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## KENT COUNTY PEOPLE ASK THAT THE KENT NORTHERN RAILWAY BE TAKEN OVER BY THE GOVT.

### MASS MEETING HELD AT RICHIBUCTO

Strong Speeches by Hon. P. J. Veniot, A. H. Leger, M. P., A. A. Dysart, M. P. P., A. J. Bordage, M. P. P., and Others—A Resolution Adopted and a Delegation Named to Interview Federal Govt.

Richibucto, July 4.—The citizens of Kent county having endured for years what they call the "poor service high freight rates," and the alleged unsafe operation of the Kent Northern Railway, lodged a vigorous protest at a mass meeting in the court house, Richibucto, on Saturday evening, when they unanimously adopted a resolution demanding that the Kent Northern Railway accept the offer of the Federal Government for the road, or give to the county a proper service. Hon. P. J. Veniot, Minister of Public Works, and prominent citizens of Kent addressed the meeting, outlining the alleged disadvantages occasioned by the present operation of the road which they said made it impossible for business to be carried on at a profit and caused the lack of further development in Northern Kent.

The Minister of Public Works in a very forcible speech which made a great impression, denounced the railway for the incompetent service provided, and said that if the owners did not immediately come to time, he would take drastic measures to force them to adopt one of two courses open to them—the transfer of the railway to the Canadian Government Railways or the providing of an efficient service. He told how the people of Gloucester, faced by a similar problem, had brought about, after much difficulty, the transfer of the Caraguet and Gulf Shore Railway to the Federal Government, and he promised that he would make it his special duty to see that Kent County received the same consideration, although he hoped that it would not be necessary to take such drastic steps to insure this as were necessary in the other transfer.

The meeting after unanimously passing the resolution elected a delegation to meet with the Federal Government and with the railway owners for the purpose of placing before them the wishes of the people, and so bring about an amicable agreement. The meeting which was very largely attended, elected R. O'Leary chairman, and George A. Hutchinson, secretary; and the other speakers were A. T. Leger, M. P., A. J. Bordage, M. P. P., and Allison T. Dryart, M. P. P.

## GOVT. CLERKS LOSE JOBS

Washington, July 3.—Upwards of 5,000 Government clerks were dropped from the Federal pay-rolls today this being the last day of the Government's fiscal year. Most of them were from the War Department. The new appropriation bills for the year beginning July 1 carry no provision for their continuance.

Before the war there were about 40,000 clerks in Washington. The last figures, a month ago, from the Civil Service Commission, showed there were 100,000 here at that time. It is the ultimate intention to reduce the list to something like 65,000 the increase from 40,000 being due to additional enterprises, such as the War Risk Insurance Bureau.

The departure of clerks is reflected by an easing of living conditions. The local newspapers are printing many columns of rooms for rent.

### City Taxes Now Due.

The Assessment Roll for 1920 has been placed in the hands of the City Treasurer. The discount period will end on August 21st, and after that date, according to the new act, all persons whose taxes are unpaid are liable to have one per cent per month added to their tax bill.

## FRUIT CROP IN NIAGARA DISTRICT DISTRICT BADLY HIT BY A STORM

NIAGARA FALLS, Ont., July 5.—It is estimated that as a result of a destructive storm on Saturday afternoon, two-thirds of the fruit crop in this section has been ruined. Seven inches of water fell inside of fifty minutes. Two storms met here. A thunderstorm came up from the northwest and the wind veered and brought up a hailstorm from the east. Hailstones as large as walnuts fell breaking windows and even making holes in wooden roofs.

## LITTLE CHANCE OF CALDER AND DRAYTON BEING ABLE TO PULL IN THE ONE BOAT

"Civil War" Said to Have Broken Out in the Unionist Ranks at Ottawa—Ancient Tories Will Not Stand for Calder as Premier—Sir Thomas White May be Asked to Step Into the Breach—Sir Henry Drayton a Possibility,

OTTAWA, July 5.—Civil war has broken out in the Unionist ranks. At a Conservative caucus on Friday Hon. Arthur Meighen complained that Hon. J. A. Calder was working against him in the race for the Premiership. The matter was fully discussed and as a result several ancient Tories called on Sir Robert Borden to inform him that they would not "stand" for Calder as Premier. They must have received the non-committal answer for which the present Premier is becoming famous. When the die-hards left Ottawa several of them were still breathing out threatenings and slaughter against Sir Robt. Borden. They probably were subdued in his presence, but they left the impression that even though the new party was called the National Liberal and Conservative Party, they wanted the emphasis to be on the word "Conservative" when it came to selecting the new Premier.

