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PUGSLEY TAKEN TO TASK FOR ELECTION PROMISES

Opposition in Parliament Give Minister an Uneasy Time

Affidavits Read Showing Activity of I. C. R. Employees in New Brunswick Contest—Laurier Declares Again That Government Employees Must Not Do More Than Vote as They Like—Premier Says Government is Not a Party to Senator Gillmor's Acts in Charlotte County.

(Special to The Telegraph.)

Ottawa, Feb. 24.—The provincial election in New Brunswick was again before the commons today. The subject was brought up by Hon. George E. Foster in pursuance of some telegrams which he recently read in the house showing that Henri LeBlanc, of Moncton, an employee of the Intercolonial Railway, was engaged in political work in the county of Westmorland and that A. LeBlanc, another employee, was said to be out in the campaign.

The minister of railways in replying to these telegrams a few days ago said that he would look into the matter. Later on Mr. Graham said that one of the LeBlancs who was in New Brunswick, was on leave of absence. He (Graham) gave notice that while all employees would be allowed the greatest latitude in making their votes, no employee of the road was permitted to take an active part in politics. This is how the matter stood until today.

I. C. R. Employees Campaigning.

Mr. Foster, on a motion for the house to adjourn, brought the subject up again reciting the above facts. He read two affidavits supplementing the information he had previously given and added that if more were necessary they would be forthcoming to establish beyond doubt that employees of the I. C. R. had been, in fact, engaged in partisan work openly and publicly speaking and assisting at meetings not only standing up for their friends, which was a laudable thing in a man, but maligning their political opponents as well.

The affidavit of J. Antonio Bourque, of Cocagne, in the parish of Dundas, in the county of Kent, and province of New Brunswick, farmer, solemnly declared that on the evening of the 20th day of February, A. D. 1908, he attended a political meeting held in the interest of the local government party and Henri LeBlanc, of Moncton, was one of the principal speakers and speakers. That the said Henri LeBlanc is an employee of the federal government and employed in the general offices of the I. C. R. at Moncton, and this solemn declaration was made conscientiously believing the same to be true, etc. The affidavit was sworn to before W. A. Russell, commissioner at Shediac, on 21st February.

Another affidavit on the same date sworn before Mr. Russell was made by Jeremiah S. Legere, of Robichaud, parish of Shediac, farmer. Legere swore that he attended a political meeting held at the school house at Robichaud in the interest of the local government party. The meeting was announced to be one in favor of the government party and Henri LeBlanc, of Moncton, an employee of the federal government in the general offices of the I. C. R. That he advocated the election of the government candidates and abused, in strong terms, the local opposition candidates for his county. That the meeting was attended by a large number of electors, and that so Henri LeBlanc spoke at a meeting at Dupuis Corner on the evening of the 13th of February.

Mr. Foster went on to say that the affidavit was called to Mr. Graham's attention by Mr. Crockett, and if somewhat peculiar that none of the disgraced officials of the I. C. R. should have been able to discover this indecent exhibition of partisan work on the part of employees of the government and informed the minister of it. It seemed to him Henri LeBlanc went out on regular work of the railway. Whether on leave of absence or not it mattered nothing.

Then there was the postmaster at Woodstock who attended a rally. Mr. Foster went on to say that there were higher officials who were taking part in the campaign. There was the minister of public works, who in St. John city was promising borings at Courtney Bay and a Grand Trunk terminal line for the city of St. John, and asking the people to vote for the provincial government as a means of strengthening his hands as leader of the federal party. Again there was Mr. Aylsworth, some agent in Durham. In conclusion Mr. Foster wanted to know what the first minister was going to do about it. He was going to say that he was not in earnest when he passed the resolution of the house against employees taking part in politics and was going to trample it under foot.

Hon. Mr. Graham said that Mr. Foster did a great deal to say about two minor employes taking part in elections when in fact the whole shops were turned out. Pugsley—And when shingles were ordered by wire. Mr. Graham proceeded to say that one of the complaints made to him from the boys was that they were not allowed to vote in elections as formerly. He said Mr. Foster was not fair in the action of his case as he, as minister

of railways, had acted promptly as soon as the matter was brought to his attention. He was not going to tell men, who were as good citizens as himself or Mr. Foster, to stop doing something that he did not know they were doing. He was told that Alphonse LeBlanc was at work and that the other LeBlancs were absent from duty. He wired to inform both men that while they had the fullest right to vote they ought not to take any part in the contest. He was opposed to government employees taking part in elections and the affidavits produced did not show that they had done so, since their attention was called to it. The first telegram said that Mr. LeBlanc was going to open a committee room, but there was no word that he had done so. His own opinion was that they would better wait a little while because there might be affidavits on the other side.

Dr. Pugsley said that Mr. Foster had greatly modified his views in regard to political campaigns. He (Pugsley) did not wonder that sometimes gentlemen in the employ of the government, who may have a warm feeling for either the government or the provincial government, may be tempted to take some little part in politics when they see so many Conservatives in the employ of the government in various provinces, and I think now particularly of my own province—who have been allowed by this government, with impunity for ten years, to take an active part in politics on the Conservative side. He agreed that it was not desirable they should do so. Sometimes it was exceedingly annoying and irritating to Liberals to find this going on but at all events they have allowed it to go on without taking very active steps to prevent it. It was a pleasure to him to have Mr. Foster make these statements in his presence when he could reply and not have done as Crockett and Foster, who made an attack in his absence, declaring that he was interfering in provincial politics and the hounded off to do the same thing themselves on the other side. He was ashamed of anything he said in the province. He held out no promise to induce anyone to vote in favor of the provincial government.

G. W. Ganong.

Mr. Ganong (Charlotte) said that the minister of public works was a coincidence. It was a coincidence that brought Dr. Pugsley and the local premier to St. John. But what about the dredging at Miramichi and double tracking the I. C. R. from Moncton to Halifax? "I would like to ask the first minister," said Mr. Ganong, "if he has authorized Senator Gillmor to go around Charlotte county making promises which means an outlay of \$400,000 on the part of the federal government?"

Dr. Pugsley interrupted to say that Miramichi dredging was promised two years ago by his predecessor. Mr. Ganong went on to show that there was an agreement reached with the local association at St. Croix not to resort to any illegal methods or to the spending of money or buying liquor during the campaign, but the Liberals backed out. In conclusion he asked that the first minister should be heard from.

R. L. Borden. R. L. Borden feared that Mr. Graham hardly realized the importance of the question. His answers were indirect and he spoke even with a tone of flippancy, while his manner showed a spirit of levity which he regarded the occasion, indicating that he was not aware that the house had passed a resolution prohibiting the participation of employees of the government in election matters. Mr. Graham should have been prepared to say whether or not these men had been doing election work. Although apprised that these men had been taking part in the election, apparently no action had been taken. Did he propose to continue to treat the matter with contempt?

