

# Asking For Foot Walk On New Bridge

## Daniel Bannister Not In Lake Cabin Night Of Jan. 5 Says Frances

### Frances Says They Had Planned at Home to Get the Lake Baby.

Frances Bannister, star witness for the Crown, in the first day's session yesterday of the trial of Daniel Bannister, charged with murdering Philip Lake, disclosed that she and her two brothers, Daniel and Arthur, last month convicted of the murder of Philip Lake, discussed plans to obtain the infant Betty Lake.

This, Frances testified today, was talked over at the Bannister home before setting out for the Lake Home. Frances also told P. J. Hughes, K.C., who with G. F. G. Bridges, is conducting the prosecution, that she herself did not expect to get the Lake baby.

In direct examination, the girl reluctantly said she "heard a noise like a shot" as she waited outside the Lake cabin and she "heard a thump as though something had fallen on the floor." She described too, when re-examined by Mr. Hughes, how Arthur came out of the cabin in his shirt sleeves. She told of him handing the baby to her before re-entering the cabin.

During the cross examination by H. Murray Lambert, defence counsel, the sister said she did not think Daniel knew any more about the reason for the trip to Lake's that night, than she did.

#### Several Clashes

Two Crown witnesses were heard during the sitting, presided over by Chief Justice J. H. Barry. Monotonous with repetition of evidence already given at the preliminary hearings and trials of Arthur Bannister and his mother, Mrs. May Bannister, the session was enlivened only by clashes between Mr. Hughes and Mr. Lambert and between Dr. J. W. Roussel of Montreal and the defence attorney.

Mr. Roussel, defence expert, declared he was positive the .22 bullet found in the brain of the dead man was fired from the rifle identified by Frances Bannister who had preceded him, as that owned by the two Bannister brothers.

In a lengthy cross examination by defence counsel Lambert Frances said she did not know how long she was going to be detained by the R.C. M.P. As far as she knew no charge had been laid against her, nor did she know if any charge might be laid against her.

"Did you hear anything about how you were going to get the Lake baby?" "No."

She said Daniel and herself had been told about the Lake baby by Arthur, who had asked them to go and get the baby.

#### Arthur's Instructions

"What time did Arthur tell you to leave home for Lake's on Jan. 2?" "About 7.30 or 8 o'clock."

"Did he tell you what to do when you got there?" "No."

"You say you went up there that night to get the baby?" "As far as I know."

"Did you ask for it?" "No."

### HAUPTMANN SHOULD HAVE ANOTHER TRIAL

#### More Ransom Money is Reported in New York

Mrs. Anna Hauptmann carried to her husband the news yesterday of his new death date.

"It's 8 o'clock Friday night, Richard," she told him.

Governor Hoffman last night made public a telegram from Clarence Darrow, Chicago criminal lawyer, asserting belief that Hauptmann should have another trial.

Darrow registered "unexceptional disapproval" of Dr. John F. (Jafsie) Condon, ransom intermediary, "heretofore so eager and free to occupy the limelight."

CHICAGO, April 2.—An offer to uncover \$5,000 in "Lindbergh ransom money" in a New York safety deposit box opened freedom yesterday from his jail cell for Stephen Spitz, 52, prisoner of a confidence game charge. The sudden receipt of a money order for \$892 "from somewhere in the east" enabled Spitz to pay off what remained of a \$1,000 fine levied on a bad check charge and obtain his release. Spitz has claimed at various times in the past to have "bought" a share of the Lindbergh ransom in August 1934, and hidden it.

Bruno Richard Hauptmann, who has lived beyond three of his death dates, faces a new one—Friday night at eight o'clock—but under conditions which made it extremely doubtful he would die even then for the Lindbergh baby murder.

Col. Mark O. Kimberling, state prison warden, moved the death time back a day later than was asked by the Mercer County (Trenton) grand jury, whose unexpected intervention halted the execution on the hour set for it.

"Why didn't you try to get it?" "I had no reason for that."

Frances said that it was a common thing for Arthur to carry a rifle when he left home. She told Mr. Lambert the rifle was owned by both boys and that her mother bought it for them.

On Jan. 2, the first night the witness and Daniel went to Lake's, the Lutes dog barked at them but not much.

The witness said she knew Albert Powell. He used to go to the Bannister home to hold Sunday school sessions.

"I told Powell not to come around me, but he didn't have sense enough to listen to it," continued Frances. "I also heard Marie telling him to stay away from her. He was a nuisance. It was pretty hard to get rid of him. I repeatedly told him I did not want anything to do with him."

In conclusion, the witness said she did not think Daniel knew any more

### Thumbnail Sketches



HON. J. B. MCNAIR, K.C., B.C.L., Attorney-General

Hon. J. B. McNair, K.C., B.C.L., is to speak in the House this afternoon dealing with Mr. Squires' amendment to go into Supply.

