

C.N.R. EXPRESS KILLED TWO BOYS AT MORRISON'S

Vincent D. Doherty and Gordon C. Blizzard, Party of Young Boys Was Playing About Tracks.

The most distressing accident which occurred in Fredericton in a long time happened at Morrison Station in the outskirts of the city Thursday night when the incoming C. N. R. express from Saint John killed two little boys. Morrison is the station at the old Morrison Mill dismantled some years ago. The victims were Gordon C. Blizzard aged ten years son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas D. Blizzard and Vincent D. Doherty aged nine years son of Charles Doherty.

Were Playing About.

A party of boys were playing about the Morrison Station which is merely a platform. Others in the party were Jack Doherty brother of one of the victims, Billy Gordon Douglas Blizzard and Jimmie Carlin. Stories concerning the accident differ in detail. Dr. D. W. Ross, coroner, was told by a boy who said he was in the party, that two who were killed ran toward the station when they heard the outgoing C. P. R. freight train, saying they would catch the train. Jack Doherty says the party was playing hide-and-seek and the two victims were hiding from the others behind the huge banks of snow along the railway lines. The incoming C. N. R. express passed at the same time as the freight on the C. P. R. the two lines running side by side. When the trains had passed the other boys ran on the tracks looking for their companions and found their mangled bodies.

Unfounded Rumors.

There were many unfounded rumors afloat soon after the accident the most sensational being that the boys were skiing and avoided one train in their swift light down the hill but were struck by the other. No person saw the accident as far as is known and the supposition is that the unfortunate (Continued on page 5.)

City Affairs

Business Change

Mr. John R. Jewett, formerly of Kingsclear, has purchased the grocery business of H. G. Clark on King street just above Westmorland Street.

Chimney Fire.

An alarm from box 17 called the fire department out early Thursday evening for a burning chimney at the home of Joseph Sussey. There was no damage.

Condition Improving

Friends in this city and elsewhere of Mrs. Sam Bubar of Houlton, Maine, who underwent two very serious operations at the Aroostook Hospital shortly after Christmas, has so far recovered that she is able to sit up for a short time each day. Her niece Miss Helen Welch, of this city, who has been with her through her illness expects to stay with her for some time yet. Mrs. Bubar formerly resided in this city.

Located the Break.

Fire Chief Roy W. Smith had the break in the electric fire alarm system which was causing trouble, located yesterday. It was in the cupola of the old lighting plant in Carleton Street where a whistle some years ago sounded as part of the system. M. Rappaport is removing the old metal from the building having purchased it as junk. He denied positively to Chief Smith that the wiring had been touched but the break nevertheless.

Spring Flowers.

This is the season for spring flowers, we have abundance of them, instead of going south pay a visit to the greenhouse where there are orange trees in bloom, Tulips, Narcissus, Daffodils, Hyacinths, Easter Lilies, Azaleas, etc., all in bloom. Fine specimens of ferns and palms for sale or hire, we invite you to call and see our display of lettuce and parsley. Don't forget this is the place for flowers for the sick. Ada M. Schleyer, Florist Phone 217, 326 Charlotte Street.

RECEPTION OF GOVERNOR BRILLIANT

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The public reception given by His Honor the Lieut. Governor and Mrs. Todd to mark the opening of the Legislature took place Thursday night in the Assembly Chamber of the Parliament Building. It was a most brilliant entertainment and was attended by some five hundred people. The decorations of the Assembly Chamber, corridors and supper room were particularly beautiful.

Received in Chamber.

His Honor and Mrs. Todd received in the Assembly Chamber, the guests being presented by R. S. Barker, Official Secretary. Receiving with them were Premier and Mrs. Baxter, Assisting at the reception were Mrs. W. S. Carter, Mrs. John O'Brien of Nelson mother of the Speaker Hon. J. Leonard O'Brien, Mrs. L. P. D. Tilley of Saint John and others.

Supper was served in the Corporations Committee Room where beautifully decorated tables were arranged. Flowers were used most effectively to decorate the tables and candles tastefully arranged also added to the beauty of the scene. Greening, flags and other decorations also were used. The guests were served by a large number of ladies invited by Mrs. Todd. The reception began at 8.30 continuing until 11.30 and was informal. During that time Mr. Barker presented well up to five hundred persons. Music was by McGinn's orchestra.

Afternoon Tea Today.

Mrs. Todd entertained this afternoon at afternoon tea in the Corporations Committee Room which was used last night as a supper room.

Contract Held Up.

Owing to objection by owners of land in the vicinity of the Five Points Bridge, Albert County, the Public Works Department has delayed the award of the contract for the building of the structure pending investigation.

CONCILIATION COMMISSION ENDS SITTINGS

Three Heard This Morning—John Henderson and Harvey Welton of Minto and F. W. Coleman.

The Conciliation Commission on the dispute between the Minto Coal Company and its employees in the Minto coal field, completed its sittings this morning at the Parliament building. Negotiations toward an amicable settlement of the trouble probably will be carried on prior to the preparation of a report.

Witnesses Heard

This morning Harvey Welton and John Henderson of Welton, Henderson & Co., coal operators in the Minto field, gave evidence. They had been wanted before as witnesses but had not attended the sittings at either Minto or Fredericton. F. W. Coleman, manager of the Fredericton plant of the Maritime Electric Co., also gave evidence.

Competition Too Keen

Mr. Henderson took the course of his examination upon the comparative prices of coal in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and the United States laid blame for trouble in the Minto field to extreme competition among the companies and other operators and to too low prices for the coal. Mr. Welton also gave evidence with regard to prices of product.

Mr. Coleman was examined on the burning qualities of Minto coal. He acknowledged a strong prejudice against the coal, alleged that the ash-content was too great and that it had other drawbacks.

C. L. Dougherty appeared as counsel for the company.

Death of James Bird.

James Bird an aged and well known resident of this city passed away Thursday afternoon at four o'clock after a long illness. He was aged eighty-seven years. Death occurred at the home of William Horsford, King street. Surviving are a widow and one daughter Mrs. Samuel Crawford both of this city. Service will be conducted tonight by Rev. F. H. Holmes and the body will be taken to Birton for interment Saturday.

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