Proceeding, Mr. Borden declared Mr. Pugsley had been as smooth in the house as he was in New Brunswick, but nobody would be deceived by the minister's sophistry. At St. John, Mr. Pugsley had alluded to the double-tracking of the I. C. R., and said his hands were strengthened by the election of Liberal members to the legislature. Mr. Pugsley declared he made no statement that these works would be carried out. As to the county of Charlotte there had been a violent storm and he sent his engineers, as was his duty to make arrangements to repair the damage. But the promises were made before the storm," suggested Mr. Ganong. Sir Wilfrid Laurier. Sir Wilfrid Laurier said he proposed to meet the question squarely. It was not a new question. Whenever there had been an election, whether under this government or the old, he had always heard that the government allowed its employes to take part, and the house ought to discuss the matter without throwing mud. He agreed with Mr. Foster that government employes ought not to be allowed to take part in elections. But in this case Mr. Graham had given strict prohibitory orders. So far the position was well defined, and if employes took part in elections they did so at their own risk. Mr. Senator Gillmor had been the author of certain bad actions. Sir Wilfrid did not propose to take the blame for them. "I am not," said Mr. Laurier, "responsible for the promises of Senator Gillmor, if he has made any. He is a friend of mine but I have not spoken to him for six or eight months, and I have not written him or had any conversation with him."

MORE MILLIONS FOR ARMAMENTS

Britain Will Spend \$3,000,000 More For Defence Than Last Year

NO CURTAILMENT

First Lord of Admiralty Sees No Hope of Reduction as Long as Foreign Powers Continue to Increase Their Naval Forces—Must Maintain the Double Standard.

London, Feb. 24.—The estimates for the British defense forces for the current year, which were issued today, will disappoint the peace party, as, instead, as they had hoped of showing a reduction, the combined estimates of the army and navy show an increase of \$3,000,000, without apparently any hope of any considerable diminution in the programme.

Lord Tweedmouth, first lord of the admiralty, explained that the future programme of Great Britain will depend upon whether foreign powers increase their naval forces, since the government has every intention of maintaining the standard of the British, which hitherto has been deemed necessary for the safeguarding of national and imperial interests.

The war secretary, Mr. Haldane in a similar statement regarding the army says: "Looking to the future, I am convinced that it is impossible to make further reductions in the army expenditure on a considerable scale unless we first of all reduce the number of troops serving abroad."

"Garrisoned abroad," he said, "will be reduced whenever that can safely be done, but if reductions in the regular army are carried too far demand will ultimately have to be made on the citizen forces, such as hitherto has never been contemplated."

The army estimates for 1908-09 total \$154,183,120 and the war secretary estimates for a total of 185,000 men in the home and colonial establishments, a decrease of 5,000 men from last year. The navy estimates total \$161,897,500 and provide for the raising of a larger number of officers and men as last year.

GOVERNMENT PARTY NOT EAGER FOR PURE ELECTION IN CARLETON

(Special to The Telegraph.) Woodstock, N. B., Feb. 24.—All the opposition candidates addressed largely identical addresses to the local association to enable them to attend the nomination proceedings tomorrow at Upper Woodstock. Sheriff Hayward will open his court at 10 o'clock, and close at noon. Speeches will be given at 2 o'clock.

Every effort has been made by the ministerial association for the lessening of bribery and corruption in this contest, but up to the present time the government supporters have refused to sign, although the six candidates have done so. The opposition candidates have signed the document and also several of their supporters, but the clerics are rather disreputable and the government supporters will not agree.

CANADIAN BONDS IN GREAT FAVOR WITH BRITISH INVESTORS

(Special to The Telegraph.) Montreal, Feb. 24.—The Stars' London correspondent cables: The readiness with which the recent offerings of Canadian securities have been absorbed since the first of the year, demonstrates what a strong hold Canada has upon the British public. This has been exemplified in a most striking manner by the sale during the past week of \$22,000,000 sterling of Canadian Pacific Railway 4 per cent debenture stock at more than par, yielding the company a fraction under what the Canadian government loan was issued at.

NAMES MENTIONED FOR EXCHEQUER JUDGE

(Special to The Telegraph.) Ottawa, Feb. 24.—The names of F. H. Chrysler, K. C. and Hon. Frank Fitchford are mentioned as being most likely to be considered for the government of the exchequer court of Canada, rendered vacant by the death of Justice Burdick.

Moncton Blacksmith Injured

Moncton, Feb. 24.—(Special)—William J. McKnight, I. C. R. blacksmith, was patently injured this afternoon while at work by having a piece of spring steel strike him in the right arm, severing a vein. Blood flowed quite freely until medical aid arrived, when Mr. McKnight was taken to his home.

SAYS OPPOSITION WILL SWEEP YORK

O. S. Crockett, M. P., After Touring County, Sanguine of Great Victory

TWO MEETINGS FRIDAY

Government Candidates Will Hold Forth at City Hall and Opponents at Court House—J. K. Flemming and Dr. McInerney to Speak at Fredericton Thursday.

(Special to The Telegraph.)

Fredricton, N. B., Feb. 24.—The opposition here arranged for a mass meeting to be held at the Opera House on Thursday evening next, Feb. 27. J. K. Flemming, of Carleton county, and Dr. McInerney, of St. John, will be the principal speakers, and it is expected that the gathering will be one of the greatest ever held in this city. Both of the speakers scheduled are well known in Fredericton, and the citizens will take pleasure in hearing political questions of the day from such able exponents.

The opposition party held a grand rally at their rooms this evening. The place was crowded to the doors, and enthusiasm marked the evening's proceedings. O. S. Crockett, M. P., was the principal speaker, and his address was an able effort. In a calm and logical manner he exposed the government's misdoings and as point after point was made against the administration, he was loudly applauded.

Mr. Crockett predicted an overwhelming victory for the opposition party in York in the coming contest, and gave details upon which he based his prophecy. When Mr. Crockett concluded his speech the building shook with applause.

The opposition candidates will address the election of the county tomorrow afternoon at the court house, and the government party will speak at the city hall. Judge Gregory will preside at the February term of the divorce court, which opens here tomorrow morning. There are three cases entered on the docket, the most important being that of Eunice S. Simonds vs. Edward I. Simonds, a St. John case. Other cases are W. B. Horseman vs. Maisie Horseman, and J. H. Burgess vs. Rosanna Burgess. The parties to the Horseman suit reside in Moncton, and the other case comes from Victoria, county. Divorce is asked for in each case on the usual grounds.

St. Andrew's curfew are coming here tomorrow to play for the McCaffrey trophy. The privy voters list this year contains 1023 names.

ONTARIO'S GRANT TO TORONTO UNIVERSITY ABOUT \$225,000

Half of Its Yearly Income From the Province—Over 3,000 Students in Attendance. (Special to The Telegraph.)

