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THE RAILWAY ENQUIRY NEARING ITS CLOSE

Commissioner Orders the Bank Books of the Railway Company and Mr. Pinder to be Produced in Court—Engineer Johnston Emphatically Contradicts Evidence of Mr. Brown—Mr. George Pinder Testifies in Regard to the Cost of the Work

Commissioner Pringle asked at the opening of the Southampton Railway inquiry this morning that the bank books of the Southampton Railway Company and Mr. Pinder be presented so that they could be gone over and ascertained where the balance of the subsidy went.

The first witness on the stand was Frank McGivney, time clerk on the Southampton Railway for Wm. McDonald & Son. He kept the time books for William McDonald & Son.

Mr. McGivney testified to money paid to Wm. McDonald & Son over and above the contract held by them. The witness identified the time books and checks issued by Wm. McDonald & Son and paid by him.

Commissioner Pringle asked the witness if the men worked on Sundays and all. He found that the books showed pay for Sundays. This was found to be only on the time-keeper's wages.

Mr. Richards—What was the amount of the payroll for October as compared with September?

Witness—About the same. The month of October was outside of the contract and would therefore be an extra expense.

Mr. Carter—When did you make out the time checks?

Witness—On the date they were issued?

Mr. Carter—Were they all issued that way?

Witness—No, some were issued when men went away.

Commissioner—Is this all your handwriting?

Witness—No.

Commissioner—Why was this date changed?

Witness—I don't know.

Q.—Have you any personal recollection of this work being done?

W.—No.

Q.—This date has been rubbed out and another month put in. It was some month with a "T." The hours are in your handwriting, that is ink?

W.—Yes sir.

Q.—The figures in pencil, naughts added, are whose?

W.—Mine.

Q.—But you did not change the month?

W.—No.

Q.—Did you keep the time for McDonald & Son when you were doing their contract?

W.—Yes.

Q.—When they were doing contract work, the work would be charged on the regular account?

Witness—Yes.

Commissioner—So, in order to get an account outside, it would have to be at a later month?

W.—Yes.

Mr. Teed examined the witness to ascertain whether certain names in the three books were on the work while the witness was there, the object being to show that some of the men were there when the contract was completed.

J. W. Jackson was recalled to tell as to switch ties. He stated that he had put five sets of switch ties.

GEORGE PINDER AGAIN.

Mr. George Pinder was again called to the stand to explain about the date which was changed in the time book.

This was not the original time book. The original one was not accessible. Mr. Pinder also gave evidence regarding the time books and checks paid, showing the amounts paid out in all to be \$36,978. During the examination Commissioner Pringle asked the witness if he was a shareholder in the Southampton Railway Company. He said that he was. He was also shown to be a director of the company.

"Here you start off," said Commissioner Pringle, "as shareholder and director of the road on would think that you would have some organization and records of accounts."

With regard to certain of the time books containing copied entries from other books the commissioner ruled that they were not evidence.

"I am willing," said he, "to stay here as long as necessary and if you have evidence I am willing to receive it, but you must not ask me to receive anything that is not evidence."

Mr. Pinder can swear that these men were paid so much and I am willing to receive that."

This evidence was then taken and the payment checks were placed in evidence.

Item by item the amounts were gone over by Mr. Teed and sworn to by Mr. Pinder as the monies paid out by him in all the time of the road-building.

He was obliged to explain that a good deal of the work done outside of the contracts was work which the contractors were supposed to have finished but did not.

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ALL ROADS LEAD TO SUSSEX ON MONDAY

Everything is going with a swing and the great excursion to Sussex on Monday, July 13, under the auspices of York County, L.O.L., will be the great event of the season. A drive on the train through the best section of New Brunswick to the beautiful town of Sussex, would well repay the cost of the trip. When there to witness hundreds of men in uniform on parade with banners, the music of many bands, and the addresses of some of the leading orators in the province, will be inspiring. Every care is being taken by the people of Sussex for the accommodation of all visitors to town on the 13th. Churches, hotels and the Brotherhood are all joining to make it pleasant for all. Come along and enjoy a good day's outing. A special train will leave the C. P.R. depot at 7.30 o'clock. The Orangemen will gather at their hall at 6.30 and march to the station.

