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Proposed Merger Uf Packing Concerns

Belief That Amalgamation Movement is on Foot

(Montreal Witness.)

Enquiries at the Offices of the Laing Packing and Provision Company relative to the alleged proposed merger of packing concerns, elicited the response that there was no foundation for the report, which we understand to mean that the | while more recently a report including

tend merging with the other companies. Nevertheless, the following despatch was wired to us from our correspondent in Ottawa, which at least shows that there is a feeling in the capital that some big packing amalgamation is in process of formation.

OTTAWA, Aug. 14.-That an important packing merger has taken place, the firms concerned being the Laing Packing and Provision Company, of Montreal, the George Matthews Company, of Hull, and the Blackwell Company, of Toronto, and that this arrangement will go into effect on Aug. 3 seems probable.

A number of local packing and provision firms, when consulted to-day, stated they were ignorant of such an amalgamation being finally consummated, but admitted that the firms men tioned have been growing more and more friendly of late.

Officials of Matthews, Limited, a subsidiary concern of the big Hull company state that an amalgamation between the Matthews and Blackwell companies had been considered some time ago, Laing Company at any rate does not in the Laing Company had been spread. They had, however, no official confirmation from headquarters.

HAS RAILWAY CONTRACT.

Mr. Charles J. B. Simmons, of this city, has the contract for the concrete work on about forty miles of the Canadian Northern Railway in Ontario. He is now at Ottawa preparing to start the work, which is a sub-contract under the Malarkey contract. - Gleaner.

Carter Barker, of Mexico is in town, a guest at the Carlisle.

Blame Dibblee And Engineer

Railroad Commissioners Fix Responsibility for Wreck at. Grindstone.

(Bangor Commercial.)

The entire blame for the collision of passengers trains at Grindstone on the Bangor and Aroostook Railroad on the night of July 28, by which eight lives were lost and 25 persons were injured, was placed upon Engineman F. W. Garcelon, who was killed, and Conductor H. G. Dibblee, who was in charge of the excursion train, in a unanimous report signed at Rockland Tuesday by the State Board of Railroad Commis-

"Their acts, according to this report, constituted a grossly reckless disregard of duty, amounting to criminal carelessness and were the sole cause of the accident."

The collision was between regular passenger train No. 8 from Van Buren to Bangor and second section of No. 7, running from Searsport to Caribou with an excursion party. The fireman on No. 8 and the engineman and fireman on second No. 7 and five passengers on the latter train were killed.

The report in part was as follows:

"We find that the accident was caused by want of reasonable care and prudence on the part of Conductor Dibblee and Engineman Garcelon of second No. 7. Train No. 8 was clearly within her rights in leaving Grindstone when it did, and it was plainly the duty of inferior No. 7 to keep out of the way. It appeared after the accident that the brake on engine No. 8 was in the emergency and there is nothing to show that the engineman on No. 8 did not do the best he could when he suddenly came upon the opposing train and found that the accident was inevitable. No blame can be attached to Conductor Chester Nutter or Engineman William Orr or any other member of the train crew of No. 8.

"The acts and conduct of Dibblee and Garcelon, as developed by the testimony and shown in the statement of facts, were in violation of rules with which they were familiar, constituted a grossly reckless disregard of duty amounting to criminal carelessness, and were the sole cause of the accident."

Fredericton Exhibition.

Once again the "Celestial City" is in line with New Brunswick's Big Biennal Fair, the Fredericton Fxhibition, and its advertisement appears to-day in our

The city of Fredericton has always been noted for its attractive and up-todate Exhibitions and its many Directors, ming; W. H. Higgins; Harry D. Hipdating back to the year 1855-fifty-six years-seem to have known just how to lie Burpee; J. B. Price; David Long; please the public, get the most out of H. C. Burpee; F. E. Mallory; H. everything, give everyone satisfaction. with full value for their money and send them home again with a "I've had A. Ladd; W. A. Arnold; Walter H. a good time" feeling and a "coming Golding; Henry Sidell; Thomas Hamagain" sentiment.