Toronto, Feb. 24.—According to the annual report of the governors of the University of Toronto, the revenue of the university for the year ended June last, amounted to \$456,358. Of that sum \$184,211 was received from students' fees, \$47,459 from endowment, and \$228,728 represented the amount received from the province. The expenditure for maintenance was \$411,886, exclusive of \$44,701, which was applied towards repaying the amount withdrawn from the endowment fund for the completion of the physics building. There are 3,638 students.

CONVIC MADE SPURIOUS MONEY FOR OFFICIALS TO PASS

Reudburg, Prussia, Feb. 24.—For some time past counterfeit five mark pieces have been circulating in Northern Prussia. The authorities started to investigate, with the result that in a number of instances the false money was traced to this town and it was finally learned by the police that they were being passed out by persons connected with the prison here. To clear up the mystery Detective Inspector Schneider had himself committed as a convict under a curfew in a well worn jail. After a day or two of observation, he located a sound of faint hammering from a detached cell, where a counterfeiter was serving a long term of imprisonment.

With this evidence, Schneider called in some of his colleagues and last night they raided the cell of the midnight worker. They found it to be a veritable counterfeiter's workshop, in which the convicted inmate was making five-mark pieces. It appears that the convict, after being brought to jail, took the prison inspector who was his coming apparatus was hidden. The inspector found the dies and brought them to prison and arranged that the convict could work at night to make the coins, the inspector and his family putting them into circulation. The inspector and his wife and his mother-in-law have been taken into custody.

PREMIER'S EXPERT'S REPORT TO BE "SPRUNG" TODAY

Hazen Will Get THREE MEETINGS

Many Former Government Supporters Against Them This Time

CROWDED MEETINGS

Opposition Candidates Receive Enthusiastic Greetings in All Sections—Secret Ballot Will Be a Tower of Strength to Jones, Sproul and Murray.

(Special to The Telegraph.)

Sussex, N. B., Feb. 24.—In Kings county the outlook for the opposition was never so good. The workers for good government, good roads, cheap school books and a progressive agricultural policy embrace members of both political parties in dominion politics. Hard-headed Liberals, who have become sick of the reign of graft at Fredericton, realize that it is from that political centre that not from Ottawa that provincial reform will come and this spirit speaks success for the opposition on March 3.

The opposition have gone into the fight with a splendid organization which is working quietly and allowing the government forces to do the shouting. It is felt that good and honest effort will count on election day and not the open and loud boasting that has been heard so much in the recent past.

The government claim in the upper end of the county that McArthur will win, and are prophesying, in the lower end, that Wetmore is the man who has the chance of winning out. In no instance do the supporters of Premier Robinsom hope to carry the three seats and their predictions are made as to the locality. It is a foregone conclusion that McArthur will be swamped below Hampton and as the campaign draws to a close he is losing ground daily, and much of the early province vote promised him is getting into line for the whole opposition ticket.

Wetmore will drop away in the upper end of the county, and it is said by many that the leader of the "G. G. Society" who is less heard of in this campaign than ever before, will be the low man at the polls.

ENTHUSIASTIC OPPOSITION MEETINGS

If meetings could for anything the opposition has big lead. The gatherings addressed by Messrs. Murray, Jones and Sproul have been most enthusiastic. The speaking ability of the opposition ticket is so far ahead of that of the government representatives that it is a shame to compare the respective merits of the two teams along these lines. Every man on the opposition ticket will maintain a respectful attitude in every parish of the county. Every effort will be made by the government to win and already there is every evidence of corruption, but the people of Kings are alive to the fact that the money being spent is the result of some of the graft schemes, which have resulted in piling up the debt of the province and are bound to exercise their right to vote as they think. Money or no money.

His lordship refused to obey the demand of the clergy, who demanded a secret ballot will tell in the county of Kings.

QUEBEC BISHOP ABOVE CIVIL LAW

Refuses to Hand Over Document as Ordered by Judge—Question of Contempt to Be Considered. (Special to The Telegraph.)

Charlottetown, Que., Feb. 24.—That Roman Catholic bishops are above the civil law of the country was the astonishing contention made today here by Bishop Labreque, of this diocese. His lordship refused to obey the judge of the superior court, claiming that as a bishop he was head of an ecclesiastical court, and beyond the jurisdiction of civil law. The case arose over a libel suit brought by a lawyer against three citizens, who were alleged to have sent a signed statement to the bishop to the effect that he had demanded the production of the offending document in court, and Bishop Labreque was subpoenaed in the ordinary way, but the bishop did not turn up, and Judge Pelletier agreed that it was necessary for him to obey the law like any ordinary citizen. He accordingly wrote to the bishop, who today appeared in court, but who the plaintiff demanded the production of the offending document the bishop flatly refused to produce it.

Asked his authority for this contempt of court, the bishop replied: "Because it was handed me as a judge of an ecclesiastical court and also because I do not accept civil law with your civil law." His lordship was not committed for contempt, but the case was postponed until the judge decides whether the civil law can compel the bishop to produce the document in

BANK AUDITORS WORK FOR WEEKS, BUT TORONTO MAN DID JOB IN FOUR DAYS

Some Facts Throwing Light Upon the Value of the Expedient Resorted To by Local Government to Secure a "Certificate of Character" on the Eve of Election.

In view of the announcement that the report of the expert employed by Premier Robinson to examine the government accounts is to be made public today, The Telegraph instituted some inquiries last evening among men familiar with the work of auditing accounts as to the methods employed to ensure thoroughness and the time which might fairly be consumed in operations of this nature.

It was learned that two city banks this year adopted the plan of having their accounts audited by independent experts from Toronto or elsewhere. In the case of one of these banks five of these outside experts were engaged and an entire week was consumed before they had completed their work. In the case of the other bank the work was done by a single auditor and his time was fully occupied for nearly six months.

The greatly extended time which it must necessarily take one man to investigate and thoroughly audit a set of books can be readily understood when it is remembered that he has no assistance in checking and that consequently one man, working for five weeks or even ten weeks, bears no comparison to the speed of five men working together for one week.

Yes, as it will be remembered, Premier Robinson's expert from Toronto, who had no previous acquaintance with the transactions entered on the books, or the methods employed, completed his stupendous task of Fredericton in four days, or, as the government spokes put it, in four days and nights, assuming that this accountancy carried on the great work without pausing even to sleep.

There is a wide difference, moreover, between the conditions which exist. In a bank visible securities of known value, cash, vouchers and receipts are available for examination, and a question put to a staff of trained assistants receives an immediate answer. On the other hand, however, the expert at Fredericton would be confronted with the financial vagaries of the road superintendents and the mystifying overheads in the public works expenditure concerning some of the details of which even the auditor-general admitted before the public accounts committee he had no information.

After post-pooling Mr. Fleming's financial statement, and after changing his mind and deciding that some expedient is necessary, Premier Robinson now proposes to introduce this four-day performance as a complete answer to every criticism, and in full vindication of the government's conduct, in recklessly expending the revenues of the province, and exploiting the credit of 350,000 people.

