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FIVE LIVES WERE LOST IN A FIRE AT TORONTO

Residence of Mr. Percy Brooks, Manager of the Fairbanks Scale Company Destroyed—His Wife, Three Children and Servant Victims of the Flames—Fire Started After Family Had Retired For the Night and Was Discovered by a Neighbor.

(Canadian Press)
Toronto, Ont., Jan. 21.—Five persons met their death and another was taken to the Western Hospital, badly burned, as the result of a fire, which destroyed the residence of Percy Brooks, manager of the Fairbanks Scale Company of Toronto, early this morning. While the cause of the fire is a matter of uncertainty, it is believed to have been due to a defective furnace.

The fire was discovered by a neighbor, Mr. McTavish, who lives across the road and to the south. He was returning from a party and noticed the blaze and turned in an alarm.

The victims were Mrs. Percy Brooks, three children, Percy, aged five, George aged three and Woodie, aged two, and a Scotch servant who had been with the family since Jan. 1. Another servant, a nurse girl, Maggie McAlden, was taken to the hospital, badly burned about the head and arms. No one seems to know how she managed to escape from the burning building.

The first body was found in the bath room, being rescued by firemen, while the fire was still at its height. Shortly after he had got it out, the stairs collapsed. The second body, believed to be that of the eldest boy, fell with the stairs and was discovered just within the front door.

In the north side of the attic were found the bodies of the mother and the remaining children. The woman was burned so as to be unrecognizable, her identity being established by the wedding ring and diamond ring found on her fingers.

Although little can be gleaned regarding the tragedy, it is believed that Mrs. Brooks and her three little children were sleeping at the rear of the house on the second floor and the two servants on the upper story. It was evident that she made an effort to save her life and that of her children, for when the blaze was finally extinguished, she was found lying covered with debris in the drawing room, having evidently fallen from the second story when the floor gave way. In her arms was her youngest son.

WARNING TOO LATE.

When the flames burst out, an alarm was promptly sent in, and in a few minutes firemen arrived and were proceeding to couple the hose when a domestic next door rushed out, barefooted and in her night robes, screaming, "For God's sake get the people out!" This was the first intimation that all the inmates were still in the burning house. The warning was too late. Mrs. Brooks, her four children and a Scotch domestic named Violet, were overcome by the dense smoke. Maggie McAlden, a nurse, jumped from an upper window and, though suffering terrible injuries, is still alive in the hospital. The house was a very artistic one and in one of the most exclusive portions of the city.

G. S. MAYES CREDITOR OF DEWITT BROS.

St. John, Jan. 21.—It is understood that Mr. Gershon S. Mayes is one of the heaviest creditors of Dewitt Brothers, produce dealers, who have assigned.

AN AMERICAN RAILWAY TO STOP CARD PLAYING

Boston, Mass., Jan. 21.—The New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad today issued orders to its conductors to stop all card playing on the trains. Another order is that children shall not ride in the smoker either alone or accompanied by an older person.

WANTED INCREASED PAY

Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 21.—A delegation of clerks engaged in the railway mail service waited upon Hon. Rudolph Lemieux yesterday and asked for an increase in the mileage rate for their runs. The minister did not give any definite assurance in the matter.

ST. STEPHEN ASKS FOR GAME.

The Thistle Athletic Association of St. Stephen, has written Captain Fabbitt, of the Fredericton hockey team, for a game, to be played there next Thursday. It is not likely the team will go, as they are to play Marysville here on that date.

FORGOT ABOUT IT

Mr. Pinder, M. P. P., looking hale and hearty arrived in the city by the Woodstock train last evening. To an anxious friend who enquired why he had come down earlier in the week for the council meeting and warden's supper, he retorted rather gruffly that he had forgotten all about it. Quite recently, so it is said, Mr. Pinder unearthed a foul plot for his decapitation as an M. P. P., and he has already started gunning for the ringleaders. It is stated that this is the first county council meeting Mr. Pinder missed in forty years.

