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WEATHER

Moderate winds, southwest
and south, partly cloudy today
and on Thursday, with showers
probable in Nova Scotia.

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New Dysart Government Has Now Charge Of Prov. Affairs

As Forecasted In Last
Evenings Daily Mail
They Were Sworn In-
to Office Last Even-
ing - Impressive Cere-
monies and Large
Number Present.

The Dysart Government was sworn into office last evening at 8.30 o'clock. The proceedings took place in the Legislative Assembly Chamber at the Parliament Buildings and were quite formal in character.

Lieutenant Governor Col. MacLaren, accompanied by his Official Secretary and A.D.C. Major T. C. Barker, entered the chamber and took his seat at the Clerk's table. H. Lester Smith, Clerk of the Executive Council, acted as Clerk and administered the Oath. The eight new Cabinet Ministers first took the Oath of Allegiance to King George, the Oath being administered first to Premier Dysart and following him to other members of the Cabinet in order. Following the Oath of Allegiance the Oaths of Office as Executive Councillors was then administered.

Hon. J. B. McNair, M.A., M.P.P., K.C., who was selected as the new Attorney-General, took an additional Oath regarding his official duties. At the conclusion of the swearing in of the Cabinet Hon. Mr. McNair who was last evening created a King's Counsel, received his K. C. Commission. A pleasing feature of the swearing in of Hon. Mr. McNair was the presence in the Chamber of his two little girls Nancy and Marion and his little boy John. Mr. McNair's aged mother, Mrs. James McNair was also present as well as Mrs. J. B. McNair and other members of the family.

At the conclusion of the swearing-in proceedings each of the members was presented with the Bible with which they were sworn into office. These were gifts to the new members from His Honor the Lieutenant Governor.

The galleries of the Legislative Chamber were crowded for the swearing-in proceedings and many seats were occupied on the floor of the House. Scores of visitors were present from out of town, including many friends of the new Cabinet Members from Saint John, Bathurst, Woodstock and other points. Hon. Dr. P. J. Veniot M.P., former Premier of New Brunswick, was amongst the visitors who received a hearty welcome and it looked like old times to see him within the Legislative halls again. The deputy heads of the various departments were nearly all present within the Assembly Chamber during the ceremonies. An informal reception was held and several hundred people who were present took advantage of the opportunity to congratulate the new members on their taking office.

The forecast of the new Cabinet, which was made by The Daily Mail last evening, was practically the same as what the official announcement later made it. Hon. F. W. Pirie takes Lands and Mines and Hon. W. S. Anderson the Hydro Commissioner. The new Dysart Government therefore stands as follows:

Premier and Minister of Public Works—Hon. A. Allison Dysart, K.C., LL.D., M.P.P.
Attorney-General—Hon. J. B. McNair, M.A., K.C., M.P.P.
Provincial Secretary-Treasurer—Hon. C. T. Richard, B.A., M.P.P.
Minister of Lands and Mines—Hon. F. W. Pirie, M.P.P.
Minister of Health and Labor—Hon. Dr. W. F. Roberts, M.P.P.
Minister of Agriculture—Hon. A. C. Taylor, M.P.P.

Investigate This Danger

Evidence given at the inquest into the death by electrocution on Sunday of Frank I. Shortill would go to show that Mr. Shortill came to his death "by accident," as stated by the Coroner's jury.

There is something more serious back of the matter, however. The seriousness consists in the information brought out at the inquest that there is apparently no private nor public inspection of equipment, wires or other dangerous factors, so that defects caused by lightning and the like may be detected. One has to wait, apparently, until some one is killed before the conditions are found out. If everyone is lucky the danger may continue indefinitely.

It came out that there is absolutely no inspection, provincial or otherwise to protect the public. The Maritime Electric Company inspect their meters at the entrance of the house. That is all. This is no good, as far as the public is concerned.

