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PROVINCIAL BRIDGES

The Moncton Times, in the course of an illuminating article yesterday, informed its readers that "the late government left three-quarters of the bridges in the province in a tumble-down condition." The Times is evidently under the impression that bridges, like wines, improve by keeping, and that continual usage serves only to improve them. As everybody knows, all but a small fraction of the bridges in the province are built of wood, which, however serviceable it may be for a certain length of time, naturally decays in the course of years. It was the policy of the late government to replace the more important of these bridges by structures of the more permanent material of steel and stone, or concrete. In pursuance of this policy, they took legislative authority in 1907 to borrow \$350,000, out of which some of the principal wooden bridges might be replaced with bridges of steel and stone, the Fredericton-St. Marys bridge being one of the number. When the bill was brought into the Legislature, it met with the most severe criticism of Messrs. Hazen and Flemming, then in opposition, who protested in the strongest possible manner against the credit of the province being pledged for the purpose. Mr. Flemming went so far as to describe the bill as nothing short of an election dodge, designed merely to catch votes.

Before the late government, had time to do more than prepare their plans for the renewal of the bridges, they had under consideration, the election came on, and they were defeated, and Messrs. Hazen and Flemming, who had so bitterly opposed the creating of the loan, found themselves in the happy position of having the proceeds of it to spend, and they have since spent it, and a good deal more also.

Having expressed themselves as opposed to the policy of borrowing money for the purpose of building permanent bridges, one would naturally think that they would exercise the greatest care and prudence in seeing that it was laid out to the best possible advantage, so as to avoid recourse to any further loan for a similar purpose. Instead of doing this, however, they not only spent the whole of the \$350,000 in performing only a portion of the work it was originally intended to complete, but they actually came to the Legislature themselves during the last session and wanted to borrow \$350,000 more to continue the work they had blamed the late government for inaugurating. For reasons which need not be gone into here, Messrs. Hazen and Flemming subsequently found it advisable to withdraw the bill asking for \$350,000 and substitute another in which they contended themselves with asking for \$200,000.

Thus the Hazen government has in little over two years had considerably over half a million dollars to carry out a policy which was inaugurated by their predecessors; and yet, in the face of this, The Moncton Times has the sublime gall to say that "the Hazen government has a record that should command the approval of the people."

It won't be a difficult matter to see if it does or not.

THE ROAD QUESTION

Probably one of the most practical addresses on the subject of roads and road making was that given by Deputy Minister of Railways Campbell at St. John last night, a short report of which will be found elsewhere in this issue. Mr. Campbell has made a long and thorough study of the subject, and his words are those of a man who speaks from practical experience. He pointed out the various ways in which money is wasted through lack of system, plans, specifications and properly supervised work on the roads; and how without any additional expenditure in a given term of years the

very finest class of highways could be produced.

He is especially severe on the question of statute labor which he described as "all humbug" and a means whereby the farmers and others could "sit on the side of the ditch and smoke and talk and at the end of the day go home contenting themselves with the thought that they had had a real good gossip anyway, and let the road "go hang."

Mr. Campbell's address will repay consideration by all interested in the road question.

THE NECESSITY FOR TEACHING SWIMMING

In view of the drowning accidents which unfortunately take place in this city and neighborhood from time to time, the question arises whether it would not be a wise plan to follow the example of Chicago, and have every child taught to swim. The superintendent of schools in that city, assisted by the Y. M. C. A. has taken the matter in hand and instruction in the matter will begin at once, as soon as the necessary appliances have been provided on the shores of Lake Michigan.

There is really no reason why similar instruction should not be given in this city. Few places have better natural facilities for the purpose. It would not be a difficult or expensive matter to construct swimming baths where the required instruction could be given, and if it were not considered desirable to construct permanent baths, a floating bath might be provided which could be made to answer the purpose.

One thing is certain, ability to swim is of the highest consequence, and should be possessed by every boy and girl no matter what their circumstances may be; and the necessity for this ability is doubly great in a city like this where so much advantage is taken of the river for purposes of pleasure and enjoyment.

The appointment of Mr. Alex. Johnston, ex-M. P., of Cape Breton to the post of deputy minister of marine and fisheries is one that will be well received throughout the country. Mr. Johnston, who is a journalist by profession, achieved fame in 1900, by defeating the great Tory leader, Sir Charles Tupper in the County of Cape Breton. He was re-elected at the general election of 1904, but in the election of 1908 suffered defeat. During his career in parliament, he was generally found on the Liberal firing line, and was ever active in exposing the shortcomings of Hon. G. E. Foster and other Tory leaders. His co-workers of the press will rejoice that he has been selected for such an important position and feel confident that he will discharge his duties with credit to himself and satisfaction to the country.