ST. JOHN BROKERS TO OPEN MONTREAL BRANCH

(Special to The Mail.)

St. John, Jan. 21.—Mr. H. Beverly Robinson, of the firm of J. M. Robinson & Sons, bankers and brokers, has been elected a member of the Montreal Stock Exchange. He intends leaving for Montreal on Thursday next to reside.

The firm have been members of the Montreal Stock Exchange for some time, but it is now their intention to establish a branch in that city.

James Devine of Browns Flats died at the general public hospital here this morning, aged 86 years. He had been at the hospital for a short time undergoing treatment for fracture of the knee joint.

There is a great scarcity of country produce in the market here and householders are paying dearly for their supply. Turkeys are selling at 30 cents; chickens at \$1.00 to \$1.75. Beef and pork are scarce and high in price.

P. E. ISLAND MEN FOR DORCHESTER

(Special to the Mail)

Charlottetown, Jan. 21.—In the Supreme Court here this morning George Loder was sentenced to six years in the penitentiary. James Lader and Charles Bolin to four years each. They were convicted for burglarizing a store at Stanley Beach last September.

SHEDIAC FAMILY HAD NARROW ESCAPE

(Special to the Mail)

Shediac, Jan. 21.—The residence of Coun. Tait was destroyed by fire last night. The family barely had time to escape in their night clothes.

Mr. P. E. Armstrong, of Perth, is registered at the Queen.

CONFERENCE CLOSES TONIGHT

Chances of Learning Terms of Reciprocity Agreement are Very Slim

Reported That U. S. Government Will Amend the Payne-Aldrich Tariff Act—No Official Statement.

(Canadian Press)

Washington, Jan. 21.—While the general expectation that yesterday afternoon would see the wind up of the reciprocity negotiations was dispelled, when after a conference of only forty minutes the representatives of the two countries left the meeting room. There is little doubt that with their work finished the Canadian delegates will get away this evening. There is another meeting scheduled for today and the twenty-four hour delay in the final arrangement does not signify any hitch.

It is generally understood that the remaining work is clerical to a large extent. Also the numerous schedules affected will have to be gone over by one and carefully examined, a time killing task. It is now rumored that the final agreement will but will be in the nature of an not take the form of a treaty at all, agreement for concurrent legislation. If this is the case it will be put before Congress as a joint resolution to be moved and voted upon in both the house of representatives and the senate. This resolution would take the form of an amendment to the Payne-Aldrich tariff act, and the various schedules affected would be set forth in detail. In this form it would be handled more quickly.

The chance of learning the terms of the agreement, in the way of an official statement at the conclusion of the last meeting are of the slimmest. There will likely be nothing but a bald announcement that the negotiations have concluded.

WILL HONOR MEMORY OF HEROES OF 1812

Toronto, Ont., Jan. 21.—Over two hundred delegates representing different patriotic organizations in Ontario waited upon Sir James Whitney yesterday to ask for the erection of a suitable memorial to the soldiers who fell in the war of 1812. Sir James after saying that the sacrifices made and the heroism displayed in that struggle had preserved Canada for the Canadians, advised the delegates to prepare a concrete proposition for presentation. The premier's remarks implied that that proposition would receive favorable consideration.

HON. RICHARD McBRIDE IN LAND TRANSACTION

Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 21.—Dealing with Hon. Richard McBride not as a premier of British Columbia, but as a private citizen, the Dominion Government has sold him some land. The transaction involves a plot of 44 acres which, according to the official record has been used by him for many years as a camping ground. By order in council Mr. McBride is allowed to purchase the land at ten dollars an acre.

