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Good Police Work

The R.C.M.P. assisted by the Deputy Sheriff of Kings County did good work yesterday in rounding up the alleged Moncton hold-up man. If this man should prove to be the guilty party, it is hoped that he will be treated to the full penalty that the law provides. We in New Brunswick have happily been free from such crimes as armed hold-ups such as have prevailed in other places, and outsiders should be given to understand that it does not pay to start any such game here.

The arrest of this suspected criminal is another evidence of the good work being done by the R.C.M.P. Much credit is also due to the deputy sheriff of Kings for his share in making the prompt arrest.

Now let us see that gangster methods do not prevail in New Brunswick.

A Government Problem

The Senate Railways Committee having approved the Government's bill to replace the Canadian National Board of Trustees with a Board of Directors, it may be assumed that the Upper Chamber will pass the measure. In the interests of responsible government, it is to be hoped that this will be done. The warning given by the Prime Minister showed how vital was the issue. There was no more prominent plank in the Liberal campaign platform than that promising "maintenance of the integrity of the Canadian National Railways as a publicly owned and publicly controlled service," and undoubtedly the people believe the general policy behind this declaration is favorable to their road. It would be a serious matter for the Administration if its first major step in implementing the undertaking were blocked by a Senate which owes nothing to the electorate in promise and performance. The entire burden would fall on the lower House and the Ministry.

Responsibility for the affairs of the Canadian National cannot be shared equally by the two Houses. This was implied even in the hearing before the Railways Commission when officials of the competing system were called in to give evidence. The bill being considered has nothing to do with the Canadian Pacific, does not touch the parts of the 1933 legislation providing for elimination of duplicating services and the functions of the Arbitral Tribunal. It deals only with the management of the C.N.R., and the consulting of authorities from the opposition must have impressed the public as strange procedure. In fairness, it should be pointed out that the Committee questioned the C.P.R. authorities only on such extraneous matters as co-operation and economies. Nevertheless it implied that the Senate has no special concern for the C.N.R., and the only effect on the public was to cloud the real issue.

The Committee performed one service, however, in bringing out the fact that the trusteeship has accomplished comparatively little in fulfilling expectation arising from the 1933 enactment. While it gave Vice-President Coleman of the C.P.R. an opportunity to repeat the statement of Sir Edward Beatty that \$65,000,000 could be saved by unification, and listened to Judge Fullerton's rebuttal that \$15,000,000 was the possible maximum, it also heard the C.N.R. Chairman state that the solution was in providing more traffic.

It can hardly be disputed that anything the Senate can start will have little effect on traffic improvement. The place to look for it is in Government policy. So, once more, responsibility for the C.N.R. is peculiarly that of the Administration.

Enough has been said to indicate that appointment of a Board of Directors means more than displacement of the system created by the late Government. Mr. Howe has expressed a wish to have men appointed who will assist the publicly owned road as do directors of any other railway. He has also made it clear that the Administration does not believe the deficits of recent years have to be accepted as unending. Whatever may be the plans of the Government to bring about improvement, it would be manifestly unwise for the Senate to stand in the way.

Nankin Remains Calm

Nankin has declined definitely to be stampeded by Canton into a declaration of war against Japan, and General Chiang Kai-shek adds that there will be no civil war in China.

In face of this firm stand by Nankin, the news that Kwangsi Province has ordered general mobilization of its army and announced the immediate severance of relations with Japan is of small importance, and the doings of the Canton forces amount to little more than a heroic gesture. Kwangsi, of course, has no "relations with Japan," while the effectiveness of Canton's forces may be estimated from the fact that Magistrates have been ordered to collect an army of coolies to act as bearers of military equipment.

Just what is meant by Chiang's statement that there will be no civil war is not explained, but there is little possibility of Canton's army standing against any show of force by Nankin, and Nationalist warships, it is reported, have already been sent to Amoy, about 300 miles from Canton, in readiness to "discourage" hostile moves by the Southern troops.

It is possible, even probable, that Canton's sudden determination to resist Japan is merely a subterfuge intended to lead to the overthrow of the Nationalist Government, and to bring Communist rule to Northern China. If so, it seems doomed to failure.

And the eventual fate of China is not wholly a question between China and Japan only. Britain, France, America and the other Powers are interested in this great country, in regard to which they have pledged themselves to abstain from seeking territorial gains within her precincts, to preserve her sovereignty and independence, and to maintain the open-door policy which gives all nations alike the right to trade in and with China.

The real question concerning China is: To what extent will the Powers allow Japan to ignore these pledges, as well as the interests of the signatory Powers in China, and to close the doors of Chinese trade to all nations but herself?

SNAPSHOTS

That Regent Street scratching scrap was some bout.

The father of Adult Education, Rev. Alfred Fitzpatrick, formerly minister of Kincardine has just passed away. He founded a frontier College at Toronto. He had lived to see his idea bear fruit.

A certain man agrees with the New York jurist who ruled that bridge is a game of skill. His wife never misses his shin when she kicks at him under the table.

Those Northumberland County people are funny. They are never satisfied like the rest of the world.

There is a law to stop washing windows and messing up the sidewalk after nine o'clock.

We have not heard any further kicking from the chain stores regarding the proposed contribution to the provincial corporation tax.

Eatons', Zellers' and Dominion stores were the original kickers but none of the other local chain groups have yet joined up with this these people.

Another automobile safety rule: Though each maneuver involves the use of one's legs, it is safer to step into an automobile than to walk into one.

For slow work on removing old wrecked bridges, you have to hand the medal to the Garsons. The people are getting tired of watching them. They would rather see the new bridge start for a change.

The "Mounties" have again demonstrated their efficiency in making a quick capture.

DEATH OF
FORMER N. B.
LADY IN B. C.