### That Recent Understanding.

A week or two ago it was understood that Hon. Arthur Meighen and Hon. J. A. Calder had come to an "understanding." It is now apparent, however, that they will never run in harness together, and the net result of the conflict may possibly be that each will cancel the other's chances, making it necessary for the powers that be to ask Sir Thomas White to reconsider his former decision, and in the event of his failing, to consent to pick on Sir Henry Drayton, who has the advantage of having no adverse intriguing going on against him. Whoever becomes Premier, he must expect to spend a period of wandering in the desert, and to accept therefor the opposition leader's salary of \$14,000 a year instead of the \$19,000 a year a Premier gets.

He might even have to divide up with another opposition leader, in which case he would only get \$9,000. Sir Thomas left Ottawa partly because he could not make enough money here, and it is not likely that when he has made his connections once again in business life he would care to break them except under hard pressure.

Sir Robert Borden will at length report to the cabinet his ideas on the best man for the leadership. Should a deadlock develop, Sir Thomas White may be asked once more to declare his position. Meanwhile, every letter and every man who suggests a leader has this test applied to his selection: "What can he do with Quebec?" Quebec, all parties want to flirt with because the agrarian and labor movements have touched it more lightly than elsewhere in the Dominion, whatever may happen in the future, and because the two old party divisions still determine to a large extent the political feeling of the people. Even nationalism does not prevent this, as both parties have always borrowed enough of every popular nationalist cry to prevent a nationalist party growing strong out of a popular demand for it.

## KILLED HERSELF AND CHILDREN

Chicago, July 5.—For a year Mrs. Margaret Emmerson of Chicago, separated from her husband and beset by poverty, had been harried by the fear that her three little children would become paupers.

"I'd rather see them dead than to get nothing out of the world," she told her brother, Timothy Hanrahan, who lived with her in the home of their aged parents and helped support the children.

Early Saturday John Hanrahan, grandfather of the children, was awakened by moans. He found Mrs. Emmerson lying dead across the bed. In the bathroom Thomas, aged 8, and Richard, aged 3, were dead and in another room lay Margaret, 2 years old, severely slashed. She died a few hours later.

## LIFE TERM FOR A MURDERER

Laurel, Del., July 5.—Ollie Morris, nineteen-year-old patricide, was sentenced to life imprisonment and fined \$1,000 by Chief Justice Pennewill in Sussex court today, after he had pleaded guilty to second degree murder for killing his father.

Judge Pennewill told the youthful slayer he was fortunate to have accepted his lawyer's advice in pleading as he did. Morris had held up the court proceedings for nearly four hours by refusing to accept his counsel's advice. His mother finally persuaded him, but not until a jury had been drawn, fifty-eight men being called before twelve were obtained.

## HON. MR. ROWELL IN TORONTO

Toronto, July 4.—Hon. N. W. Rowell, president of the Privy Council, when seen here yesterday, denied that his visit had any political significance. At present, he said, he would make no statement as to his intentions, in regard to his resignation from the cabinet, which, he submitted and temporarily withdrew at the request of the National party caucus. He said he expected there would be four groups in the house from now on—Unionist, Liberal, Labor and Farmers. Respecting the Alberta liquor import direction Mr. Rowell said that this inter-provincial thing and the referendum to be held ere long would settle the issue.

## LUMBER HITS TOBOGGAN

Kansas, July 3.—A general reduction of about 10 per cent. in lumber prices was made effective in all retail lumber yards in Kansas City recently. The reduction ranges from \$5 to \$15 a thousand. Southern pine was quoted at \$55 a thousand a reduction of \$5; shingles thousand.

One of the most commonly used in buildings are priced at \$7 a thousand under the new reduction. This aggregates a total drop of about 30 per cent. in the last month. Pine lathing has declined from \$21 a thousand to \$10 a thousand in the last month. Hardwoods generally are also selling at reduced prices.

Stewart M. Somers, of Moncton, spent the week-end in this city.

## CITY OF ST. JOHNS, NEWFOUNLAND, HAD NARROW ESCAPE FROM BEING WIPED OUT BY A FOREST FIRE

### REV. G. M. YOUNG ON MATTER OF BEER AND WINE

Urges Hearers to Vote Against Them as Return to the Open Bar—Three Arguments.

The Rev. G. M. Young yesterday morning in St. Paul's Presbyterian Church preached a very strong sermon in the interests of Prohibition. His arguments were very convincing in favor of things as they are, and for the retention of the Prohibition Act at the coming election. Regarding the beer and light wines question (1) Young made three strong points. (1) In the first place all votes and voters in favor of open bars are in favor of beer and light wines. (2) The drinking of what we call strong drink, such as whiskey, is comparatively modern, and all the old time drunkenness was beer and wine drunkenness. (3) Should this clause carry it will be necessary to have some place where these drinks will be sold. This would be indeed the old time open bar and the object would be to sell something with a kick in it. The results would be the same in the long run. It might cost a little more to get drunk, but that would be the only difference. It would matter little to the family of a drunkard whether he came home to them drunk on beer or whiskey.

