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## THE BEST EASTER GREETINGS TO ALL

### P. J. Veniot Will Not Be Here And Will Not Bring Witnesses

Tells The Daily Mail  
It Is Not Practicable To  
Bring Fifty Witnesses  
Here—Will Take the  
Matter Up With Otta-  
wa Officials.

(Special to The Daily Mail)

"I will not appear in Fredericton on April 25th, in connection with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police enquiry", said Hon. Dr. A. J. Veniot, M. P., former postmaster general, speaking to The Daily Mail over the long distance. Hon. Dr. Veniot who arrived at Bathurst yesterday from Ottawa told the Daily Mail that neither the present date fixed for April 25th, nor the place, Fredericton, was a convenient place for him to bring fifty or sixty witnesses here at this time of year and that he did not propose to do this. "So you may say that as far as myself and my witnesses go, we will not be there. Chief Justice Baxter wrote me a letter addressed to Bathurst, while I was still at Ottawa," said Dr. Veniot. This letter I received yesterday when I arrived home. I sent him a reply to Saint John.

Chief Justice J. B. M. Baxter, appointed to act as a royal commission in the matter, had announced this week that the enquiry would open at Fredericton on Thursday, April 25.

Dr. Veniot said he had written to Chief Justice Baxter giving reasons for the disagreement. The federal minister of justice had refused one request, said Mr. Veniot, and had not yet replied to another. Dr. Veniot declared he would again bring the matter before parliament when it next sits after May 20 next.

"Even if I were perfectly satisfied with the order of reference, I would not consent to investigation being held at Fredericton, so far away from the scene of the conduct of the Mounted Police (the North Shore), especially when I have not been informed of any arrangements having been made for the expenses of witnesses. Then there is another very good reason why I could not agree to the date and that is the fact that many of my witnesses would have to travel from 30 to 40 miles to reach train connection even for Bathurst on roads which are almost impassable at this season of the year. Under no circumstances would I consent to investigation being held at Fredericton", said Dr. Veniot.

Hon. Dr. Veniot, when informed several days ago that Chief Justice Baxter had been selected to investigate his charges was not very much struck in the selection at least that is the way that he expressed himself on the floors of the House at Ottawa. Some of the Hansard reports contains some interesting reading including incidents which are alleged by Dr. Veniot to have taken place at the Union Club at Saint John last summer.

CHILLIWACK, B. C., April 20—Administering relief is just a "pain in the neck" to Alderman J. F. Semple, chairman of the relief committee, who startled the city council by demanding his immediate release. "I have been struck in the face with broom handles, kicked by irate relief recipients and bombarded with anonymous letters of a most unpleasant nature," he said in explaining his resignation.

Reserve Wednesday, April 24th for Supper and Sale at Parish Hall. Good Supper and Sale. Ladies' W. A. Senior Branch.

### Poor Postal Service

The Daily Mail has a letter complaining of the conditions at the local Post Office in regard to holiday mail. The letter blames the local staff in regard to mail which should have gone out yesterday being still held at the local office. This is not the fault of the clerks at the local office, according to Fredericton Post Office authorities. At the same time the conditions are very bad and no business man can be blamed for making a fuss in regard to them.

Yesterday—Good Friday—was a public holiday and the Post Office was closed and no letters were sorted after twelve o'clock. A man mailed important business letters at two or three o'clock yesterday afternoon at the local post office, addressed to Toronto and Montreal. These letters were not sorted at all and although a train left for Montreal yesterday afternoon at four o'clock and others with Montreal connections later in the day, these letters are still lying in the local post office on this—Saturday afternoon. They will not leave here until a late hour this afternoon, and will not reach the Montreal or Toronto offices to which they are addressed until Monday afternoon next. A letter under our present world conditions of travel should be half-way round the world by that time. There were very many business men who found it necessary to work yesterday in order to clean up important mail matter. They will be disappointed to learn that their mail deposited in the post office yesterday afternoon is still there and will not reach its destination for a couple of days yet. Mail going to Boston which was mailed yesterday afternoon and which should have been delivered in Boston this morning, will not reach its business office until Monday. This might have been considered a good way to handle public business fifty years ago. It is a mighty poor arrangement for these times.

The local Postmaster gives out the information that he is acting on orders from Ottawa when he keeps the service down to a minimum on public holidays and allows the people's mail to pile up when it should be on its way. If the Post Office Department issues orders like this to officials in a city the size of Fredericton it is stepping off on the wrong foot. We in this city are entitled to better service than that and we are supplied with enough clerks to warrant it. Local office requirements should be adjusted to suit the public. Two men could sort all this Upper Province and United States business mail in half an hour. The Post Office Department is getting a good revenue from the people and those of its head office crew should put more pep into their business. There is a tendency to blame the local staff here, which is unfair. They are acting under instructions from Ottawa. The authorities up there do not seem to have the thing properly organized so as to make the service satisfactory to the business public.

