be doubled.

On motion of Rev. M. E. Fletcher a committee of five, composed of a representative laymen from each denomination was appointed to draw up resolutions suggesting a plan of action. The chairman appointed the following, and the meeting adjourned: W. S. Fisher, Anglican; George A. Young, Methodist; W. J. Parks, Presbyterian; V. C. Cross, Baptist; C. D. Macmillan, Congregational.

There was a large attendance at the luncheon given in Keith's assembly rooms at 6:30 p. m. to hear Mr. White and discuss the future of the movement. Besides many prominent laymen, a number of the city clergymen and others from different parts of the province were present. W. S. Fisher acted as chairman. A well appointed and appetizing luncheon was served by Mrs. Dunbrack, the caterer, assisted by ladies of the various churches.

The chairman in his introductory remarks referred to the pleasing feature of the laity and clergy of the different denominations being assembled together and to the fact that they must all feel in having Mr. White, the mover of the laymen's movement, among them. He then called on T. S. Simms who was one of the members of the laymen's committee to visit the foreign mission field, to give a brief resume of his trip.

Mr. Simms spoke of his visit to India and China and related some of the most striking incidents which came under his notice. Summing up his experience he said the one thing which most impressed him was the great inferiority of the native peoples to Europeans.

The chairman before calling on Mr. White read a telegram from Bishop Richardson expressing his inability to be present and regretting his deep interest in the movement.

Mr. White, in introducing his subject,

PINKERTON MAN SHOW N ST. JOHN

He is W. D. Merritt, Assistant Superintendent of Noted Detective Agency

Not After Anyone, But is Calling on Merchants - Chats Entertainingly of the Work of Criminal Catching.

A visitor to the city just now is W. D. Merritt, who is registered at the Dufferin Hotel. He is assistant superintendent of Pinkerton's National Detective Agency, Boston. He is a very interesting talker and in conversation with a Telegraph man Thursday told him many particulars about the Pinkertons and detective work generally worth knowing.

Mr. Merritt is a short stocky built man with a kindly blue eye and a good humored expression of countenance. Together the antithesis of the traditional sleuth. He has been here before and in the fall of 1905 was engaged in investigating a case of bank burglary in St. Andrews. At that time he said he received valuable aid from Mr. Armstrong, editor of the Beacon, who has since been in the States officials found evidence implicating him in the robbery of a post office there, and he was tried for that, convicted and is at present doing time in a Massachusetts jail. "But, however," said Mr. Merritt, "the warden of the prison still has our warrant which we hold over the man."

Mr. Merritt has been in and out of six or seven cases and many cases of burglary, breaking and entering and forgery. He has no great faith in physical force, but he admits, there are men in men. Of course, he admits, there is something in it. The Yegman for instance, that was concerned in the St. John bank robbery, was a criminal in the man who one day picked out of a crowd as likely to be guilty of a crime. This however, is not the only one of the more brutal criminals. The expert forger on the other hand is in almost every case of pleasing appearance. There are also men of refined manner who account for his success in imposing on bank employees and others.

Mr. Merritt is well acquainted with the criminals for the most part follow only one line of action. For instance, they are first and foremost burglars, and sneak-thieves and many others. In the detective agencies full information is kept of the criminal population with the habits of each and every one. A single violation comes in it is the custom to consult these files. Investigation is thus narrowed down to a comparatively small number of men, and it is easier to arrest the individual wanted.

The first requisite of a good detective, Mr. Merritt went on, is intelligence and resourcefulness. A reputable agency ever advertises for men, and almost in every instance the concerns which do so are first and foremost, intelligence and resourcefulness. There is no need to advertise, and it would, he went on, be a very clumsy mode of procedure to do so. There is in every city a list of men who are wanted for a purpose, and it is easy to pick them out.

In the United States, he said, there are twenty-two offices of the Pinkertons, who employ among them nearly one thousand men. The Boston office has jurisdiction over the whole of the New England states, with the exception of Maine, which is under the jurisdiction of the New York office. Criminal business is not the only kind they handle. They also solicit business in fact any kind of business except divorce.

Mr. Merritt is well acquainted with Chief Clark and Deputy Chief Jenkins, who are in charge of the police force here. He has been calling on the merchants of the city. He says there is no special mission in his visit.

NEW BRUNSWICKERS INTERESTED IN PROPOSED NEW BANK

Ottawa, March 12.—At a meeting of the bank and commerce committee of the Senate a bill for an act to incorporate the Bank of Canada, London and Paris, was read and the committee reported in favor of the bill.