McGILL HONORS AMBASSADOR BRYCE

Confers Degree of LL. D.—Distinguished Statesman Congratulates Canada on Its Seats of Learning. (Special to The Telegraph.)

Montreal, Feb. 24.—Right Honorable James Bryce, British ambassador at Washington, was this afternoon invested with the honorary degree of LL. D. by McGill University at a special convocation held for that purpose. The hall was crowded to its capacity with students and visitors and the welcome extended to the distinguished scholar and diplomatist was of an especially hearty nature. The degree was conferred by Principal Peterson and the right honorable gentleman was then invested with his doctor's robe amid loud applause.

Mr. Bryce, who received an ovation upon returning to acknowledge the honor, expressed his great pleasure in the growth of universities in the younger countries and to find in Canada universities attaining that influence which they must hold, if the country is to be kept a worthy child of the old stock. There was nothing better Great Britain could transmit to the younger countries than her devotion to higher learning.

After emphasizing the value of a post graduate course on special lines, Mr. Bryce spoke of the Rhodes scholarships and of the principles which had produced the best results. Some of the rules in this connection, might, he thought with advantage, be amended, and he ventured to suggest to Earl Grey and his colleagues in the trust that some amendments might be made. However, the scheme had worked admirably, and he referred with gratification to the success of Canada's students, assuring them that the Rhodes scholars had been heartily welcomed at Oxford.

FUNERAL OF THREE MacDONALDS DROWNED IN ONTARIO RAPIDS

Bodies Disinterred and Brought to Old Homes in Cape Breton for Burial. (Special to The Telegraph.)

Antigonish, N. S., Feb. 24.—The bodies of the three MacDonaldis who were drowned in White Fish river, Ontario, last May, arrived here this evening and were taken to Marvale. It was a pathetic sight to see the three coffins borne through the main street of the town, followed by a large concourse of people. They were engaged with a survey party and in shooting a rapid the boat upset. Their bodies were not recovered for some time, and the weather being hot it was found necessary to bury them on the bank of the river in which they met their death. Some weeks ago the bodies were exhumed and after a long trail were brought to the nearest railway station. The deceased young men were: J. W. MacDonald, a brother of Rev. John H. MacDonald of the college staff, and Rod MacDonald, both of Marvale, and Joseph MacDonald of Arisaig. The two first named were cousins.

It has been thought best to make the bill general in its application, although I say frankly that I am not aware of any case in which the difficulty has arisen except on the St. John river. Sir Wilfrid Laurier has placed Monk's co-operation bill on government orders. Two Quebec Men Hurt in Explosion. Campbellton, Feb. 24.—(Special)—News reached here today of an explosion at Point Macouegue (Que.), in which two men were badly injured, perhaps fatally, by dynamite, but as connection with that point is very poor, the facts cannot be

Minister of Public Works Introduces Measure Providing for a License Before Obstruction Can Be Placed.

(Special to The Telegraph.)

Ottawa, Feb. 24.—The minister of public works introduced into the house today an important bill for the province of New Brunswick. This was for the placing and maintaining of booms in international streams.

"I may say," said Mr. Pugsley, "that the bill provides that no boom or shear boom shall be attached to the Canadian shore of any international stream or placed in the bed of any such stream on the Canadian side or middle thread of the main channel without a license therefor having been obtained. It is also provided that any person who attaches or maintains any such boom upon the Canadian side of any channel shall be liable to a penalty for every day that it is maintained of not less than \$100 and not exceeding \$1,000."

"I may say that the immediate cause of the introduction of this bill is an arising upon that part of the St. John river which forms the boundary between the state of Maine and the province of New Brunswick. Some two years ago a company was incorporated by the state of Maine and they proceeded to erect a mill at Van Buren upon the American side of the St. John river, opposite St. Leonard. In connection with the mill, they established sorting works, booms and piers so they practically closed the whole of the American side of the St. John river. Then, in order to facilitate operations they acquired some shanty huts on the Canadian side of the river, the result of which was to divert into their sorting works on the American side all the logs going down the St. John river destined for mill owners below these works.

The result of the construction of these works has been to cause very great delay and loss of damage to the mills of Woodstock, Fredericton, St. John and other points on the St. John river. Under the proposed law the navigation of the river cannot be obstructed unless with the permission of the minister of public works. It may well be argued that the placing of these shear dams in the river does not obstruct navigation and therefore the courts of our country would have no control over them. It has been thought advisable that the government, through the minister of public works, should have some control over that portion of the international waters, which are within Canada, and all this bill proposes to do is to place a certain control over those booms in the federal authorities.

"Under this bill, if it should become law, the minister can make provision as to the description of sorting works, and may take all necessary precaution to prevent delay and loss or injury to the mill owners down the river. It seems to be in the case of an international stream, the only mode which can be suggested by which the large lumbering interests of a great river like the St. John can be protected.

OFFICE HOLDERS AS PARTIZANS

Complaints come from Kings county about the partizan activity of office holders in the present campaign, in defiance of the rule that such men shall not become active workers at election time. Among the names mentioned are those of R. H. Smith, postmaster at Osewaug, who is known as the secretary of the government committee, and Harry Fowler, registrar of deeds. These and other cases are now being investigated.

QUEBEC MEN HURT IN EXPLOSION

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FROM ALL OVER THE MARITIME PROVINCES

ROTHESAY
Rothsay, Feb. 20.—Sympathy is being generally expressed for the bereaved family of Mr. D. P. Maynes, whose death occurred on Monday. The funeral took place yesterday afternoon.

HARTLAND
Hartland, Feb. 19.—Arthur and Miss Sadie Curtis will leave this week for a visit to their sister, Mrs. W. W. Deste, at Central Keswick Ridge.

GAGETOWN
Gagetown, Feb. 20.—A lecture on Wednesday evening was given by Miss E. R. Scovill last evening was well patronized and the various phases of the science and recent discoveries pertaining thereto, which were taken up, were most ably and interestingly dealt with by the talented lecturer, giving evidence of much painstaking research and careful thought.

PARRBORO.
Parrboro, Feb. 21.—Miss Emma Fulton, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. L. Moffat, in North Sydney, has returned to the pulpit in St. James' church, on Sunday.

HOPEWELL HILL
Hopewell Hill, Feb. 21.—Mrs. James L. Robinson, who has been undergoing treatment in the St. John hospital for several weeks, returned home on Wednesday, considerably improved in health.

WOLFVILLE
Wolfville, N. S., Feb. 22.—Dr. H. B. Webster, who was elected mayor of Kentville but refused to accept, has reconsidered the matter and will accept the chief magistracy of the town on Monday.

FREDERICTON
Fredericton, Feb. 19.—Mrs. L. W. Johnston and Mrs. W. E. Galloway attended the Madama Sembrich concert in St. John on Wednesday evening.

MONCTON
Moncton, Feb. 21.—Miss Emma Emmerson is spending a few days with friends in Pettitodiad.