Hon. J. B. McNair, K.C., B.C.L., member for York County, is the new Attorney General. He was born at Andover, Victoria county, on November 20, 1889, son of James and Frances Ann McNair, now residents of Fredericton. He had a brilliant career in his studies and in athletics at University of New Brunswick, from which he graduated in 1911, and at Oxford, where he was Rhodes scholar graduating from Oxford with arts and law degrees in 1913 and 1914. He served overseas during the Great War being a lieutenant with the Canadian anti-aircraft forces in France, and was in Germany following the armistice. He was admitted to the New Brunswick bar in 1919, since when he has been practising law at Fredericton, in partnership with J. J. F. Winslow, K.C. He is a member of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, Fredericton, and is president of the New Brunswick Liberal Association and the York-Sunbury Liberal Association. In 1921 he married Marion MacGregor Crockett, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. W. C. Crockett, Fredericton. They have three children.

about the trip to Lake's than she did and added that on the night of Jan. 5 Daniel was not in the Lake cabin.

Mr. Hughes re-examined the witness at some length. She stated that on the night of Jan. 5 at Lake's cabin Arthur came out in his shirt sleeves, but when he overtook her on the balcony pit road, a few minutes later, he had his sweater on and was carrying the rifle.

"Did Daniel and Arthur ever tell you what happened inside the Lake home on the night of Jan. 5?" "No."

"It the story you told us here today the truth?" "Yes."

"Did you expect to get the Lake baby with the Lakes up?" "I didn't expect to get it at all."

"What do you mean by that?" "I knew of no way to get it."

Frances said she had spoken to Arthur on the way home from Lake's on Jan. 5 or the morning of the 6th about breaking the rifle and the throwing it away and Arthur had told her it was no good anyhow as Daniel had lost the bolt.

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### The C. N. R. Bridge

There seems to be a persistent demand from residents of South Devon for the erection of a foot walk on the new C. N. R. railway bridge. His Worship Mayor A. J. McEvoy of Devon stated today to the Daily Mail that delegations would take the matter up with both the Federal and Provincial Governments.

In several places throughout the Upper Provinces and in the United States railway bridges located under the same conditions as is the Fredericton-Devon C. N. R. bridge have made provision for a footwalk for passengers. In discussing the matter with the Daily Mail today Mayor A. J. McEvoy of Devon pointed out that the building of a walk for foot passengers across the new bridge would be of great convenience to the people of South Devon. Devon seems to be building down river and a large number of residents of South Devon, including High School and University students, and those who come to Fredericton to do business with our merchants, have used the tracks on the old C. N. R. bridge, although they were not supposed to do so.

To these people a footwalk in connection with the new bridge, such as is built on other bridges, would be of great convenience and would save a long walk from Barker's Point and the lower part of South Devon to the present highway bridge.

The people of South Devon and Barker's Point would certainly appreciate this convenience.

### At the House

At the Legislature yesterday the following bills were given a second reading: To provide payment to Mrs. Maude Loudoun, widow of the late Wilson A. Loudoun; for the suppression of Slot Machines and other gambling devices; to amend Chapter 178 of the Revised Statutes, 1927, the Municipalities Act; to provide for a gratuity in the case of the late George Bidlake; to provide for gratuity in the case of the late Robert S. Barker; to amend further 2 George V. (1912), Chapter 42, Entitled "An Act to provide for the Government of the City of Saint John by an Elective Commission".

E. R. McDonald, from the Standing Rules Committee, presented their ninth report, approving of the following petitions for Bills: to amend 20 George V., (1930), Chapter 65, Entitled "An Act to incorporate Saint John Central Welfare Council"; confirming an Assessment made on the Parish of Lancaster for Water purposes, by the Municipality of the City and County of Saint John; to further amend the Act 2 George V., 1912, Chapter 42 intitled: "An Act to provide for the Government of the City of Saint John by an Elective Commission"; he asked leave to make a further report.

Hon. Mr. Squires gave several Notices of Enquiry for Tuesday next.

Hon. Mr. Dysart asked of Mr. Speaker for recess of the House until 6 P. M., in order that the large delegation from Saint John might be able to continue their presentation before the Municipalities Committee. Leave being granted the House took recess at 3:30 P. M.

The House resumed shortly before 6 P. M., and adjourned at 6 P. M., to sit again at 8 P. M.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole at 9 P. M. with Mr. Foster of Kings County in the Chair.

On Motion of Mr. Blakeney, Bill No. 7 was referred back to the Committee on Municipalities. This is a Bill to authorize the Board of School Trustees of the City of Moncton to issue debentures in an amount not to exceed \$185,000.

The Committee agreed to report the following Bills as recommended by the Committee on Municipalities with certain amendments: To amend Chapter 60, 53 Victoria, 1890, "An Act to Consolidate and Amend the Several Acts of the Assembly Incorporating or Relating to the Town of Moncton," to amend the City of Moncton Assessment Act, 1921; To Authorize the City of Moncton to issue Debentures; To Provide for the Early Closing of Bar-

### Highlights of Speech

Budget cannot be balanced on account of drastic expenditures Anderson.

Wonderful timber limits in central New Brunswick through the building of the new Tobique-Renous road will be salvaged from fires, budworms and old age.—Anderson.