Kings County Probate Court

Hampton, March 11.—In the Kings county probate court this afternoon, Judge McIntyre received and ordered to be filed the records of an agreement of settlement between M. Herbert Parlee and Fannie K. Parlee, individually and Fannie K. Parlee, as administratrix of the estate of the late Henry S. Parlee, of Studholm, farmer, deceased, by which the latter secures all the interest which the former may have had or claimed to have had in any insurance money on the life of the said Henry S. Parlee. J. Arthur Freeze, proctor.

I. O. E. Station Master Promoted

Newcastle, March 12.—Station Master W. R. Payne, of Bathurst, has been promoted to the charge of the station here, succeeding I. B. Humphrey, who will be superannuated on April 15, after a long and successful career in the railway service. Mr. Humphrey will be in the spring, remove to Annapolis, where he has purchased a farm.

TAPLEY BROS' BUSINESS SOLD TO CAPT. TAPLEY

Interesting Change in Firm With Large Interests on the St. John River.

A North End business transaction which will be read with interest throughout the province has just been completed. Capt. Daniel F. Tapley purchased the business of Tapley Bros. Indiantown, one of the oldest firms connected with the St. John river life. For many years they have been large owners of tug boats used for the towing of rafts coming down the St. John river.

PERSONALS

H. W. Woods, M. P. P. elect for Queens county, Col. John Sheridan, M. P. P. elect for Kent and F. B. Black and O. M. Melancon, who were opposition candidates in the Westmorland, were in the city Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Macfarlane, of New Glasgow; Capt. D. Macinnis and Allen R. Cunningham, of Halifax, and E. O. MacDonald, of Glasgow, were registered at the Canadian government office in London during the week ended Feb. 25.

Major F. E. Babitt, late manager of the Bank of Nova Scotia in Oxford (N. S.), who with his wife and daughter has been spending a vacation here with his father, Mr. J. H. Babitt, left yesterday for St. Andrews to take over the management of the branch there. Mrs. Babitt will remain in St. John for the present.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. L. Prescott, of Alberton, were registered at the Dufferin Wednesday.

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two months had been confined to the house but on the day of his death he was feeling much better and ate a very hearty dinner and supper.

On the evening of March 7, Wm. Agnew, of Centerville, Carleton county (N. B.), passed away at his home beyond, in the 78th year of his age, after a lingering illness, extending over several months, borne with Christian resignation. He was born at Kingsclere, York county, May 10, 1830. In 1857 he married Miss Emily Hawkins, and thirty-five years ago they moved to Centerville. They had eleven children, seven of whom predeceased their father. The four who survive are: Frank H. of Butte City, Montana; Dr. C. S. of Antigonish (N. S.); and Herbert and Mrs. F. E. Lums, of Centerville. He was also survived by one sister, Mrs. David Good, of Millville (N. B.).

The funeral was held from the residence of his son Herbert on Monday morning at 10:30. The service was conducted by Rev. G. Ayers, assisted by Rev. B. S. Freeman. Interment was made in Centerville Baptist Cemetery alongside his wife who predeceased him ten months ago.

Mr. Agnew was a member of the Methodist church, having united with that body Feb. 8, 1885, during the ministry of Rev. J. K. King.

Peter A. Peterson.

Peter A. Peterson died Thursday morning at his home, 23 Exmouth street, aged eighty years. He came to this city fifty-five years ago, since which time he had carried on his trade as a cabinet maker, having been employed for years with J. W. G. H. Lawrence, King street. Mr. Peterson was a native of Sweden. He is survived by four sons—Oscar, Arthur and Francis, of this city, and Albert, of Boston; also two daughters—Mrs. Frederick Ferguson, of this city, and Mrs. Charles E. Moore, of Maplewood (Mass.).

Miss Margaret Elinor McGinn.

Miss Margaret Elinor McGinn died yesterday morning after an illness of several months duration. She was aged eighteen years. Miss McGinn was highly thought of by all who knew her, and many will regret to hear of her early death. Besides her parents, who live in Adelaide road, she leaves two brothers—Frank and James, and two sisters—the Misses Mamie and Annie, all at home.

William Barrett.

William Barrett died in his home on the west side Wednesday evening after a brief illness. He was the youngest son of Robert L. Elison, survives her and she also leaves her mother, Mrs. William Elison, and a brother, Robert W. Elison, of Middleburg, besides three sisters, viz., Mrs. Herbert L. Jones, of Kars, Kings county; Mrs. A. H. Holden, of St. John, and Miss Carrie Elison, of Middleburg, who have the sincere sympathy of their many friends in their great bereavement.