OTTAWA HOCKEYIST HAS LEG BROKEN

Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 21.—James O'Leary, aged 22, son of ex-Ald. Jas. O'Leary, had his leg broken just above the ankle in the city hockey fixture last night, between the Emmett and Buenavista teams. O'Leary was carrying the puck down when Jack Fournier, the Buenavista cover point, slammed him into the boards, O'Leary getting the toe of his skate stuck in the boards and breaking the bone as cleanly as possible.

Mr. Randolph J. Jett, of the Bank of British North America staff, St. John, is spending a vacation with relatives here.

MR. DAVID RUSSELL AGAIN IN LIMELIGHT

Well Known Montreal Financier Gets After Alleged Conspirators With a Writ—Brings Suit For Two Hundred Thousand Dollars Damages Against Pinkerton Detective Agency—Claims its Detectives Plotted to Have Him Placed in an Insane Asylum—Donald McMaster, M.P., Has the Case in Hand—Sensation is Promised

(Canadian Press)

Montreal, Q., Jan. 21.—Writs were issued today at the instance of Mr. David Russell, former Maritime Province newspaper owner, financier and promoter, in a suit for \$200,000 damages against the heads of the Pinkerton Detective Agency and John W. McNamara, the local manager of this agency. Mr. Russell has been working since last October on a case which had its inception early that month in an alleged attempt to make him the victim of what is commonly known as the "badger game."

A woman, who was registered with a male companion at a leading hotel, endeavored to entice Mr. Russell to her apartments. Suspecting something more than the ordinary, the attempt to extort money by subsequent threats of exposure had the trick worked, Mr. Russell proceeded to investigate the matter. In the course of his enquiry, which took him several times to New York and Pittsburgh, Mr. Russell affirms that an attempt was made to have him sent surreptitiously to a sanitarium for the mentally unsound.

There was a man in the case also, Mr. Russell alleges, who, under the name of J. S. Patterson, stayed at the hotel with the woman.

Russell engaged the Pinkertons to investigate the standing of both the man and woman, and alleges it was reported by the agency to him that the woman was a New York adventuress, while the man was said to be a reputable member of New York society and general manager of a company capitalized at seven million. Later it was admitted, so the writ sets forth, that the man was not as represented, but instead had a bad reputation and character. Ascertaining the falsity of the Pinkerton reports, Mr. Russell dismissed them from his employ, and demanded a return of two thousand dollars he had given

their local manager as a retaining fee. It was then, according to the writ, that the Pinkerton Detective Agency wilfully and maliciously conspired and plotted together with other persons, whose names are presently unknown to plaintiff, to ruin plaintiff and to injure him in his person, character, reputation, position, sensibilities and feelings.

This alleged plot included the spreading of rumors in Montreal and elsewhere, that the plaintiff was of unsound mind and mentally deranged, and that he should be restrained in an asylum. Another part of the plot, it is alleged, was to lure him to New York by means of a false telegram, there overpower him and secure his incarceration in an asylum. Mr. Russell has had several detectives at work on the case for months, latterly the William J. Burns Agency of New York and has retained Donald McMaster, K.C.M.P., under whose supervision the papers were issued.

DREAM OF LOVE WAS RUDELY SHATTERED

(Canadian Press)

Toronto, Ont., Jan. 21.—H. H. Strong, a farmer living near Welland, has had his dream of love rudely shattered and Colin Stayer, a former neighbor, is under arrest, charged with false pretenses. When Stayer, was removing to Toronto last October, Strong, who is a widower with several children, gave Stayer \$1 to advertise for a house keeper with an ultimate eye to matrimony. Strong soon after received a letter signed "Ethel Fisher" in which the writer signified her willingness to go to Welland. An affectionate correspondence resulted and when "Ethel" wrote that she had to go to the hospital and needed \$20 which Strong forwarded. In December he received a post card saying that all was over between them. Growing suspicious, Strong complained to the police and Stayer's arrest followed. He acknowledged writing the fraudulent letters to Strong.