EARL GREY TO START ON HUDSON BAY TRIP IN AUG.

His Excellency to Sail for England Today to Be Absent About a Month

Ottawa, June 8.—Earl Grey, with Lady Grey and party, left for Quebec by special train this evening, whence they will sail tomorrow by the steamship Royal George for Bristol. His excellency will be absent from the capital for little more than a month. During his absence, Hon. Justice Girouard will act as deputy governor-general.

Earl Grey's trip to Hudson Bay will be begun early in August. Starting from Norway House he will go by canoe down the Hayes river to York Factory, where he will board the government steamer Earl Grey for St. John's, Nfld., and thence to Quebec. His excellency expects to do his fair share of paddling on the long 500-mile trip down the Hayes River.

CLASSED AS A NEGRESS

Washington, June 7.—One-sixteenth of negro blood makes one a negro in the District of Columbia. Justice Dan Thew Wright of the District Supreme Court so decided today. Isabel I. Wall, the seven-year-old daughter of Stephen Wall, the proprietor of a poolroom, will not be allowed to enter the white schools of the District. Wall will appeal. The decision establishes a precedent. In handing down his opinion Justice Wright said: "It is to be concluded that the child is of negro blood of one-eighth or one-sixteenth; that her racial status is that of a negro. She is therefore colored, according to the common meaning of the term."

YORK COUNTY MAN KILLED IN THE WEST

Tragic Death of Emerson Brewer, Formerly of Birdton, was Struck By Lightning and Instantly Killed.

(Canon City, Cal., Record.)

Emerson Brewer, a well-known and highly respected rancher residing on Grand avenue, Lincoln Park, was struck by lightning during an electric storm about three o'clock yesterday afternoon and instantly killed.

Mr. Brewer was a carpenter by trade and was working on the gable of a house he was erecting for Jas. Brunetti at the east end of Lincoln Park when the fatal shaft came. The bolt struck him on the top of the head and passed down his spinal column and out at the feet, leaving a well defined imprint of its course through his body. Death was immediate, and probably painless, so far as the victim of the stroke was concerned.

Mr. Brewer was working about eighteen or twenty feet from the ground at the time and in falling struck his head in such a manner as to leave a confusion on the side of his face.

Deceased was forty years of age, and leaves a wife and four children to mourn his tragic and untimely death. Mr. Brewer came to Canon City nine or ten years ago from Woodstock, and was a most estimable citizen of the community. He was a member of the Methodist church and was a regular attendant upon the services of the congregation. The oldest son is a member of the South Canon high school orchestra, and was engaged with his companions in furnishing music for the annual "Class Day" programme of that institution at Annex Hall when informed of the accident that had befallen his father.

Dr. R. E. Holmes, the family physician, was summoned at the time of the unfortunate occurrence but was unable to do anything as examination showed that death had been instantaneous.

The body was brought to Wilson's undertaking parlors and will remain there until the funeral, which will probably take place tomorrow.

Mr. and Mrs. Briggs, of Victor, parents of Mrs. Brewer, arrived here today and will be present at the obsequies which will be conducted by Rev. Phifer, pastor of the First Methodist Church.—The Daily Record Canon City, Colorado.

Mr. Brewer was born in Birdton, York Co., but went to Woodstock when about twenty years of age and lived there until he moved to Canon City. Besides his wife and family he leaves his mother, Mrs. Abraham Brewer, four sisters, Mrs. Thomas McLean, and Mrs. Geo. Lee of Woodstock, Mrs. Oliver and Mrs. Alonzo A. Jones, of Burts Corner, and three brothers, Abram of Woodstock, George and William, of Birdton.

MONCTON WILL LOSE CRACK BASEBALL PLAYER

Moncton, June 8.—Several well-known young men prominent in baseball circles will leave in the next few days for Western Canada. Wm. McWilliams, who is probably the best second baseman in the city will leave for Cranbrook on Friday. Lorne McFarlane will go to Moosejaw. Fraser McNairn, of the I. C. R., will also leave in a day or two for Moosejaw to work for the C. P. R.

McDONALD AND LAWSON

Dan McDonald, the Cape Breton boxer, has arranged a six round boxing bout with Bert Lawson of Chatham. He will attend to this after his engagement with Johnny Burns tomorrow night here.

ST. MARY'S STARS DEFEAT THE IMPERIALS 4 TO 3

Pitcher Brewer of the St. Mary's Stars won his own game against the Imperials of this city last night by placing the ball over the right field fence for a home run in last half of the fifth inning, when the score was tie, 3 to 3. Both teams were a little off in fielding, but the game was very interesting at all times. It was McLean's first try-out against a senior team and he showed that he had the goods.

