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THE TITANIC DISASTER

The information concerning the Titanic disaster brought out so far by the United States Senate Committee which is conducting an investigation all goes to show that there was a heedless sacrifice of human life. There seems to be considerable misunderstanding in regard to the Titanic's life saving equipment, but the statement made in the British House of Commons by Hon. Sydney Buxton, President of the Board of Trade, can be accepted as correct as he is the one man who should know all about it. Mr. Buxton says that the Titanic carried but sixteen lifeboats, and in addition had on board two collapsible boats. The ordinary land lubber does not know exactly what is meant by the term "collapsible boats," but in this case it seems to have meant boats which collapsed and became useless as soon as they were put into the water. With only sixteen boats on board the Titanic, when she set out on her maiden voyage she was prepared in case of an accident to sacrifice the lives of twelve hundred of her passengers and crew, providing every boat was launched and loaded up to its capacity. As it happened some of the life boats were put off with less than their quota of human freight; others were smashed in the launching, so that in reality only a trifle over seven hundred people out of a total of twenty-three hundred were saved from a watery grave.

As the New York Post pointed out in a recent edition, there was no question of her not being able to carry boats enough, but in place of boats and other life-saving equipment, matters which in the old days were the primary requisites of an ocean-going vessel carrying passengers, there were elevators, squash courts, swimming tanks, gymnasiums, palm rooms, and other Babylonian luxuries which our latter-day Roman exquisites demand.

It is time that we got down to a basis of common sense in the construction of our transatlantic steamships; it is time that the public demanded and obtained the latest thing in davits, the best that man can invent in lifeboats and other life-saving apparatus; it is time that the non-essentials were cast aside for the essentials. The whole difficulty appears to have arisen through the mistaken idea among ship constructors and designers that these mammoth "floating" palaces are unsinkable. How they were building an unsafe foundation the destruction of the Titanic goes to prove.

The sudden death of Deputy Sheriff George H. Winter, was a painful shock to the community. It exemplifies the story, as old as the history of the human race, yet always new—the story of the uncertainty of life. It is a reminder that the Great Destroyer no distinction makes. The physically strong man apparently enjoys no greater immunity than the frail, delicate individual who has to wage a continuous battle against ill health.

The late Mr. Winter served his country faithfully for a number of years as a member of the Royal Northwest Mounted Police, and since his return home has rendered good service as a peace officer. Great sympathy will be extended to the grief stricken relatives.

The report of the engineers who made the location survey for the Valley Railway between Fredericton and Woodstock, places the distance at 62.1 miles. This scarcely jibes with the charge made by the local back organ that the distance between these two points had been to the contractor at the expense of the country.

The movement for an Old Home Week, now being worked up by the Fredericton Board of Trade is deserving of every encouragement.

A quart of whiskey was mixed with feed and given to a cow in New York town, and half an hour later the animal was bellowing, "We won't go home till morning," or something that way, and treated several persons to a couple of "horns," and acted in a very reprehensible manner generally. When she sobered up she jumped down a bank and broke her neck. This shows the superior intelligence and good sense of the cow over the average bibulous person. When the latter gets drunk and makes things howl, instead of jumping down a bank and breaking his neck when he gets sober he immediately begins to lay the foundation for another roaring drink.

Mark Antony's famous oration over the body of Julius Caesar, as reported by William Shakespeare, sixteen hundred years afterwards, was a tame effort in comparison with Hon. H. F. McLeod's eulogium of Mr. A. R. Gould delivered at the Presque Isle banquet a short time ago.

Hartland, Premier Flemming's home town is represented in the contract to supply sleepers for the St. John Valley Railway. No wonder some of the boys further down river are inclined to be envious.

Certain steamboat owners on the St. John River do not seem to have awakened to the fact that this is New Brunswick's growing time. Our local publicity committee should arrange to bring the matter to their notice.

Strange to say the recent squabble between the local graft organ and the St. John and Quebec Railway Company has been the means of putting Mr. O. S. Crockett, M. P. in good humor.

Gould stock along the St. John Valley has taken on quite a bridge during the past week.

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR TITANIC'S LOST

Rev. W. H. Jenkins of Gibson Baptist Church Preaches Forceful Sermon on Disaster

A large audience gathered Sunday evening in the United Baptist Church, Gibson to participate in the memorial services to the Titanic. A full choir added much inspiration to leading the congregation in appropriate hymns, one being that which the orchestra of the Titanic played as the ship was sinking, "Nearer my God to Thee," another E. A. Dayman's gave also Hall Caine's hymn dedicated to the Titanic and sung in London at the memorial service in the City Temple to the tune, "O God our Help in Ages Past." Its opening hymn, "O Lord be with us when we Sail upon the lonely deep." They stanza is:

"Lord of the everlasting hills,
God of the boundless sea,
Help us through all the shocks of fate
To keep our faith in Thee."