A Mr. Olive, an employee of the Company, said that there had previously been a complaint from the vicinity of the Shortill home. It had been found that lightning had entered the house and had broken down insulation on electric fixtures in the upstairs of the house, causing fuses in the lower part of the house to blow out. But from Friday's night's electric storm until after Mr. Shortill's death on Sunday afternoon the transformer near the Shortill home which supplies twenty-one homes, had not been examined. Witness Olive said that when on Sunday the transformer had been removed the voltage going into the homes was found to be very high. Witness Olive also told of what might happen to a defective transformer and a consequent increased voltage from 115 to 2300 volts. When the defective transformer was removed on Sunday afternoon a very high voltage had existed. The old transformer had been in use for five years.

After giving much technical testimony, V. A. Ainsworth, Manager of the Electric plant, said that the transformer had probably been out of order since the Friday preceding Mr. Shortill's death.

In either case whether it was the lightning storm or some other defect that caused Mr. Shortill's death, it is time that the provincial authorities or others had an adequate inspection of electric transformers, house connections, and other conditions, whichever is required. No one is blaming the Maritime Electric Company or anyone else at present. But some protection to the public is absolutely necessary. A careful reading of the evidence taken last evening should convince any person that there is a danger to life and to property if the conditions described by the witness Mr. Olive, and others are prevailing. We believe that the Maritime Electric would be pleased if there was a proper inspection made regularly by competent provincial authorities, of the electric systems. It would relieve the Company of a serious responsibility. Whether or not The Maritime Electric Company is to blame it is not up to us to say. Whether or not all was done after the lightning storm to prevent danger, we do not know. But we do know that it is time something was done at once to inspect all these transformers and other equipment, some of which are rather old.

This might be a job for Hon. W. S. Anderson, the new Hydro Commissioner, to look into. Although it may not properly be under his Department. Some one should get busy, at once!

Undecided

DALLAS, Texas, July 17—First telephone call: "Send a policeman out. I think my dog is mad".

Second telephone call: "Never mind about the policeman. The dog has died".

Police: "O.K."
Telephone call: Send the policeman out. That dog is not dead".

Officer who made the call reported that the dog was dead.

Chairman Hydro Commission—Hon. W. S. Anderson, M.P.P.
President of the Council—Hon. A. P. Paterson, M.P.P.

While it is understood that Hon. Mr. Paterson will take the new portfolio of Federal Affairs, such a department will have to be created by legislation before he will be able to take control. In the meantime he will act as president of the Council only.

Following the swearing-in proceedings the first meeting of the new Cabinet was held at the Executive Council Chamber. Today the new government members are getting acquainted with their respective departments.

Bite Too Realistic

NEW YORK, N. Y., July 17—Sydney Rayner's acting in the opera "Cavaleria Rusticana" was a little too realistic for Roci Pandisci in a performance at the Hippodrome last night.

Rayner as Turridu, lover of Lola, was supposed to bite the ear of Pandisco, who played Alfio. Rayner rushed forward to carry out this bit of business in the traditional bloodless manner, but the two men collided and Rayner's teeth landed squarely on Pandisco's cheek.

Despite the fact that the teeth left a wound clearly visible from the front of the house, Pandisco carried on and later sang Toni in "Pagliacci".

HOME ON VISIT

B. Willard Haines, of Devon, who secured his B. Sc. in electrical engineering from the University of New Brunswick in 1923 is visiting his home in Devon this week. Mr. Haines arrived here with Mrs. Haines and two children, Billy and John, by auto from Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., where he teaches in the Vocational College there. Mr. Haines is a son of Benjamin Haines of Devon and a nephew of Whitman Haines, Devon police magistrate.

LT.-COL. MARKHAM PIONEER OF N. B. DIES IN B. C. AT 94

Was Formerly Managing
Director of the Old
Saint John Sun.

VANCOUVER, B. C., July 17—Lieutenant-Colonel Alfred Markham, pioneer of New Brunswick and British Columbia, is dead at his home at Elsona, B.C., at the age of 94. He had been in poor health for some time.

Colonel Markham was born in Lincolnshire, Eng., and settled in Markhamville, Kings county, N. B., in 1864. He came to British Columbia in 1906.