This year's Show is looked upon as the greatest effort yet. Cash Premiums of \$15,000 are offered and com- Kennedy; John M. Hay; G. Kennedy; petition is open to Canada and the State B. J. Bowie; Ernest McDonald; Roy of Maine. The former extensive Low; W. A. Anderson; A. L. Dingel grounds have been enlarged by an additional acquisition of nearly three James Leonard Cox; Henry G. Kinney acres added to the rear and new build- L. Nicholson; H. Johnson; Gordon J. ings erected making what is now the finest Exhibition plant in the Maritime Provinces, including an addition to the former Industrial Building of 130 by 80 feet making a total length of 378 feet, the largest Exhibition Building under Shirley; N. S. Mather; E. N. Chute; one roof east of Toronto, giving accommodation for increased Industrial exhibits and relieving the congestion of former years.

the Show the Amusement end has not young. been overlooked, Special Attractions of an unusual nature have been engaged, entailing an expenditure of several thousand dollars in excess of anything before provided and the new Amusement Hall, seating 1200, will prove great attraction in addition to the many free acts shown on the enclosed grounds. The Trotting Park adjoins the Exhibition grounds, and, under the direction of the Fredericton Trotting Park Association, three days Harness Racing, open to the world, will be held, with Cash Premiums of \$2,400, additional to the \$15,000 Exhibition Premium 25c a box at all leading drug stores.

List. Special Fares on all Railways and Steamers will be offered during Exhibition week.

Fredericton is always an attractive place to visit, especially at the time of its big Fair, when it's a case of "Something going on all the time," day and night. There is ample accomodation provided by the several large and well managed hotels for all visitors, and the Exhibition Association have organized a Lodging and Information Bureau to look after all who prefer the quiet of a well conducted private boarding-house

City." If you have not yet taken your vacation, wait for Fredericton, September 16 to 23; if you have, take another few days, and you won't regret it.

home during their stay in the "Celestial

New Brunswick Pienie Vancouver, B. C.

The Annual New Brunswick Picnic Association held their picnic at Second Beach on July 15th. We were favored with a beautiful day and a large number of New Brunswickers wended their way to this popular pleasure resort.

The following participated in the

days festivities:-John Burpee, President; Gideon

Phillips, vice-President; Wm. Everett, Secretary; J. H. Olts and wife; John Barter and wife; W. I. Goodwin and wife; Margaret Goodwin; J. W. Plummer and wife; W. T. Barter and wife; E. A. Hallett and wife; J. McAdam and wife; Maud McAdam; E. H. Saunders and wife: Mrs. J. E. Saunders; Emma Saunders; Fred Saunders; Evelyn Hancock; Geo. P. Hall; F. H. Hale; Ward Burpee and wife; W. L. Mooers and wife; V. D. Moore; Robt. Straight and wife; Ed. F. Allen and wife; Mrs. A. M. Rentfron; Wm. Dunbar and wife; Master Wm. Dunbar; Mrs. Wm. Everett: May Burpee; Fred Crandlemire and wife; Mrs. John W. Stewart; Mrs. Fred D. Boyer; Fannie Nevers Jennie Hamilton; Pearle Hamilton; Mrs. E. H. Perkins; W. D. McLean and wife and three children; Mrs. Fitzsimmons: Mrs. F. W. Cameron; Mrs. G. W. Johnson; Mrs. E. A. Watson; Mrs. L. L. Wiers; H. A. Phillips and wife; H. D. McGregor and wife; Gertrude Colpitts; H. Trites and wife; Mrs. D. Price: James Trites; Molly Union: Jean McGregor; Miss A. C. Crompton; W. R. McCready; C. P. Merrill and wife; Mrs. W. H. Stuart; Mrs. F. G. Burtt; Hattie Flanagan Hetton Hawkins; Mrs. Frank C. Smith: Kenneth B. Smith; E. Fisher and wife; Mrs. John Campbell; Carrie O. Wheeler; Nellie D. Allen; Mrs. M. S. Baker; Robt. Currie and wife; Mrs. G. Phillips: Mrs. E. Lewis; Miss J. E. Phillips; Miss Burpee; Joycie Flemwell; C. H. Gray; Geo. Stewart; Har-Erome; Roy B. Seeley; J. A. London; D. Sinclair Smith; Eric S. Smith; R. brook; Hillman C. Murphy; H. S. Hipwell: Fred Hall; LeRoy B. London; James LeCox; H. W. Olts; J. Norman and wife and children; A. B. Dixon; Green; F. M. Vandyne; Archie Campbell; Roy P. Cowan; Geo. Chapman; Andrew Dunbar; G. P. Hovey; Charlie McKenzie; Milton Brown; C. Britton; K. B. Appleby; J. Parmer; W. T. C. C. Patterson; V. S. Dennison; H. Sherwood; B. Sherwood; L. Burpee Smith; Albert Cameron.