THIS IS A MATTER FOR THE AUTHORITIES TO LOOK INTO.

### BIG CELEBRATION PLAN FOR MAY 6 AT WOODSTOCK

WOODSTOCK, Carleton County, April 18—Preparations for the King's jubilee celebration here on May 6 are rapidly progressing, it was announced at a meeting of the committee in charge, held in the Town Hall yesterday afternoon, with Mayor E. R. Jones in the chair. It was announced that floats for the parade would be entered by the Odd Fellows, I. O. O. F. Masons, Knights of Columbus, Catholic Women's League and the Boy Scouts, and probably by several other organizations, and also that the Woodstock fire department would enter several decorated pieces of apparatus.

Besides the floats, the parade will include the Canadian Legion, 89th Field Battery, Carleton Light Infantry with the regimental band, cadets, Girl Guides and school children.

The parade will assemble at the corner of Main and Grover streets and will proceed to Island Park after circling around Broadway, St. Gertrude and Lower Main Streets. At Island Park short addresses will be given, inspection and presentation of medals carried out and a feu de joie fired by the Armory.

### N. B. BEAR CUBS SOLD TO WILD ANIMAL FARM

D. W. Griffiths, New Brunswick Director of Information and Tourist Travel, has succeeded in finding a market for the three New Brunswick bear cubs captured last month by Jas. Cairns, of Hanwell.

Mr. Griffiths, who has been looking for a market for the cubs, announced today that they are being shipped this afternoon by express to John T. Benson, owner of the Benson Wild Animal Farm, Nashau, N. H.

Mr. Benson, who makes a business of obtaining wild animals of all description and training them for circuses and zoos, has one of the largest wild animal farms in the East.

Mr. Cairns, who captured the cubs, has been keeping them at his farm at Hanwell since the March 27, when he killed the mother bear with an axe and took the cubs into captivity.

The C. L. I. This will be followed by field sports.

In the evening the Scouts and Cubs from the Woodstock and St. Gertrude's troops will have a beacon fire and the 89th Battery will hold a dance and are going to operate, but differ about the instruments to be used.

### MT. A. STUDENTS WILL FACE THE LAW FOR JOKE

Attorney-General's Department Takes Hand  
In the Matter of Fake  
Letter Written To the  
College Heads.

Information charging "a threat by written letter to burn a building" will be laid, under section 516 of the criminal code, before Magistrate W. F. Lane in Moncton police court today against two Mount Allison students who, university authorities at Sackville said, had confessed to writing letters demanding \$500.00 with the threat that the men's residence and the Ladies' College would be burned if the money was not forthcoming.

Announcement that court action would be taken was made by R. P. Hartley, K. C., Fredericton, deputy attorney general, who was in Sackville Thursday conferring with Dr. George J. Trueman, president of Mt. Allison and other officials of the institution that even if the university authorities themselves did not want to press the case, his department felt that in the interests of all concerned action should be taken.

The two students, one from Ottawa and the other, from Moncton, had sent letters to the university authorities last Friday demanding that 500 be left in a package on the grandstand at the football field that night or else the two buildings would be burned to the ground, it was stated. A dummy package was left there, a watch kept and the two students trapped. They were taken before the heads of the Sackville institution and explained that the letter was "only a practical joke". Dr. Trueman accepted their suggestion that they leave the university.

It was stated last night that the Ottawa boy, a member of the Junior class, is still at Sackville, under surveillance of the university authorities, while the Moncton student, a freshman, is at his home.

The deputy attorney general said last night that he had proceeded to Sackville immediately he was informed of what had taken place. Ever since the disastrous fires at Mount Allison two years ago, the danger of fire had been uppermost in the minds of the university authorities and the Sackville public in general, and Mr. Hartley felt that from the public standpoint action should be taken by the Crown in this case even with apparently only the element of mischievousness to the fore.

Another two students at Mount Allison University, charged with ringing in a false fire alarm at the university Monday, appeared before the Sackville town authorities, and were allowed to return to the university after they had made apologies. The university authorities have decided to allow these two young men to remain at the university and continue their studies, it was stated last night.

PRAGUE, April 20—The world's oldest beer, made over 1,000 years ago, was discovered by archaeologists at Kadan, in Bohemia. While engaged in excavation work they found a number of crude earthenware jars tightly sealed, which were opened and found to contain traces of some liquid. Chemists have analyzed it and declare that it is beer. It had been made from spelt (a fine form of wheat), barley and mead.

In all this discussion about methods of taxation the citizen occupies the role of the patient whose surgeons are going to operate, but differ about the instruments to be used.