SALISBURY
Salisbury, Feb. 21.—Miss E. Crockett, of Fredericton, is a guest in Salisbury, the guest of Mrs. E. Trites.

ST. GEORGE.
St. George, Feb. 19.—The social given by the B. Y. P. U. in the vestry of the Baptist church on Friday evening was very much enjoyed by the guests.

HAMPTON
Hampton, Kings Co., Feb. 19.—An interesting letter from Major Arthur A. Bartlett, a St. John boy, but who is now in the military service, has been received.

THE BORDER TOWNS.
St. Stephen, N. B., Feb. 19.—On Friday afternoon Mrs. N. Marks Mills gave a very charming bridge party at her pretty home.

SHILOH'S CURE
Use Shiloh's Cure for the worst cough, cures Coughs and Colds QUICKLY

DEPARTMENT TO PROMOTE THE HIGHEST ENJOYMENT OF ALL PRESENT.
Mrs. Andrew Ruddick has been ill for the past two weeks with pneumonia.

WINE OF TAR, HONEY & WILD CHERRY
Will not cure consumption, but we positively claim it will prevent its development.

CHATHAM.
Chatham, N. B., Feb. 19.—Social life in Chatham has taken on a new impetus during the last week or two.

ROTHESAY (Continued)
Mr. J. H. L. Fairweather has been visiting friends in St. John.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. Fred Boyer returned on Tuesday from a visit to Fredericton.

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friends from Sackville and the surrounding country invaded their home to celebrate their silver wedding. On behalf of the company, Mr. C. E. Land presented the bride and groom of twenty-five years with an elegant silver tray and fruit dish. Short speeches were also made by Mr. W. Turner, Mr. G. W. Cahill and Mrs. S. Lowe of Amherst. Mr. Patterson, although taken entirely by surprise, made a most enjoyable evening. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Albert Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Elise Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Amos Patterson, Mr. and Mrs. Caleb Phinney, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Land, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Gass, Mr. and Mrs. W. Turner, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Cahill, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Bower, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Campbell, Mr. C. A. D. Siddall, Mr. and Mrs. Seaman Lowe, and others.

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BATHURST. Bathurst, N. B., Feb. 20—Miss Frances Glavin returned to her home on Friday to relatives in Chatham.

ST. ANDREWS. St. Andrews, Feb. 20—Mr. Thomas Bailey, an aged and respected resident, died Thursday night after a long illness, aged seventy-eight years. Deceased was afflicted with rheumatism for several years, and was cared for by his daughter, Mrs. John Craig. The funeral took place on Sunday at 2.30, the Rev. Mr. Collingwood conducting the service.

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The sewing guild of All Saints church will meet at Mrs. T. R. Wren's home on Friday.

Mr. Harry Jones, of the Bank of Nova Scotia, St. Stephen, spent Sunday at his home.

Mr. C. E. Dalton, government inspector of boilers, was in town this week and looked over the steamer Viking, which he ordered to be laid up for repairs, after a thorough examination. The steamer, however, will shortly be on the route again.

Miss Jessie Main was called to Point de Bute on Tuesday on account of the illness of her brother-in-law.

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Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Russell are entertaining at a rink party this evening (Thursday).

Miss Leger, of Bathurst, is visiting friends in town.

The members of the central school are holding a concert in the assembly rooms of the school on Friday evening of this week. The concert is being looked forward to with much pleasure by the citizens of the town, as the pupils have been preparing for several weeks past. The music to be given is to be one of the leading attractions of the evening.

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THE JOINT DEBATE

Last night's remarkable meeting in the Opera House was a signal triumph not only for Messrs. Hazen and Fleming but for the local opposition throughout the province.

A good cause is a great thing in politics. The opposition has that good cause. Yesterday the opposition leaders proved that they had the courage that should make the cause invincible.

Its last card. The "report" of the accountant hired by Premier Robinson to give the local government a certificate of character on the eve of election is the administration's last card.

Mr. Fleming retracted no word of his earlier criticism. He receded in no way from the position he took at the outset of the campaign.

Can an expert—no matter how much of the people's money Hon. Mr. Robinson gives him—turn bad government into good government?

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Premier Got Good Hearing But Could Not Answer Flemming's Searching Questions--A Telling Expose of Government's Frenzied Finance--Hazen Received a Great Ovation and Made a Most Telling Speech--Forty-five Minutes of Anguish for McKeown--A Wonderful Meeting That Foreshadows Opposition Victory on March 3.

Saturday, Feb. 22. Before a mighty audience that fought fiercely for admission and filled the Opera House from the back of the stage to the uppermost row in the gallery, last evening Messrs. J. D. Hazen and J. K. Flemming debated the issues of the campaign with Premier Robinson and Attorney-General McKeown, and the vast throng of voters awarded the palm of victory to the opposition leaders.

The crush in Union street and in the entrance to the theatre was something to be remembered. A big plate glass window in a shop adjoining the entrance was smashed, and the crowd got formally wedged in the lobby of the Opera House that not a few were pressed against the walls until they groaned. A few ladies braved the danger, but not many. It may be doubted if ever before the building held such a throng. The very window-sills in the upper gallery were occupied. On the stage every chair was filled and every foot of standing room was occupied. And the whole crowd remained. Scarcely a man left the meeting until the speaker had begun to speak, and when he had finished the crowd was still so big that those who had gone were not missed.

There was no room for doubt about the verdict of the audience. The signal triumph of the opposition was won in a joint meeting under terms which gave the government speakers every advantage. The government side proposed conditions which gave Mr. McKeown the last word. The opposition were to have the last forty-five minutes or there about the great meeting. Through the opposition conceded every advantage and accepted the government's own terms.

The result fully demonstrated that the opposition leaders were right in consenting to any arrangement rather than have the meeting fall through. Mr. McKeown would speak up the debate, and he consumed half of the time allotted to him every man in the house knew that the battle had gone against the government. Mr. McKeown struggled heroically against the current, but it was all in vain. W. H. Thorne, the chairman, intervened again and again to assist him in getting a hearing, but his cause was already lost and his methods and arguments displeased the crowd and made it more than clear that Messrs. Hazen and Flemming had carried the meeting.