Too long have our forest reserves been slaughtered. This colossal waste must cease.—Anderson.

Every foot of lumber can be salvaged.—Anderson.

### S. S. MAJESTIC ON SECOND TRIP TO THIS CITY

The S. S. Majestic, steamship of the Eastern Canada Coastal Steamships, Limited, arrived here on its second trip of the season last night and after working a passage through the wreckage of the C.N.R. bridge docked at its wharf. The return trip is being made to Saint John today. The big steel-hulled boat was able to negotiate the channel here because of soundings taken by Captain John A. Gilchrist.

ber Shops in the City of Moncton; To Fix the Assessment Valuation of Moncton Lumber Company, Limited, in the City of Moncton.

The Speaker resumed the Chair at 9.45 and Mr. Foster reported Bills. These approved with amendments and recommended they be read a third time today.

Hon. Mr. Dysart introduced a Bill to extend the operation of Section 1, 24 George V., Chapter 29, respecting Teachers' Salaries. The Bill was read a first time.

Hon. Mr. Dysart introduced a Bill to amend Chapter 52, R. S. 1927, The Schools Act. The Bill was read a first time.

Hon. Mr. McNair introduced a Bill to amend Chapter 4, R. S. 1927, The Elections Act. The Bill was read a first time.

Hon. Mr. Richard laid on the table the 65th Annual Report of the Halifax School for the Blind.

On motion of Hon. Mr. Dysart the House adjourned at 9.52, P. M.

## Hon. W. S. Anderson Discusses Features Of New Highway

Will Develop Our Resources by Opening Some of Best Hardwood Ridges of Our Province

### Road Will Provide Work

It Will be a Very Valuable Trans-Provincial Highway



HON. W. S. ANDERSON, Chairman, Hydro Commission, Who Discussed the New Highway at Last Evening's Session.

When the House resumed for the evening session last night Hon. W. S. Anderson, Chief Highway Commissioner, delivered his speech on the Budget. Mr. Anderson, who is always heard with interest, dealt particularly with the new highway.

Hon. Mr. Anderson regretted that he felt obliged to speak at this late hour. It was only on account of the peculiar amendment to the motion, that he felt obliged to come on the floor of the House at this time and give some explanation of why the Government was undertaking the project of building the road from Renous to Plaster Rock. He congratulated the Speaker on his election to his high office, and thought that this selection was a particularly happy one. He thought that the Speaker had the ability and the inclination to deal fairly and justly with all matters that would come before him.

As we look around us we miss many familiar faces. He referred to the passing of the late Seraphin Leger. All those who knew Mr. Leger had no difficulty in knowing why he represented the County of Gloucester, and he extended to Mrs. Leger and family his deepest sympathy.

Hon. Mr. Anderson referred to the passing of Mr. Loudoun, and of Mr. Bidlake. Those men will go down in the annals of this province as faithful and efficient servants and their names will linger long in the hearts of those who came to this House as new Member in the matter of advice they gave the best there was to offer. Hon. Mr. Anderson extended sympathy to their families.

Since the opening of the House, we (Continued on Page Four)

## Larger Supplementary Plant at Dalhousie

As a result of a series of conferences between officials of the Gatineau Power Company and Premier Dysart and members of his Cabinet, the Gatineau Power Company, which operates the Grand Falls Hydro development, has advised the Government of New Brunswick that it will proceed with the construction of a 10,000 horsepower turbo-generator steam unit at Dalhousie to supplement the Grand Falls supply of electrical energy to the plant of the New Brunswick International Paper Company.

On frequent occasions due to low water at Grand Falls the paper mill at Dalhousie has received an inadequate supply of power to operate on a scale justified by market conditions. The auxiliary steam plant to be built right away will steady the load and enable the paper mill to receive the required load in all ordinary circumstances.

The new plant, which will develop 10,000 horsepower or more and will cost in excess of \$300,000.00, will be completed, the company advises, before the recurrence of adverse water conditions at Grand Falls.

The Gatineau Power Company in proceeding with the unit is fulfilling the basic consideration of legislation adopted by the New Brunswick Legislature in 1931, authorizing the transfer of the Grand Falls hydro development from the Saint John River Power Company to the Gatineau Power Company. Paragraph three of the preamble of that measure states:

"Whereas, Saint John River Power Company or the Gatineau Power Company intend by means of the improved financial facilities provided by the operation of this Act to supplement the present output of Grand Falls so that the New Brunswick International Paper Company shall have an improved and reasonably constant supply of power for the operation of the present capacity of its mill at Dalhousie."

The concluding section of the same Act states:

"It is hereby declared that this legislation is enacted in reliance upon the third paragraph of the preamble," quoted above.

## Memorial to Mrs. John Black

At the opening session of the 38th Annual Meeting of the I.O.D.E. in Saint John yesterday a committee was appointed to study suggestions for establishing a permanent memorial to Mrs. John Black, organizer of the first Chapter of the Order and which took place in Fredericton. It was generally conceded a memorial along educational lines would be the most appropriate.