He was formerly managing director of the old Saint John Sun newspaper and organized the Princess Louise's (N. B.) Hussars at Sussex, N. B.

In Two Provinces

Pioneer who made his mark in two provinces—New Brunswick and British Columbia—Lieut.-Col. Markham was one of Vancouver's most active citizens for more than 30 years.

Born in Lincolnshire, England, in 1841 on the same day as King Edward VII, Alfred Markham came of a family noted for its longevity. His father lived to 92, his grandfather 95 and his grandmother nearly 100.

Alfred Markham spent his early life in railroad service in England, although shortly before leaving for Canada he was manager of a deepsea fishing concern. His arrival in America was a dramatic one. In February, 1864, the steamer Bohemian on which he was a passenger, plunged into a heavy fog and was wrecked on the rocky shores of Cape Elizabeth, near Portland, Me., with the loss of 42 lives. Markham reached safety in an open boat but lost everything except the clothes he wore.

Following his arrival in Canada Alfred Markham settled in Kings Co., N. B., where he operated some manganese mines for a time, and his success led to the establishment of a settlement which still bears the name of Markhamville. Towards the end of the last century he joined the late Senator W. H. Thorne and the late Dr. S. D. Scott in founding the Saint John Sun, of which he was managing director until its sale in 1906.

After his arrival in British Columbia in 1906 he became interested in an ill-fated venture to transplant Eastern oysters into Pacific waters. He then entered the service of the Canadian Pacific Railway and undertook the task of clearing of what is now Shaughnessy Heights, Vancouver's fashionable residence section. Subsequently he took charge of the C. P. R.'s gardens at Kerrisdale, then a suburb of Vancouver and later on was supervisor of gardens at the Shaughnessy Military Hospital.

Throughout his long residence in Canada he maintained a keen interest in military affairs. He organized the Princess Louise's Hussars at Sussex, N. B., and became its colonel. Two of his sons were later in the regiment.

In his youth Col. Markham was an enthusiastic oarsman and retained his devotion to athletics for many years.

Mrs. Markham, formerly Miss Maida Turnbull of St. John, daughter of a United Empire Loyalist family, died in Vancouver early in 1914.

Col. Markham is survived by his son, Colonel Alfred J. Toronto, formerly of St. John; four daughters, Edith, at home; Mrs. J. E. Secord, St. John; Mrs. J. J. Foot, Toronto, and Mrs. Philip Berton, Vancouver. Another son, Major Ralph Markham, was killed in the Great War. A grandson, Rev. C. J. Markham, Rothesay, N. B., also survives.

For pictures of actual swearing-in of Hon. A. A. Dysart, new Premier of the province, and his Cabinet, see pages four and five of today's issue of The Daily Mail.

Seventeen Million Dollar Fortune To Go To Polish Man

WHEAT BOARD MAY OPERATE SEPTEMBER 1

No Announcement Ex-
pected Until Then of
Carryover Disposal.

OTTAWA, Ont., July 17—The Canadian Wheat Board probably will take over operations on September 1, it was learned here yesterday. Until it begins to function no announcement is expected as to the disposal of the wheat carryover, except the repeated assurance of Prime Minister R. B. Bennett, it would not be dumped on the market.

The visible supply of Canadian wheat is now somewhat under 200,000,000 bushels and will be less at the end of the crop year. It is not expected much new wheat will come onto the market before September 1 because the late spring held back seeding so the visible supply should continue to fall until that date.

Personnel of the new board will be announced shortly and one of its first duties will be to decide the minimum price to farmers. The suggestion has been advanced to the government farmers should receive 50 cents for Number 1 Northern on the farm as a first payment. This would be around 70 cents at the head of the lakes, it is contended.

The act creating the board provides the board buy wheat from the farmer at a fixed minimum price and make later payments if it is able to dispose of the wheat at prices higher than the minimum.