At the close of the sermon a male quartette gave a fine rendering of the old hymn, "Rock of Ages." Rev. W. H. Jenkins the pastor, took as his theme: "Lessons from the Titanic Disaster." We are reminded he said first that Jesus Christ has glorified women and children. When He was born in Bethlehem women and children had no rights to speak of. He has been going through the nations closing harems and zenanas, and the children's ditches outside the heathen cities. The speaker read Wex Jones' poem: "Our pulses speed that the cry of our breed is

"Women and Children First!" Jesus Christ taught our Anglo Saxons race that cry" said the speaker.

Then pausing he asked, "Does the rum-seller join in that cry?" The rum-seller cries "To hell with the women and children!" Does the drunkard? No! Do the majority of Fredericton voters? No! "And we in Gibson and St. Mary's must live in the purlieus of hell because of free liquor," shrieked the speaker. Then as if in self defence he added more moderately "If you knew the hell I've had to go through within the past week from half-past two till morning, caring for a drunkard you'd say I wasn't misrepresenting the case."

A second lesson from this disaster was that nothing moves the heart like self-sacrifice. He paid a tribute to all who displayed that spirit, from Captain Smith to the lowest sailor; from the millionaire to the poor immigrant who smiled and said to the lifeboat officer, "No! Bless you I didn't think of going but I wish my two little boys might be sent to their mother who is waiting for them in New York." The engineers and musicians, who died at their post of duty; the wireless operators who

POWER CANOE UPSET; TWO WERE DROWNED

Crescent Beach, Conn., April 29—George Borup of New York City, who was with Peary in his successful dash to the North Pole, and Sam Winslip Case, of Norwich, Conn., both graduate students of Yale, were drowned in Long Island Sound, Sunday afternoon, when their power canoe, was suddenly overturned by a heavy sea.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING.

Tonight's meeting of the City Council will probably be largely attended by citizens as the appointment of officials and other important business is to come up.

remained after the Captain said, "I relieve you from further duty"; even the card players agreed to continue their game until the women and children were safe, had all shown an heroic self-sacrifice which stirred all the world to throw a wreath of tears over their memory.

The preacher then asked the congregation to contemplate the self-sacrifice of Jesus Christ and asked were they treating Him rightly.

A third lesson was that salvation is the main thing. Speed and luxury would not atone for safety. The speaker read from "The White Star Line Folder," a list of their luxurious appointments. The travelling public force such displays upon the steamship companies, but when the crisis came, a lifebelt was worth more than a belt of diamonds. Major Peuchen of Toronto left his two or three hundred thousand dollars in the cabin and put three oranges in his pocket. A lifeboat was worth parlor. "What is the main thing for more than the glass-enclosed suns all?" asked the preacher. Money? Pleasure? Honors? No! Salvation from sin is the main thing. Are our friends saved? Does the church know how to man the life boats?"

The fourth lesson was that our hope is in God. Science and art united to make an unsinkable ship, but when all else failed it was "Nearer my God to Thee," and happy for those who had not left to the last moment the preparation for His presence.

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GEORGE H. WINTER DROPPED DEAD

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Arthur, of California; Alfred of Port Arthur, Ontario; and Frank at home WELL SPENT LIFE

The late deputy sheriff was a native of Fredericton. About eleven years ago he joined the Royal Northwest Mounted Police and spent six years on that force, being stationed at various places in the Northwest and Yukon Territories, including Dawson from which place he returned to Fredericton upwards of five years ago, after attaining non-commissioned rank. Early in 1908 he was appointed chief of police of Fredericton holding office for one year. He was then appointed deputy to Sheriff William T. Howe, of York county taking also the office of jailer.

Deceased was known as a most efficient officer and he had a large number of friends. He was a man of great stature and splendid physique, and news of his sudden death came as a great surprise. He was a member of the Knights of Pythias and of the 'Prentice Boys. From early youth he had been a musician of considerable distinction, and had belonged to both the 71st Regiment and the Fredericton Brass Bands, being leader of the latter for a time. He had also belonged to other musical organizations. In his younger days he was well known as an athletic, and when in the Northwest Mounted Police played on the baseball team of that corps.

REFERENCE FROM PULPIT

In the course of the evening service of the Methodist Church yesterday the pastor Rev. Neil McLaughlan made appropriate reference to the death of Deputy Sheriff Winter who had been a member of the congregation and who had frequently been instrumental soloist in the choir.

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