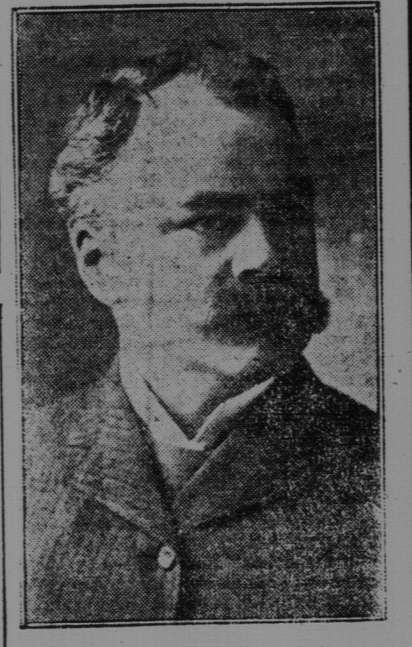
Mr. Flemming, whose challenge led up to the joint debate, received a tremendous ovation. For a minute or two he stood silent amid a storm of cheering. A round of three cheers wound up the applause, and he began what in many respects was the speech of his career. Quietly, logically, without heat or violence, he framed his indictment of the government's financial statement. He drove every point home and the volleys of applause showed that the crowd appreciated the proof he was presenting. The government surplus of \$9,000,000 disappeared, and in its place Mr. Flemming exposed a deficit of some \$1,000,000. Government bookkeeping could not stand the tests Mr. Flemming applied to it, and the vast audience shouted its approval. When he had finished and the cheering subsided, Mr. Flemming's speech was so well received that it was evident that in the opinion of the big jury around him the present local government deserved extinction on March 3.

Premier Robinson was heartily cheered when he rose to reply, and though there were occasional interruptions he showed in handling the crowd and he was given a fair hearing throughout. He was on the defensive--as the government has been from the beginning of the campaign. He defended himself with courage and with little ability, but it was not apparent that Mr. Flemming's charges were not being met. Mr. Flemming's charges were never even referred to the Premier. Mr. Flemming had requested a answer. He could make no answer. It was not long in deciding that he had a bad case. Explain as he would, he had pointed out, remained. When he sat down it was noticeable that the applause was perfunctory as compared with that which followed the conclusion of Mr. Flemming's speech.

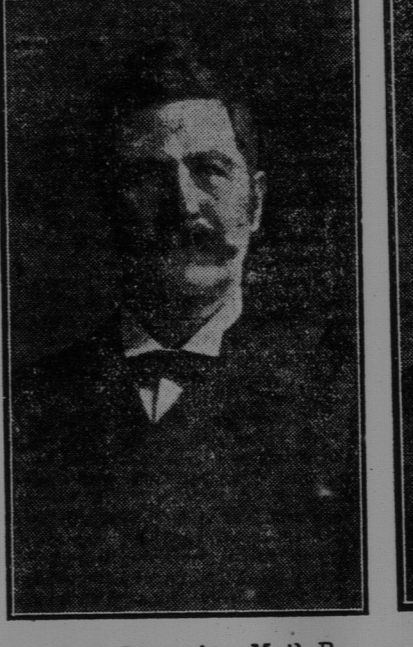
Mr. Hazen was greeted by three cheers and a long continued roar of applause that seemed to come from the entire audience. He was telling work. Early in his speech he drew attention to Premier Robinson's failure to answer the searching questions Mr. Flemming had asked him--a failure of which the audience was quick to grasp the full significance. Mr. Hazen was interrupted once or twice, but he answered his questioner with fine effect, notably in the case of an unfortunate who inquired about the Central Railway. Applauded to the echo, Mr. Hazen plunged into an exposure of the government's conduct in connection with the Central and other roads. It was telling work. Those in the audience who were adherents of the government must have wished that Hon. Mr. Robinson had remained in Moncton. The opposition leader went over the Premier's speech in some detail, and when he finished amid a great burst of cheering, it was telling work. Mr. McKeown got a fair reception, but he had had luck with his audience and he was telling work. He asserted at the stage of his speech that he had heard for the meeting that he had heard to speak--a declaration that elicited cries of derision. Mr. Thorne rose several times to request the crowd to be

quiet, but while nine-tenths of those present kept good order the other tenth displayed much impatience almost throughout the attorney-general's speech. He fought it out, but it was a tough job. The disfavor of the audience came from Mr. McKeown's speech was far from effective. If the government party had expected that in the forty-five minutes at his disposal Mr. McKeown could swing the decision of the meeting to his side they were doomed to bitter disappointment.

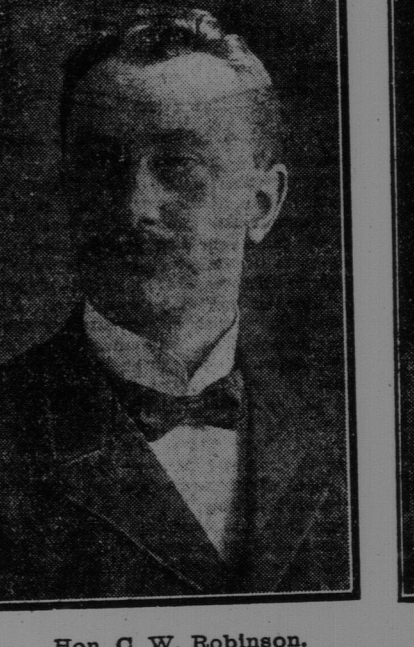
Mr. Thorne opens the meeting. Without any delay the chairman opened the proceedings. He had been selected, he said, as chairman of the meeting probably because he had no qualifications as a speaker. (Laughter.) He had been selected with some reluctance on that account. Among the good qualifications of a chairman he was expected to cut his remarks short, say as little as possible and say a few words of explanation as due to the large audience before him. An advertisement calling a public meeting to be taken out of current revenue had been the political issue explained by the opposition speakers, had been put in the papers and Messrs. Hazen and Flemming and the candidates had been advertised to speak. Mr. Flemming then issued a challenge to the premier to meet him on the platform in St. John, which had not been accepted in its entirety, but a counter offer had been made to hold a joint meeting. An arrangement to that effect had been made and two speakers from each party, Messrs. Robinson and McKeown for the government, and Messrs. Hazen and Flemming for the opposition would address them for three quarters of an hour each.



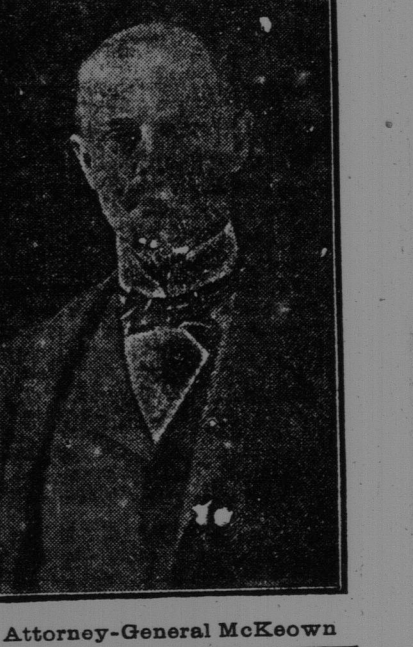
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Attorney-General McKeown

not all. When the government began to build permanent bridges they used a steel superstructure and masonry substructure, but time went on and they began to extend the kind of structures which they could charge as permanent. Cedar cribs filled with ballast, and concrete chry cabinets were piled permanent work, a stone culvert costing \$50 was charged as permanent work. I say that my idea of permanent work is a stone culvert, \$30 or \$40 but the class of work they did in the old days. Why for some time past ordinary little repairs have been charged to permanent account."