C. N. R. LOCOMOTIVE KILLS 1, INJURIES 2

(Canadian Press)

Montreal, Que., Jan. 21.—One man was killed and two seriously injured when a Canadian Northern Quebec locomotive, clearing snow from the track near the city, crashed into three men who were walking between the rails. It was very dark, and the snow was falling heavily and it was impossible for the engineer to see more than a few feet in front of his engine. Joseph Duhamel, 25 years of age, was killed instantly, the body being terribly cut up. Ernest Beauchamp had his left leg fractured and was badly bruised. Edward Goulet had his left leg and right arm broken, and suffered internal injuries which may prove fatal.

COLORED ALDERMAN UNSEATED BY COURT

Windsor, Jan. 21.—Ald. J. Evans, colored, who was elected to the City Council by only a few votes over Hamilton Trumble two weeks ago, and whose election was protested by the latter, was yesterday unseated by Judge McHugh, who handed down a decision to the effect that Evans' property qualification was defective, and his election consequently illegal.

STOCKHOLDERS WANT RELIEF FROM DOUBLE LIABILITY

(Canadian Press)

Toronto, Ont., Jan. 21.—A movement is reported as being started among a number of the country shareholders in the Farmer's Bank, to ask the Ottawa government to relieve them of the double liability and to have the Dominion assume the financial liabilities on the ground that they were innocent victims of fraud on the part of Travers from the inception of the bank.

The petitions for a government inquiry are being signed by practically all of the stockholders and depositors of the bank and it is expected that it will be forwarded to Ottawa at the beginning of next week. The crown is continuing the investigation of the books of the bank, but no more warrants have been issued.

JEALOUS ITALIAN FATALLY STABS RIVAL

(Canadian Press)

Toronto, Ont., Jan. 21.—Ludwico Longo, aged 26, an Italian, is dying in the General Hospital with knife wounds in his abdomen and back while four fingers of his right hand are almost severed. Joseph Gaciage a fellow countryman who formerly lived in the same house with Longo is being sought for the crime. Gaciage was formerly the accepted lover of May Teleste, an Italian girl but several months ago she transferred her affections to Longo. The two men had frequent quarrels which reached their culmination last night when Gaciage according to Longo's story laid in wait for him near Miss Teleste's house and attacked him with a knife. Bleeding in half a dozen places, Longo staggered into his sweetheart's presence while Gaciage disappeared in the dark lanes and has not since been seen.

MEDICAL INSPECTION IN TORONTO SCHOOLS

Toronto, Ont., Jan. 21.—An extension of the system of medical inspection inaugurated in Toronto last year will be recommended to the Board of Education. A largely increased appropriation will be asked for with the intention of appointing a chief medical inspector with several assistants and also thirteen additional visiting nurses.

TORONTO LABOR OFFICIALS ASK FOR REFORMS

(Canadian Press)

Toronto, Jan. 21.—Prominent representatives of labor, presented a long list of proposed reforms to the provincial government yesterday. Their suggestions for legislation, including raising the limit for factory buildings for sixteen years, sanitary inspection of sweat shop clothing, better heating for foundries, adoption of single tax, compulsory weekly payment of wages, abolition of running boards and hand brakes on street cars, heating of car vestibules proper construction and inspection of scaffolding, provision of safe receptacles for mechanics tools, safe guards against pawning of stolen tools, compulsory eight hour shifts, where industries operated continually and application of the factories act to Chinese laundries. Sir James Whitney promised that the proposals would be taken up at the earliest possible moment.

PERSONALS

Mr. George McKnight, who is in Moncton at present, will leave tonight for Florida, where he will be engaged in railway construction.

Mr. B. G. Todd, of Montreal, is in the city.

Mr. Frank H. Mackey, advance agent for "The Time, the Place and The Girl," is in the city.

Ald. John McGoldrick, of St. John, was in the city on business yesterday and returned home last night.