Last Tribute To Frank I. Shortill At Devon Today

The respect and esteem in which the late Frank I. Shortill was held by all and the sorrow caused by his sudden death was evidenced this morning by the large concourse of sorrowing friends who gathered to pay a last tribute of respect to his memory. The funeral procession left the house at 9:45 o'clock, Daylight Saving Time and proceeded to St. Anthony's church where High Mass of Requiem was celebrated by Rev. Father W. Donahoe. The full choir of the church under the direction of Rev. Father Donald Gillis, rendered music for the Mass, and appropriate hymns. Rev. Dr. J. H. Milligan, of St. Dunstan's church and Henry Dobbels were present in the sanctuary. The funeral was one of the largest seen at St. Anthony's church for some time, the church being crowded and many were present from this city as well as outside points. At the conclusion of the service the funeral proceeded to Sunnybank cemetery, where interment took place.

Mr. Shortill has always taken an active interest in the affairs of St. Anthony's parish and for years was church collector and also connected with the different societies of the parish.

The pallbearers were John Duffy, Vincent Nealis, Joseph Sears, Leo Hayes, Ex-Mayor A. W. Coombes and P. S. Watson. The chief mourners were as follows: Owen Shortill, Jas. H. Shortill, Edward Shortill, Charles H. Rush, Benjamin J. Rush, Robert Rush, Harry Grannan, Fred Murphy, H. Donnelly and Fred L. Neville.

CONDITION UNCHANGED

The condition of Allen Delong who is seriously ill with double pneumonia at his home this week, remained unchanged today.

Fortune Has Been Chasing Them For Several Years.

Montreal, July 17. — A fortune of \$17,000,000 has just caught up with its inheritors. The Gazette states today, "and six Montreal families, jogging along in obscurity and poverty, have suddenly been knocked dizzy with dreams."

The fortune, the paper relates, will be shared by six Montreal families and one New Yorker. It was made in diamonds by Harry Lozack, who left Bialostock, Poland, 20 years ago for South Africa.

His sister, married to a rabbi named Staraselsky, came to Montreal with her family. "To suit the convenience of the new world, the name was shortened to Starr, in some cases, Star. There were six sons and one daughter—Abraham, the eldest, Morris, Harry, Sam and Solomon, Peter and Pearl.

"Ten years ago the father died and the mother returned to Poland. Abraham went to New York where he still lives, at 51 Lewis Street, and runs a blacksmith shop. Peter died, leaving a widow, Pauline. The others all married, Pearl Star to a man named Levi and there are about eight children in the six Montreal families."

The fortune had been chasing the families for six years, The Gazette relates.

"The strangest part of one of the most romantic stories that ever sprang from a diamond mind is that the millions have literally gone begging all these years, bombarding the owners time and again...being repulsed. The families simply could not believe their luck. They had heard fairy tales about an uncle who had become a multi-millionaire in Africa but their lives had been hard and they had no faith in fairy tales. Now they are convinced and their heads are swimming with visions."

Struck It Lucky

Lozack was an ordinary mineowner in Africa for a time, the paper struck it lucky and almost over night found himself fabulously wealthy. His sister, struggling along in Canada, used to...put her grandchildren to sleep with bedtime stories of the rich man with the gold chain around his neck who dug up sparkling goes on, but he did a great deal of personal prospecting on the side, diamonds and gave hospitals to the poor. But nothing ever came of it but pretty tales, the old lady went back to Poland and, eight years ago, died.

Two years later, unaware of his sister's death, Lozack himself died and left her all his millions. Then began the hunt for her children. "All the Stars received letters telling them over and over again that they had inherited the fortune. First of all they made light of the news, treated it as a joke laughed it away."

Finally Investigated

Eventually Levi, husband of Pearl Star, put a young lawyer, John M. Schlesinger, on the case, the paper continues.

"He cabled to Capetown, he communicated with the Polish consul, he went to Ottawa and proved the legal existence of all the Stars and their relationships. Now he is getting ready to go to Africa."

Morris and Solomon Star run a little furrier shop here. Pauline Star is a widow. Other members of the family are doing odd jobs or unemployed. The third generation is working in stores, the paper learned.

Amazed and Happy

New York, July 16. — The promise of riches suddenly thrust upon him (Continued on Page Four)