Races were indulged in and many In addition to the educational part of useful prizes won by both old and

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Liberal--Conservative Convention

There was a large attendance at the Liberal-Conservative Convention held in the Hayden-Gibson Theatre on Thursday evening. The convention was called to order at 7.45 o'clock by the chairman, Dr. D. W. Rankine, who, in a brief speech, said that it was not necessary for him to explain to those present the object of this meeting. He had had the privilege in his day of seeing some large and enthusiastic conventions in the county of Carleton, but this gathering was by far the largest he had ever witnessed at any convention of any party in his life. He then declared the convention open amid enthusiastic cheers. Others on the platform with Dr. Rankin were O. S. Crockett, M. P. P., Fredericton, Hon. J. K. Flemming, M. P. P., and Donald Munroe, M. P. P.

On motion of Mr. A. B. Connell, Mr. Geo. E. Balmain, who was not able to be present on account of his recent illness, was re-elected president of the Liberal-Conservative executive of the

Dr. Peppers of Centreville then presented the name of Mr. B. Frank Smith as the Liberal-Conservative standard bearer in the coming fight, in an eloquent but brief address. The nomination was seconded by Mr. Gladstone Perry of Upper Kent, and carried with one consent.

Following a recess of five minutes, which was taken at this period, the mover and seconder, Dr. Pepper and Mr. Perry, waited upon Mr. Smith in the ante-room, and latter conducted him to the platform.

In his opening remarks Mr. Smith said he was deeply sensible of the honor that they had conferred upon him at that time in tendering him this nomination. It would be an honor and a source of great satisfaction to any man to know that he had so far won the esteem and confidence of the people of his native county that they should be willing so unanimously to express a desire that he should go in the forefront in a contest such as would be waged during the next few weeks, with the hope of carrying the standard of their great party to victory. Three years ago, he continued, "It fell to my lot to carry this standard and I shall not soon forget the admirable support and very warm feeling displayed at that time by so many of the people of this county. Mr. Smith then spoke at some length on the question of reciprocity giving his reasons for opposing it.

At the close of Mr. Smith's speech, Mr. O. S. Crockett and Hon. J. K. Flemming addressed the meeting.

Dr. Rankin then declared the convention closed.

BANNS PUBLISHED

The banns were called on Sunday morning last at St. Gertrude's, church of his honor Judge John L Carleton and Miss Annie Josephine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph McKeen of Richmond Carleton Co.

Miss Gertrude Jones is spending two weeks in St. John, the guest of Miss Grace Flemming Hazen Street.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Smith, leave today for a trip to Calgary, Flagstaff, and other western towns.

MARRIED

Shaw-McMann—In Andover, N. B., at the Methodist parsonage, by Rev. J. A. Ives, Wednesday August 9, Mr Edmund Shaw of St. Leonards, N. B., and Miss Ethel McMann of Fort Fairfield.

LARLEE-SPRAGUE-In Andover, N. B., Sunday, August 6. by Rev. J. A. Ives, Mr Shep. herd Larlee of Perth, and Miss Lucy A Sprague of North View, N. B.

LESLEE-BOULIER-In Grand Falls, N. B., Tuesday, August 8, in All Saints' church, by Rev Douglas C. Haviland, Mr Robert W. Leslie and Miss Edna Boulier, both of Fort Fairfield.

Bell-Lowey—The marriage of Miss Ruby Lowry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Low-ry, to Mr. Arnold W. Bell, North Richmond N. B, was solemnized at the home of the bride's parents, on Wednesday evening, August 16th Rev. Kenueth McKay performing the ceremony. - Aroostook Pionee

BREWER SHARP,-At the residence of the bride's father, Alexander Sharp, on Wednesday Aug 23rd, Thomas Murray Brewer and Lillian May Sharpe both of Hawkshaw.

DIED

Wilson-On August 16, very suddenly Ralph Montgomery, aged four weeks, son of Charles and Nita Wilson of Belleville, Car.

CALDWELL-In Waterville Thursday, night August 10, George Edwin Caldwell, formerly of Fort Fairfield aged 71 years.