Mr. Elison was 38 years of age and of a kind and amiable disposition, and was bright and cheerful in manner. His warm heart of friends who will ever miss her in the coming years.

Mrs. J. T. C. McKean.

Mrs. Annie M. McKean, wife of J. T. C. McKean, architect, died Wednesday morning at her home, 6 Richmond street, after an illness of some months. Mrs. McKean is survived by her husband and two children—J. W. McKean, of the I. C. R. and Mrs. J. O. Sharpe.

Dr. Alexander M. Somerville.

Dr. Alexander M. Somerville died Tuesday morning at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. Marshall Upham, of Rothesay. He was 68 years of age and had been ill for some time. He had been suffering from a growth in the neck and doctor after doctor declared it impossible to cure. The family seized on everything which promised relief but the tumor increased in size with consequent added distress and suffering. Dr. J. P. Roberts was the first who gave her any hopes of relief and by his advice Dr. Murray MacLaren was consulted with the result that after a most careful and delicate operation the growth was removed and Miss Oram is once more entering into the usual activities of life. It is not surprising that she is enthusiastic in the praise both of Dr. MacLaren and of Dr. Roberts.

St. John Men There.

The March number of The Nova Scotia, is a creditable addition to the list of the offices having the publication direct in charge. It is well printed, planned tastefully and is illustrated and contains articles of value and interest to those in the bank's service and to the financial world in general. Included in the number is a well written article on the bank's printing and stationery department by W. H. Biddings, of St. John, now of the bank's Toronto office. The printing department is in charge of a former St. John man, James Mathews. Mr. Belding figures in a group picture of the bank's hockey team in Toronto.

Rev. L. O. Damour.

Edmonton, N. B., March 7.—The funeral service of the Rev. L. O. Damour, for over thirty years parish priest, were held this morning and afternoon at 10 o'clock at the residence of his widow, Mrs. Damour, who died on Friday morning at 7 o'clock. The body was taken to Springfield, York county, for interment.

Joshua C. Oldfield.

Sussex, March 10.—Joshua C. Oldfield, of the oldest residents of Newtown, passed away on Saturday. He was 79 years of age and was known generally throughout the county. He was a well known mill man and took a deep interest in politics, being a life-long Liberal. He is survived by a widow and twelve children. Mr. Oldfield was an uncle of the late Dr. A. A. Stockton and Robert Stockton, barrister, St. John, whose mother was a Miss Oldfield.

Grand Bay Station Agent Found Dead.

James K. Buchanan, C. P. R. station agent at Grand Bay, was found dead Tuesday on the floor of his bedroom. His mother, with whom he lived in rooms above the station building, was the first to discover his condition. She called to two men downstairs who were there that something was the matter with her son. Dr. L. M. Curren, of Fairville, who was in the station, found that Mr. Buchanan was dead. The conditions indicated that he had been dead about two hours.

Mr. Buchanan was well known in C. P. R. circles, having been in the employ of the company practically all his life. For the past six years he had been in charge of the Grand Bay depot. Previous to that he had held similar positions at Westfield and Fredericton Junction. He was unmarried. He leaves his mother and two brothers. Coroner Ballantine viewed the body and decided an inquest unnecessary.

A daughter born recently to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Sykes of West Windsor (Vt.) has eight grandparents, as the parents and grandparents of both Mr. and Mrs. Sykes are living.

DRILL FIRST.

(World, New York.)

When Charles E. Blum set his wedding with Miss Ellen Holly he forgot that that night would occur the annual muster and inspection of Company E of the Thirtieth Coast Artillery Regiment of the National Guard, New York. Blum is a private in the company. When time for the inspection at the army camp there were several privates absent and the commander of the company sent a guard to find them. Every man was needed, as the company was after a record. Blum was found at the home of his bride just about to secure the mail contract. In spite of his protests he was placed under arrest, and a short time later was drilling with his company. The postponed wedding took place at nine o'clock yesterday morning.

MARK TWAIN AND THE LITTLE ONES.

(N. Y. Herald.)

Mark Twain's acceptance of the presidency of its junior branch was announced at the first birthday celebration of the Society for the Suppression of Unnecessary Noises at the St. Regis Hotel last night. Encouraging progress in interesting children in the work of suppressing unnecessary noises was reported, hundreds of young people having shown a disposition to help the society in its campaign particularly that branch of it which aims to secure salutory stillness in the vicinity of hospitals.

The Star Line Company has passed a resolution that unless the mail contract was renewed at a reasonable amount the company would run only one boat on the Fredericton route next season.

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