Mr. Flemming at this point took up the official report and read several items of this class including one for \$1.36 for repairs to a retaining wall in St. John county. The reading of this item was received with derisive laughter and applause.

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The Premier Delves in Ancient History, But Does Not Give Direct Answer to Questions Asked. Premier Robinson was next introduced and he was received with prolonged cheers from the government supporters. In opening his address he said he hoped the time taken up in hearing would not be counted in his allotted time for speaking. He had listened, he said, with a great deal of pleasure to the clever speech of Mr. Flemming, often called the financial critic of the opposition.

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THE LAW OF THE LAND

By FRED M. WHITE

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CHAPTER XVII.—(Continued.) "Don't promise anything," Dick said.

"Perform instead. I'll find you the money to send that last article back to Mr. Vandernorm, and I don't suppose you will hear any more about it."

CHAPTER XVIII. The Poison Works.

For some little time Dick sat in the cosy drawing room waiting for his hostess. She arrived presently, looking exceedingly quiet and subdued, and in the least like her usual self.

"Well, this is exceedingly good you," he said, "and really I feel quite flattered. But, tell me, why did you pick me out to share your confidences in spite of herself. Kate Lingen laughed in spite of herself. It was useless to keep up any pretensions in the presence of Dick Charteris.

"Perhaps because she thought me so well," she said. "And you must give me your credit, Dick. Whatever my faults in your eyes may be, I never tried to humbug you."

"Oh, because it was useless," Dick laughed. "And you did try it on when we were first acquainted. In fact, you couldn't help it. You are bound to make love to every man who comes along. I verily believe you would try your hand on a saint."

"I should be glad of the chance," Kate Lingen laughed. "Wouldn't it be fun to see the poor, dear man gradually stepping down from his pedestal and coming to the ground? But, Dick, you must be serious. I have got myself into a frightful mess, and Richard Barca promised to get me out of it."

son her battle much more easily than she had anticipated, and it required all her art to keep the look of triumph from her face. A few moments later she was lying back in a comfortable armchair listening to what Barca had to say. He paced impatiently up and down the room, and seemed to be struggling to keep something to himself.

"We must go on as we are," he said. "In fact, we are bound to go on as we are. You shall have all the money you require; indeed you would have had it before now but for the fact that I had a fool to deal with—a fool whose impatience and headstrong folly I should have striven to correct."

"What a fool I am," she told herself. "How stupid of me not to have felt that Richard would have had a watch upon my movements. And it would have been easy to put Mostyn off. I had only to plead some day next week. But Dick's advice was quite correct. It would be foolish to give up the struggle like this, and I will make one more attempt to win."

CHAPTER XIX. Playing the Game.

Kate Lingen bent her head attentively to hear, but Barca appeared to have changed his mind again. The woman shrined her shoulders in a petulant sort of way. She knew precisely the class of man she had dealt with. Then she said to herself: "I am the prince of fools," he said.

"Do you really mean to say," the woman cried, "that you have the bold upon him? Oh, this is a good joke. The immaculate and high-minded Ralph Kingsmill has actually committed a crime, has he? Well, I am quite capable of throwing even if only for his shabby treatment of me."

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Holt, and you say you don't know. Is that your final answer?" "Of course it is. What more can I say?" "Well, then, I suppose I must apply to another quarter," Dickson said irritably.

"You will go down tonight," Kate Lingen cried. "Promise me that you will go down tonight." "Very well," Barca said. "I'll promise. And now you really must leave me because I have many things to do. And if you should dare to play me false after all this—"

CHAPTER XX. A Nest Stratagem.

Cool as he was, Barca questioned a little under Clarkston's steady gaze. He would have liked to ask a few questions, but Clarkston had already turned to the door as if the interview were closed.

"That is exceedingly bright," Clarkston smiled. "Our friend Barca was in a very bad temper about something, and his behavior was anything but satisfactory. Just as I had anticipated, he told me that he had heard nothing more about Holt, nor did he want to. I then inquired, he became more and more abusive, and I said exactly what you told me to say—that it was my intention to go down to Abbey Close tomorrow."

"Certainly I will do it," Clarkston said. "I hope it will be the last humiliating experience I shall ever have. The speaker departed with the telegram, and Dick sat down to await the coming of Mr. Vandernorm. The American arrived presently alert and eager to hear what Dick had to say.

"I guess I got your letter," he said. "And now, Mr. Charteris, what is all this about? Somebody who calls himself Stephen Holt comes along and walks off with all my daughter's jewelry, and all before we realize our loss, you turn up a perfect stranger, and make yourself master of the situation. Seems to me that you would have done better on our side of the fence than to come here and cool, level head of your own, and no mistake."

"That is very good of you," Dick laughed. "But I don't think you are fortunate in having all the cards in my hand. I was fortunate, also, in having to deal with a gentleman like yourself, who does not care to rush off to the police every time he has some little loss. By the way, you have had the whole of Miss Vandernorm's goods back, haven't you?"

do not come easy; they have a false and insincere ring about them. "Clarkson is a bit of a stylist," Dick laughed. "Like all true literary men, he has a keen feeling for the proper meaning of words."

"Well, I guess it doesn't matter," Vandernorm said. "You seem to have got everything back to me without any prompting on the part of anybody. That is a point in your favor. We won't say anything about the missing trunk, for I have had more than the value of that outfit of this little entertainment. And now, Mr. Charteris, if you should care to go to Scotland Yard and asking for that warrant."

"That is very good and kind," Clarkston said quietly. "I know many men in my position who have tried their fortunes successfully in America, but that is not quite my idea. I intend to live everything down in the country where I was bred and born. I will not be content till I have recovered my lost self-respect and the respect of others. I want those people who have turned from me with proper contempt to come and shake hands with me and feel that I am on the same level with them again. It is a big task, but I am going to attempt it, and I feel certain that I shall succeed."

"You are well out of that," he said. "And now you can forget all about it. Still, there is some little to be done, and not much time to spare. What you have to do now is to keep a close eye upon Barca and let me know as soon as you can anything that he is doing. I will be very late tonight; still, keep a close eye on his lodgings, and as soon as you see anything definite transpire, go to the nearest telephone call office and ring me up here. There is nothing more for the present, so far as you can see."

INVALID PRIEST BURNED TO DEATH FROM SPARK OF PIPE

Three Rivers, Que., Feb. 23.—Abbe Elie Blais met his death Saturday afternoon under peculiar circumstances. The reverend gentleman, who suffered from paralysis, was a patient at the St. Joseph's Hospital. It is supposed he was enjoying his after-dinner pipe, and fell asleep in the pipe fall, which set fire to his clothes. When assistance reached him life was almost extinct, his face, head and shoulders being badly burned. He died shortly afterwards. Deceased was 68 years of age and was born in Yamachiche.