THE STORSTAD WAS TO BLAME

Contents of Royal Commission's Report Was Made Public Today

First and Third Officers of the Collier Held to be Responsible for the Accident

A Montreal dispatch to J. M. Robinson & Sons, Bankers and Brokers, says:

The report in brief of finding of the commission on the Empress disaster, was made public today. The points on the report are:

The Storstad is held responsible for the accident because she changed her course. The helm of the Storstad was ported by order of the third officer, Mr. Laxe, who thought that the Empress was at port whereas in reality she was at starboard.

The order to port was given without instructions from the first officer of the Storstad, but as he was in charge at the time he is held jointly responsible with the third officer.

The first officer is also blamed for having failed to call the captain when the fog came in. There is nothing to blame in the course followed by the two ships before the fog came in. It is almost certain some of the bulk heads of the Empress were not closed at the time of the collision.

JOSEPH QUINN DROWNED FROM STEAMER D. J. PURDY

Gang Plank Gave Way Yesterday at Gagetown—Deceased Fell in River—Could Not Swim

Aided by a large party of men from Gagetown the crew of the D. J. Purdy yesterday afternoon recovered the body of Joseph Quinn, the young deckhand who was drowned in falling from the steamer just before it reached Gagetown wharf yesterday.

Quinn was standing by the side of the boat with Engineer MacVicar and both men leaned up against the gang plank which guarded the opening from which passengers alighted. Suddenly this gave way and both men were precipitated into the water from the rapidly moving steamer.

Quinn could not swim and sank almost immediately despite the efforts of his companion, who is a very heavy man and was just able to keep himself afloat until the steamer could be brought to a stop and a boat sent back to pick him up. There was no sign of Quinn at that time and word was sent to Gagetown for equipment with which to recover the body. The water is very deep at this point.

About fifty men got together in Gagetown with boats and grapples and dragged the river for about a half a mile on either side of the scene of the accident. At last their search was rewarded and the body was recovered about 4.30 o'clock and taken to Gagetown.

Quinn is the son of Frank Quinn, 62 Somerset Street, St. John, and leaves, besides his parents, three brothers and three sisters. He is also well known in Fredericton.

JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER AND HIS INCOME

New York, July 11—In the quiet of his home at Pocantico Hills, John D. Rockefeller passed the three-quarters past on his journey through life this week. Persons who have seen Mr. Rockefeller recently declare he looks far from his seventy-five years. At sixty years of age the Standard Oil magnate was said to have been about "all in," as the saying is. For years he had been a sufferer from chronic indigestion. Careful living and plenty of outdoor exercise on the golf links evidently effected a cure which more than one physician had failed to bring about. Certain it is that today Mr. Rockefeller appears to be in better physical condition than the average man of his years.

Roblin-Rogers Machine Gets Solar Plexis Blow

Fate of Tory Government in Manitoba Hangs in the Balance--Parties Now Stand, Tories 23; Liberals 21 With 2 Seats in Doubt--Liberal Forces Put up a Magnificent Fight Against Tremendous Odds--In the House Recently Dissolved There Were 28 Conservatives and 13 Liberals

(Special to The Mail.)

Winnipeg, July 11—At one o'clock this afternoon the Free Press, Liberal, compiled the result of the election as follows:

Government	23
Liberals	21
In doubt, probably govt.	2
Deferred north ridings	3
Total	49

Winnipeg, July 10—Reports received up to midnight have not definitely decided the standing of the parties in the next legislature, but they indicate clearly enough that the government will have a small majority, which likely will be increased to a working efficiency by the three by-elections yet to be held in the northern seats which owe a considerable debt to the present administration, first because they are part of Manitoba at all, and second because of the energetic work of the Northern government the Roblin government has under way. There is also a tendency of deferred electorates to side with the majority, but when the majority is slim it may be the reverse.

At midnight the Liberals claimed a tie of twenty-one seats each, with four to bear from. These are four claimed by the government, who

claim several of the seats confidently placed by the opposition in their own column.

A detached estimate might put the final standing at 25 Conservatives and 21 Liberals, with three deferred elections, making the total of 49. What the government now claims is 27 as against their opponents 19.

Liberals claim that results in six seats now standing in the government columns are so close that recounts are inevitable, such a seat being Kildonan and St. Andrews where Hon. Dr. Montague has at present a majority of but four whereas, at the recent by-election it stood in the hundreds.

The result is undeniably a sore blow to the expectations of the government. Outside of the loss of a number of what were considered safe seats, many other seats were held only by a small majority. Premier Roblin himself, whose majority at the last election was over 400, has little to spare now.