### Marketing Board Very Unpopular

#### ST. JOHN RIVER ICE STARTED TO MOVE TODAY

Started Moving At McKinley Ferry at Approximately 10 a.m.

#### Water Receding

Moved About Two Hundred Feet Opposite Fredericton

The ice in the Saint John River above and opposite Fredericton has started on its long voyage to the sea—or at least it moves once and has stopped again as though to gather together all its power to carry all in its path to destruction when it starts again.

The first signs of the ice moving above Fredericton were at McKinley's Ferry about ten miles above this city at about ten a.m. today.

The water which had been over the C. N. R. tracks at this point has receded considerably and the tracks, although damaged considerably are above water again. It is the first time that can be remembered, stated Mrs. Hazen Everett, Island View, that the siding has been under water, although the track itself has been under almost every year.

Shortly after 10:30 a.m., the ice in the back river stopped moving and only the ice in the channel was moving easily down the river.

#### Water Receding

The river water is receding fast and leaving a great piece of ice on the shore. Although the water is receding natives of Island View state that it has never been so high for many years.

#### At Fredericton

Opposite Fredericton the ice only moved some 200 feet and then stopped but the pressure that is piling up behind the jam it should start to move again at any time.

The persistently cold weather has been a great factor in keeping the water down and preventing a sudden breaking up of the river ice.

As far as can be ascertained this year's damage by the breaking-up of the ice will not reach the proportions that it did last year, although there has been considerably greater rises in water.

#### Nashuaak

The ice opposite Marysville on the Nashuaak has all gone, but it jammed at a point about two miles below the town.

#### Early Fishermen Arrived in City This Morning

Amory Hutton, son of the United States ambassador to Germany, and of Corning, N. Y.; Glen W. Cole, Corning, N. Y.; Chandler Anderson, New York City, and S. J. Mayer, Corning, N. Y., arrived in the city this morning and will proceed to the mouth of Cain's River to spend about ten days fishing black salmon. Charles Wade, Pennac, will be their guide. The ice is running in Cain's River now and it is reported that the run of black salmon is on.

Another party of eight or ten arrived Thursday and proceeded immediately to the Cain's River district. Guide Charles Wade stated this morning that several more parties are expected early next week.

#### Up-river Farmers Were Roped Into the Scheme and Misled by Incorrect Statements, They Say.

HARTLAND, N. B., April 20—Up-river potato men, irrespective of party political affiliations, are getting after the potato marketing scheme, and at meetings and through the press are throwing some hot shot at the marketing officials. It was thought up here from the start that the jacking up of the potato prices were not going to work out satisfactorily. Although the marketing board sent out announcements to the effect that the situation was all that could be desired, the board claimed that an immediate action could be looked for in New Brunswick shipping.

The Hartland Observer, which is one of the brightest weeklies in New Brunswick and is a good Tory sheet, believes in being fair. This paper gets after the board in good shape for falling down on the job. This paper covers the facts in a very sensible editorial.

Word came from Ottawa and Fredericton where officials of the scheme are located that soon potatoes would start to move. March passed into history and New Brunswick movements of carlot potatoes dipped to a new low level. The first two weeks of April came and went and the situation showed no improvement. As late as April 10 a Fredericton despatch in the Saint John Telegraph-Journal quoted G. C. Cunningham, N. B. agent of the Board to the effect that "New Brunswick will continue to supply the bulk of the Montreal market," a statement so absurd in the face of actual conditions this year that many in the potato country were loath to believe that Mr. Cunningham had made such a statement.

Up and down the potato section from Debec to New Denmark warehouse after warehouse has been and remains closed. At no time since the scheme came into effect have farmers been able to obtain the promised better prices for their potatoes. Some few shippers have paid 30c and even 35c per barrel for a very limited number of potatoes, but any man who so desired could have bought thousands of barrels of New Brunswick E. Canada Grade One potatoes, the best in the world, for 20c or less a barrel.

Farmers and dealers having up to forty years' experience in the potato industry in this province met at Woodstock on Monday in one of the largest potato meetings held here in recent years. The meeting heard speaker after speaker tell of how New Brunswick had been discriminated against. Farmers and shippers alike told of bad years in the past, but all were of one voice in the statement that they could always sell their crop at some price.

Mr. Cunningham, speaking for the Board, is reported in the daily press last week as saying "that under the Board as many potatoes have been sold as would have been sold without the Board, while the price received by the farmer was practically doubled." Let Mr. Cunningham or any other member of the Potato Marketing Board ask C. E. Gallagher of Bath, A. D. McCain, of Florenceville, G. G. Porter of Perth, C. W. Clark, or Woodstock, H. H. Hatfield or C. E. Rideout, of Hartland, men who year after year, in good year or bad, have been able to take potatoes from the farmers at some price if that statement is borne out by the

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