## FIFTY YEARS OF WEDDED LIFE

(St. John Telegraph)  
Mr. and Mrs. Abner L. Grass of this city observed the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding on Friday, June 25 last at the summer home of their son, M. E. Grass, at Read Head. About forty of their immediate relatives were present, and a dinner was served at 6.30 p. m.

A pleasant feature of the dinner was the presentation of a bouquet of fifty roses to Mr. and Mrs. Grass. In addition to this they received a good sum in gold and notes.

They were married in Fredericton on June 25, 1870, by the late Joseph McLeod, Baptist minister, and for thirty-five years resided in Waasli, Sunbury Co. (where both were born), and where Mr. Grass was engaged in farming. Then they removed to Brandon, Man., where their son, Frank D. Grass, resided, but remained there only one year when they returned and have since made their home with their son, M. E. Grass, grocer of Germain street.

## PRINCE'S TRAIN DERAILED

(Special to the Mail.)  
Bridgetown, West Australia, July 5.—A train on which the Prince of Wales was travelling was derailed near here today. Two of the Royal coaches were thrown off the tracks but nobody was injured.

## A MEDIUM MADE A HAUL

Boston, July 3.—Lynn, Mass., officials are searching for Mme. Vashli, a medium, who has robbed Mrs. Christian Lamparter, of the same city, of all her earthly wealth. The medium induced her client to take from the bank, \$3,700 and put it in a "charmed bag," which she was told would bring her untold results. And it did. But shortly after the medium and her family of five children made their escape taking with them the charmed bag and its contents.

## ELECTRICAL STORM DOES MUCH DAMAGE IN COUNTY OF CARLETON

WOODSTOCK, N. B., July 5.—During a terrific electrical storm early this morning a house on Park Street occupied by Mrs. Dunstan was struck by lightning and the cellar was badly torn up, as well as other parts of the house. It was a miracle that the inmates escaped. Two barns and connecting sheds owned by Arnold Orser at Windsor, were struck and burned to the ground with a considerable quantity of hay, grain, several hogs and a lot of heavy farming machinery. The storm lasted for several hours and was the worst experienced in this section for many years. It is expected that further damage will be reported later from outlying districts.

### RAIN ASSISTED IN SUBDUING THE FLAMES

Forest Fires Reported in Various Sections of the Ancient Colony—Aged Woman was Burned to Death at Tors Cove—Fishing Town in the Trinity District Practically Wiped Out.

St. Johns, Nfld., July 5.—The destruction of St. Johns city by forest fires was barely averted yesterday by energetic action on the part of the authorities, supplemented by a heavy downpour of rain. Burning in the hot dry weather of the past week, forest fires have been reported from many sections of the country and have done much damage in the district of Ferryland. A westerly gale drove the flames out on the settlement to Tors Cove so suddenly that an aged woman was burned to death before she could be removed from her house.

At Lamanche, several houses were destroyed as well as a big fox farm operated by the Reids. Twenty-five valuable animals were barely rescued from a fiery fate.

**Fishing Town Wiped Out.**  
New Chelsea, a fishing town in Trinity district, was practically wiped out in another big forest fire and scores of residents were rendered homeless when dense volumes of smoke were seen rolling over the hills from the Black Marsh Road.

Near the Jensen Camps for treatment of tuberculosis patients, where a serious forest fire had started, as well as from Big Northern Pond and Virginia, the people of the places in that section became very apprehensive as a gale of west wind prevailed and the fire appeared to be advancing rapidly. It is surmised in some quarters that the fires were started maliciously and they looked very menacing for several hours. It was apparent to all, indeed, had the Jensen Camps caught, nothing could save the many bungalows and other residences which had been built at the head of the Mundy Pond and much valuable real estate would have been destroyed. The fire which threatened the Jensen Camps started near Gauls shortly after ten o'clock, and, fanned by the gales, spread quickly, and driving down on Butterworth's farm, for a time threatened to wipe out the residences and outhouses on the place.

It continued on to E. Cowan's, also endangering the dwellings and outhouses. The furniture and stock on these farms were removed by some fifty fire-fighters and taken to a place of safety, and by the fire-fighters' efforts the fire was diverted and the property saved.

## WAS LOOTED BY BURGLARS

Special to The Mail  
San Francisco, July 5.—Mrs. C. E. Moeller, friend and travelling companion of Mrs. John F. Hylan, wife of the Mayor of New York was found bound and gagged in her room at a prominent hotel early last night. The room had been looted by burglars.

## PRISONERS GET AWAY

Special to The Mail  
Indianapolis, July 5.—Twenty-two prisoners including two lifers escaped from the Marion county Jail early this morning after having knocked the night jailer unconscious and taking his keys as he was making the rounds.

Out on Deposit.  
One drunk was arrested yesterday afternoon but was allowed to go on deposit.