Word has been received from Vancouver, by Mrs. James Pringle of the death of her aunt, Mrs. Elizabeth Sewell. Deceased was the wife of the late William Sewell of Lincoln, a prominent lumberman of this province. Mrs. Sewell, who had been ill for three weeks, was buried in Vancouver, where she has had her home for the past twenty-five years. She was surrounded during her illness by the members of her family, including her son Thomas of Pittsburgh, Pa. Besides her son she is survived by six daughters, all of British Columbia.

Mrs. Sewell was the last of the family of the late Mr. and Mrs. John MacElvany of Lincoln and Fredericton, and she will be very pleasantly remembered by many friends in this city and province, where she has visited three times since her residence in British Columbia. Her passing will be regretted by many friends in New Brunswick as well as in Western Canada.

AT THE QUEEN HOTEL

Guests registered at the Queen Hotel today include the following: Mr. and Mrs. Victor L. Goode, Halifax; W. L. Erhart, Gardner, Mass.; A. D. Titcomb, Newburyport, Mass.; C. C. Curran, Halifax; J. D. Dunphy, Halifax; A. J. Lyons, Saint John; E. M. McLeod, Halifax; N. H. Howell, Moncton; F. E. Yeomans, Saint John; Fred Tregunno, Halifax; J. W. Graham, Moncton; W. D. Wetmore, Saint John; W. B. Fay, Halifax; R. L. Jammer, New York City; W. R. Butland, Saint John; Geo. H. Perkins, Toronto; H. H. Akerley, Saint John; I. Goldenberg, Montreal.

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EX-ALDERMAN DISCUSSES AFFAIRS

Editor Daily Mail,
City.

I have been intending to write to your paper for some time, to tell you how much I appreciate your discussion of matters relating to the city and its affairs. You are taking the proper stand for a "Community Paper" as you call your sheet. The discussion of civic affairs by The Daily Mail is unusual because it is along lines never before taken up in this city either by the press or by the people. Our people have been afraid to discuss the city hall matters either because they were afraid to offend those who were controlling affairs or because we have got into the habit of drifting and let things go. Nobody wants to start anything. There is probably no other town just like Fredericton anywhere, in this regard. That is the reason why, for years the city council, the school board and the Police Commission have all drifted along with the same old fellows for years and years. Everybody seemed to imagine that the city could not run without W. G. Clark was Mayor and Mose Mitchell was at the board. Dr. VanWart has been chairman of the school board for a quarter of a century and they brag about some other member having been on the same board for forty years, and so on. The result is that these people come to the conclusion that they own the town and the citizens have got so that they let these people get away with it. They cannot be disturbed. Even the magistrate, or whatever you call him, must not be questioned in anything that he does in the administration of his office. The people have no say. Well, all I have to say, that it is coming to a bad mess when these public servants are to get away with this high hatted stuff.

Last winter we thought we were doing away with the conditions mentioned. We elected three new men to the Council. They have been there six months. Alderman Ross shows as though he might stir things up a bit. Ald. Crewdson and Forbes have so

Founder of Educational

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Presbyterian Church at Wapella and Fort Qu'Appelle, Sask.
At the turn of the century he founded Frontier College, a Dominion charter was granted in 1922. Three years ago Mr. Fitzpatrick retired as principal, but maintained an interest in the college till his death.

A sister, Mrs. Frank L. Staples, of Salem, Mass., survives. Mrs. M. M. Fairlie, Toronto, is a niece, and Robert Willis, Montreal, is a cousin.

The funeral will be held on Friday with interment in Mount Pleasant cemetery.

Died Suddenly While
In Doctor's Office

Death came unexpectedly to Mrs. Estella A. Brewer, wife of Spencer Brewer, of Burt's Corner, yesterday, while in the office of a Fredericton physician. Dr. C. P. Holden. Mrs. Brewer had come here to consult her doctor regarding her health, and suddenly expired. She was born at Burt's Corner and resided there nearly all her life. She was 50 years of age. Surviving is her husband, and three sons, Elwood of Saint John, William and Gerald, at home; one brother, Cecil Flewelling of Camp Borden, Ontario; five sisters, Mrs. Chesley Haines of Burt's Corner; Mrs. Frank Flewelling of Washburn, Maine; Mrs. Marshall Crouse, of Crouseville, Maine; Mrs. Arthur Hawkins, of Auburn, Maine; and Mrs. Sam Grumbly of Tee Pee Creek, Alberta. One grandchild also survives. The funeral will take place on Thursday afternoon with service at the home at Burt's Corner at 2.30 o'clock. Rev. C. S. Young will conduct the service and interment will be made in the cemetery at Burt's Corner. Deceased had a host of warm personal friends at Burt's Corner, who will learn of her death with keen regret.

IS REAPPOINTED

C. C. Avard, editor of the Sackville Tribune, whose term of office as a member of the Board of School trustees of the town of Sackville, expires on June 30, has been reappointed to the board as member and chairman, according to notice appearing in today's Royal Gazette.

DIED

BREWER—Death came suddenly to Mrs. Estella A. Brewer, wife of Spencer Brewer of Burt's Corner, on Tuesday, June 16, in this city.

The funeral will take place on Thursday afternoon with service at 2.30 o'clock at the home, to be conducted by Rev. C. S. Young. Interment will be made in the cemetery at Burt's Corner.

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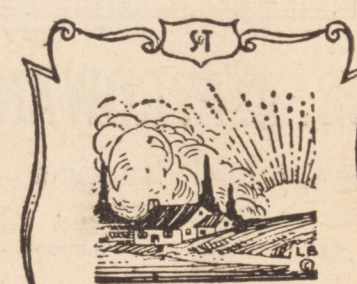
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