Mr. J. B. Gilliat, of McGivney, was in the city yesterday to attend the Bachelor Maiden's ball given at the Queen Hotel last evening.

Mr. Fred Moore, of Toronto, is in the city.

Mr. C. K. Howard, travelling freight agent for the C. P. R., returned home last evening.

Mr. R. W. McLellan returned today from a business trip to Boston and New York.

(Canadian Press)

San Francisco, Jan. 20.—Lewis Augustine, a 19 year old Indian boy, was hanged in San Quentin prison today for the murder of Sheriff Kemp of Lake County, who was shot from ambush last May. From the time of his arrest until the end the lad maintained an appearance of stoical indifference to his fate.

DR. NESBITT FOR MEXICO

Believed That Farmers' Bank Embezzler is Heading in that Direction

Once Over Mexican Border He Will Be Safe From the Canadian Authorities.

(Canadian Press)

Toronto, Ont., Jan. 21.—Although the movements of Dr. Beattie Nesbitt the fugitive ex-president of the Farmers' Bank, are still a matter of conjecture, it is reasonably certain that if the doctor is not actually in Mexico he is headed for that little republic as fast as trains can carry him. There he would be absolutely safe from extradition. He has been traced as far as Chicago and the police are satisfied that he immediately headed for Mexico. The city of Monterey is believed to be his destination.

D.U.R. DIVIDEND BY FEBRUARY 7

Montreal, Jan. 21.—Mr. A. J. Ferguson, vice-president of the Detroit United Railway Company returned from New York this morning and brought the good news that all arrangements in regard to the \$1,500,000 4 1/2 per cent. bond issue have been completed.

Mr. Ferguson says that ample provision has been made for financing all the company's requirements. He also stated that shareholders will hear of "something very much to their advantage" at the annual meeting on Feb. 7.

It is practically settled that a 5 per cent. dividend will be declared Feb. 7.

The price of D. U. R. advanced to 71 1/2. The "Street" believes the stock is worth at least 75, and today's heavy trading would signify a great deal of confidence in the future of the road.

Quotations from direct private wires of J. M. Robinson & Son, Bankers, St. John, N. B., Members of Montreal Stock Exchange.

Amalgamated.....	64 1/2	64 1/2
Atchison.....	103 1/2	104
Smelters.....	78 1/2	78 1/2
Brooklyn.....	77 1/2	77 1/2
Canadian Pacific.....	208 1/2	207 1/2
Great Northern, Pfd.....	126 1/2	128 1/2
Pennsylvania.....	127	127
Reading.....	157 1/2	157 1/2
Southern Pacific.....	118 1/2	117 1/2
Union Pacific.....	176 1/2	176 1/2
U. S. Steel, Com.....	77 1/2	77 1/2
La. Rose.....	4 1/2	4 1/2
Nipissing.....	118 1/2	102
Quebec Railway.....	61 1/2	
Dominion Iron, Com.....	55 1/2	
Toronto Railway.....	126 1/2	

TRADED WIVES, GOT JACK KNIFE TO BOOT

Worcester, Mass., Jan. 21.—A deaconess from Boston with the aid of two detectives, has found that Frank J. Allen, a West Petersham wood chopper a short time ago, swapped his wife Minnie for Hulda, the wife of Hubert Houghton of South Athol, and gave Houghton a jack knife as a bonus on the bargain. Mrs. Houghton is still living with Allen ostensibly as housekeeper, but Allen's wife has left Houghton, and Houghton now says he got the worst of the deal.

THE SLOCUM'S CAPTAIN TO BE PAROLED

New York, Jan. 21.—According to the World today, Captain Wm. H. Vanshach, master of the excursion steamer General Slocum on which a thousand lives were lost June 15, 1904, by fire, is to be paroled soon. The president of the parole board has, it is said, promised to recommend to the attorney general that Vanshach be released. He had served more than a third of the ten years sentence at Sing Sing for misconduct and negligence as master of the Slocum.