HON. MR. LABILLOIS INJURED IN WRECK

Moncton, Feb. 22.—This morning about 8 o'clock No. 34 train from Campbellton collided with a branch train at Dalhousie Junction, caused by the main line switch being turned by the motor here in the cars of the branch train went over the dump and two cars of No. 36 went off the track. Hon. C. H. Labilloy, who was aboard the branch line, was slightly injured.

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GOVERNMENT AGAINST PURITY IN CHARLOTTE

All Efforts of Opposition in Vain to Get Them Sign an Agreement

Senator Gillmor, Who is Actively Engaged in Campaigning in the County, Refuses to Subscribe to Document Insuring a Clean Election—Decline Also to Put Up Fund to Prosecute Bribery and Corruption.

FOUND DEAD IN HIS BUNK ABOARD THE LANSDOWNE

George Metcalfe, or James Reid, a Fireman, Suffocated as He Lay Asleep.

About 7:30 o'clock Sunday morning George Metcalfe, a fireman on the government steamer Lansdowne...

The unfortunate man went aboard between 10:30 and 11 o'clock Saturday night. He had been drinking...

Dr. George R. Parkin is to sail on the steamer Empress of Britain for England...

William Hill, who has been residing in Moncton for the past two or three years is a tailor by trade...

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Chipman, Feb. 21—The meeting held on the evening of the 20th inst., in the interests of the opposition candidates...

Norton, N. B., Feb. 21—John H. Roberts will commence a Christian temperance campaign at Norton on Sunday...

Miss Mary Quigley was in town Monday on her way from Boston to Newcastle.

St. Stephen, N. B., Feb. 22—The final meeting of the purity election committee...

LOCAL NEWS

There is a report in Fairville that the C. P. R. may cut wages.

On Saturday morning the Moncton lady curlers were defeated by the Thistle lady curlers by two points.

Pilot William Quinn, who brought the steamship Sobor into port Saturday...

Cushing's box mill No. 3, after two months' idleness, resumed operations Thursday...

Robert S. Orchard and J. Willard Smith, of the Star line, have gone to Ottawa to meet Postmaster-General Lemieux...

The funeral will take place on Saturday afternoon. Service will be held at her late residence...

F. D. Sadler saw mill at Rowena, Victoria county, was totally destroyed by fire last week...

A special train to convey to the west a naval party who are to arrive here on the steamer Lake Manitoba...

On Saturday the board of health, at the request of Dr. Kellogg, superintendent of schools, fumigated two of the rooms in the Winter street school...

Walter E. Morris left for his home in Harvey, on Saturday, on Saturday last, accompanied by his mother, Mrs. Charles Morris...

Alex. Willis, a C. P. R. trucker, had his right foot crushed on Saturday afternoon while he was loading cases of plate glass...

The keen estimates for the year were under consideration at a special meeting of the trustees Monday afternoon...

While the delivery wagon of the F. E. Williams Company was standing in Britain street on Saturday evening...

George Washington Parker, who before the fire was one of the leading restaurant keepers in this city...

The ferry steamer Ludlow met with an accident while docking in the west side of the river...

On Tuesday evening the new rooms of the Exmouth street church Y. M. C. A. in Brunsell street will be formally opened...

The King's Daughters acknowledge with thanks receipt of the sum of \$27.28 last, from the executor of the estate of the late Mrs. Wm. Quinton...

A good time was enjoyed in the Victoria rink Saturday afternoon, when a children's carnival was held...

The steamer was being away—replacing buoys at the mouth of the bay. The southwest and other buoys were moved into position during the recent storm...

In the divorce court at Halifax, Judge Longley has granted a decree in the case of Anna vs. Robert Stewart...

There were fifteen deaths in the city last week, from the following causes: Consumption, typhoid, pneumonia, meningitis, laryngitis, heart disease, premature birth, senile gangrene, septic pneumonia, bronchio pneumonia, cerebral hemorrhage, hemorrhage of the bowels, inflammation of the bowels, renal tuberculosis and malignant disease of the omentum, one each.

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OBITUARY

Mrs. Edward McPartland. Mrs. Minnie McPartland, wife of Edward McPartland, tailor, died at an early hour Saturday at her home...

Mrs. Joseph Gullivier. Mrs. Joseph Gullivier, a highly respected resident of Waterford, died Friday at her home, aged 37 years...

Bertha Gaskin. Bertha Gaskin, aged fifteen years, died Monday at the home of her grandfather, 20 Newman street...

Mrs. Robert Chamberlain. Mrs. Nancy Chamberlain, former of Rothesay, died last night in her husband's home...

Major Henry A. Oropley. Frederick N. B., Feb. 24—(Special)—Major Henry Adams Oropley, one of the oldest and best known journalists in New Brunswick...

George Washington Parker. George Washington Parker, who before the fire was one of the leading restaurant keepers in this city...

Mrs. Susan M. Scribner. Mrs. Susan M. Scribner, widow of Seth Scribner, died on Sunday in this city. She was eighty-five years of age...

William Holt. William Holt, at one time a prominent lumberman, of Randolph, died Sunday at the residence of his son-in-law, J. S. Flagg...

Mrs. Kattie Davis. Miss Kattie Davis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Davis, died at her home in Mispe on Sunday, aged seventeen years...

Wm. H. Howard. The death of William H. Howard, in the 86th year of his age, occurred Monday at his home, 38 Carleton street...

Mrs. Deborah Y. Theal. In the death of Mrs. Deborah Y. Theal, Whitehead, Kings Co., has lost a life-long and respected resident...

George Oole. Campbellton, N. B., Feb. 24—(Special)—The body of George Cole was brought down from Conacher's camp today, which was found about seventy miles from here...

Henry Galbraith, Lorneville. The death of Henry Galbraith, of Lorneville, on Sunday, after a few days' illness from paralysis...

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR RECOMMEND HIGHER SALARIES FOR TEACHERS School Board Committee Will Present Resolution to Trustees.

"WHAT THEY HAVE DONE" To the Editor of Semi-Weekly Telegraph: Sir: Speaking editorially of the worth of the two present local government members in Albert county...

Newcastle Town Council. The regular meeting of town council was held Thursday night, 20th inst. Communications were read from E. A. McCurdy, manager of the Royal Bank...

Opposition Rally at Shannon, Queens County. A. R. Slipp, one of the opposition candidates, and W. S. Fisher, of St. John, addressed a large and enthusiastic meeting...

Weddings. Miss Esther A. Burns, daughter of Edward Burns, was married Thursday evening to Stephen P. Sealey. The ceremony was performed at 70 Exmouth street...

Company Organized. L. C. Prime, who has been conducting flour and feed store at Westfield and Hampstead, at the corner of Union and Brunsell streets...

Queenstown Lodge, I. O. G. T. Queenstown Lodge, I. O. G. T., No. 377, decided and installed the following officers at the weekly meeting Thursday evening...

Wm. H. Thurston. Yarmouth, N. S., Feb. 24—After Wm. H. Thurston, Sanctor, had got some wood on Saturday afternoon he went to his house and fell dead of heart disease...

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