The Liberal sweep in Centre and South Winnipeg is one of the most surprising things of the campaign and can only be attributed to the hostile Orange and church sentiment.

ELECTION IN DOUBT.

Winnipeg, July 10—At 11.30 o'clock

the Free Press, Liberal, announced 19 certain Liberal seats and 20 certain Conservative seats with one seat in doubt and six seats to hear from.

The Liberal seats are as follows: Artur, Birtley, Delorain, Glenwood, Gladstone, Lansdowne, Hamiota, Minnedosa, Mountain, Morden, Rhineland, Norfolk, Portage la Prairie, Russell, St. Clements, Virden, two Winnipeg Centre, and two Winnipeg South. Total, 19.

CONSERVATIVE SEATS.

Assiniboia, Beautiful Plains, Brandon, Cypress, Dauphin, Elmwood, Dufferin, Gilbert Plains, Gimli, Ierville, (acclamation), Killarney, La Verandrye, Lakeside, Manitou, Rockwood, St. Boniface, Turtle Mountain, and two Winnipeg north. Total, 20.

The doubtful seat is Kildonan and St. Andrews where a majority is claimed for Hon. Dr. Montague.

The six seats to hear from are: Carrillon, Emerson, Roblin, St. George, St. Rose and Swan River.

ROBLIN ELECTED.

Winnipeg, July, 10—Sir Redmond Roblin is elected in Dufferin by 126 majority.

THE GERMAN-AMERICAN ALLIANCE

Wausau, Wis., July 11—Delegation representing German societies throughout the State thronged Wausau today for the opening of the annual convention of the German-American Alliance of Wisconsin. The convention is the largest and most representative in the history of the organization. In honor of the visitors the business section of the city is elaborate with the American and German colors. The gathering will continue over tomorrow.

ROYALTY VISITS STIRLING, SCOT.

Stirling, Scot., July 11—King George and Queen Mary today concluded the first week of their stay in Scotland with a visit to Stirling and the historic country surrounding, including the battlefield of Bannockburn. The Duke of Montrose, the magistrates and other dignitaries of the town greeted their majesties on their arrival in Stirling this morning. The city was profusely decorated in honor of the occasion and filled with hundreds of visitors. Following the exchange of greetings the King presided at the laying of the foundation stone for the new municipal buildings. The King and Queen were then taken by automobile to Stirling Castle, where they were the guests of the lord lieutenant of the county at luncheon. After leaving the castle, the royal party returned to Edinburgh, by way of Bannockburn, Falkirk and Linlithgow.

BELFAST AUTHORITIES TO PREVENT ORANGE RIOTS

Belfast, July 11—Tomorrow will be Orangemen's day, the anniversary of the battle of Boyne in 1690, in which the forces of James II. were defeated by the Protestant army. The anniversary is always a day of great celebration on the part of the Orangemen of Belfast and vicinity, and in the past it has on more than one occasion been marked by bloody clashes with the Catholic organizations. Owing to the present intense feeling over the Home Rule situation the authorities of Belfast are taking unusual precautions to prevent or suppress any disorderly demonstrations tomorrow.

PERSONAL ITEMS

Duncan Williston, of Newcastle, is a guest at the Queen.

E. Percy Howard, of St. John, arrived in the city last night.

George D. Ellis, of St. John, registered at the Queen last night.

Dr. O. E. Morehouse, M. P. P. and wife, of Upper Keswick, are at the Barker House.

H. L. Crocker, of St. John, is in the city.

Mrs. A. R. Clark, and Mrs. Wm. Rudlock, of St. John, West, arrived this morning by rail from St. John, and returned today by automobile.

Mr. J. Poupouse, of Meductic, is at the Barker House today.

W. J. Mowat, of Campbellton is in the city.

Robert J. Carlisle, of New York, is registered at the Queen.

Mr. and Mrs. N. P. Marven, of Norton, are in the city.

C. B. Kingston, of Eastport, Me., is at the Queen.

F. Breineau, of Quebec, is a guest at the Queen.

George H. Budd, of St. Stephen, is at the Barker House.

R. B. Humphrey, of St. John, is in the city.

F. P. Hunter, of St. Stephen, is at the Barker House.

John Connors, of Woodstock, is in the city.

MADE FAST TIME.

Ludlow Smith made a record trip from Holyokes to the C. P. R. station in this city yesterday in a McLaughlin-Buick car. He covered the distance, which was between eighteen and twenty miles in twenty eight minutes.