Brewer of the Stars pitched a very steady game and had lots of speed and good control.

The batteries were: A. Brewer and R. Brewer for the Stars, McLean and Dolan for the Imperials.

GAME TONIGHT

The Imperials play the Nashwaakish Shadows at Scully's grove this evening. The Shadows will have the services of Tanker Hughes and some more of the Stars.

Rev. Father Carleton arrived in the city from Fredericton today.—St. John Globe.

Mr. Fred D. Snyder of Pictou is registered at the Queen.

U. S. SENATE AGREES TO WATERWAYS TREATY

The Sum of \$75,000 Appropriated for the Purpose—The Three American Commissioners to be Appointed by the President.

Washington, June 8.—The senate yesterday passed a bill to make effective what is known as the Waterways Treaty and to provide for the joint high commission created therein to deal with questions bearing upon the waterways between the United States and Canada. The sum of \$75,000 is appropriated for the purpose.

The bill provides that the three commissioners to be named by the United States shall, in addition to their specified duties, perform others of a similar nature under the direction of the secretary of state, that they shall be appointed by the president, and shall receive a salary not to exceed that paid to the Canadian commissioners. The commission is vested with the power when holding joint sessions in the United States, to compel the attendance of witnesses by application to the circuit court.

TRAGIC SUICIDE IN THEATRE BOX STARTLES AUDIENCE

New York, June 9.—At the moment when the Jersey Lillies Burlesque Company were singing the "Swan Song" at the close of the performance in the Columbia Theatre, Broadway and Forty-seventh street, at 11 o'clock last night, the sound of a shot was heard above the music. From an upper box to the left of the stage smoke curled across toward the descending curtain. The audience was startled, but the orchestra leader, with presence of mind, urged the music into louder volume and prevented a panic.

Employees of the theatre rushed from all corners of the house to the box, and in a moment the audience, who had risen to their feet, witnessed a struggle between half a dozen men in the box adjoining that in which the shot was fired.

Lying prone in the box nearest the stage, from which two unidentified men and a stylishly dressed woman had hastened the moment the shot was fired, the body of a man was found. He was about forty years old, fully six feet tall, weighing 300 pounds, of dark complexion and wearing a mustache.

In his pockets was found a letter addressed to "The Police and the Coroner." It was signed Charles Tabbert and bore the address "No. 568 Park avenue." Police Captain Fennelley of the West Forty-seventh street police station, who examined the letter, said that it spoke of suicide, but pending the arrival of the Coroner he would not reveal the exact contents.

There were other letters in the man's pocket, apparently addressed to friends about the city, but the names on the envelopes the police refused to make known.

The audience, which seemed more disposed to curiosity than panic, refused to leave the theatre, and while a dozen or more employees were urging men and women to leave, the struggle between the men in the upper box was still in progress. The man was finally overpowered. He, after the shot had startled the audience, jumped on a chair in the box where the suicide occurred, then tumbled to the floor, his feet catching in the rungs of a chair. Some in the audience thought this man had fired the shot.

In the excitement the other man and his woman companion who occupied seats in the box where the suicide was committed eluded detection, as did a party of eight men who occupied the adjoining box. While the search for them was in progress, the audience slowly moved out of the theatre.

The rumor that a murder had been committed in the show house under most tragic circumstances quickly spread to Broadway. The White Way was thronged with hundreds and hundreds of men and women. The theatres had just let out. They congregated about the entrance and the reserves from the West Forty-seventh street police station had to be called out to disperse the crowd.

The physician after examining the body of the man said death had been instantaneous. A thirty-two calibre bullet had penetrated his forehead and must have been fired at close range as the man's face was badly scorched by the flame.

DEATH OF LATE ST. JOHN ALDERMAN

St. John, N.B., June 9.—Thomas P. Connelly died this morning aged sixty-six. For twenty years he was a bookseller and nine years an alderman. He leaves four sons.

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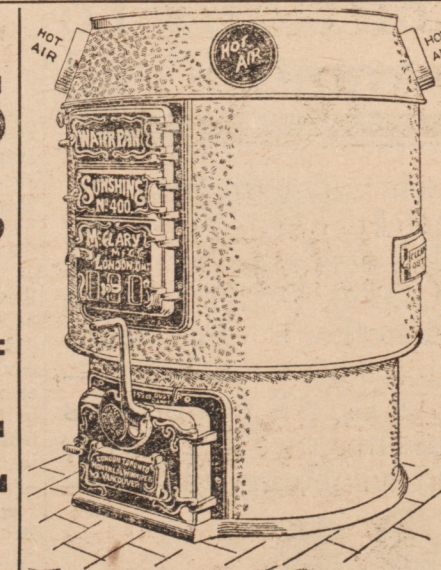
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