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A PUGILISTIC MAYOR.

Mayor Somner of Moncton and Mr. Hawke of the Transcript are not on very friendly terms, and frequently clash in the newspapers. The editor, however, generally gets the better of his opponent, in argument. The Mayor, who turns the scales at about 250 lbs., having been worsted in a recent encounter with the editor, declares in a letter to Mr. Hawke that only respect for his (Somner's) official position deters him from "wringing your measly little neck." Mr. Hawke publishes the letter, and makes some comments which will not improve the mental condition of the infuriated and undignified chief magistrate of the railway hub.

Mr. Hawke is not very large physically but small men are generally grumpy, and he might prove more than a match in a personal encounter with his worship. A blow well aimed at the mayor's extensive corporation—not the one over which he officially presides, but that which he carries prominently in front—would be likely to seriously damage his worship's defensive powers.

Whatever else Mr. Somner may be, and no doubt he has many pleasing attributes and enjoys popularity in Moncton, he cannot be congratulated on his letter writing in the various controversies in which he has engaged with the Transcript editor. The mayor grows very angry and threatens personal violence; Mr. Hawke, on the other hand, remains perfectly collected and cool, and in this way has a great advantage over his antagonist. The same conditions would probably occur if the two gentlemen met in the ring, but we trust no such affair as that will occur. Mr. Somner we believe makes a very good mayor, when he is not writing undignified letters and making threats of personal violence, and it would be a pity if the town should lose his services as the result of a physical argument.

FUNCTIONS OF THE PRESS.

There was an interesting discussion recently before the Queen's University alumni at Kingston, Ont., on the functions of the newspaper press. The mission of the press was succinctly stated by one speaker, who declared that to produce a readable paper, to make it profitable intellectually and commercially, and to secure the confidence of a community so that the people therein may be influenced and inspired, is the proper mission or function of the journalism in a free country.

The same speaker also declared that to be a power or a force the paper must pay, must be able to take advantage of all material things to enhance its success, both financially and as a mercantile institution. But the great object in the publication of a paper is not financial; a true journalist must always aim at making his work tell for the advancement and purifying of the constituency.

As to news, it was held that it was the function of every newspaper worker securing the news instinct to seek to present everything of human interest, to keep in touch with all classes and to give them information of advantage to them. The influence a paper exerts on the readers was noted. Let a paper be read daily in any home, year after year, and it becomes an integral part of the reader's life. The journalist can affect the judgment and conscience and stimulate the spirit, life and conduct of the readers. A reverend speaker who edits one of the denominational organs, spoke of the prophetic function of newspapers. He said that some people think the pulpit is

the only prophet, but the pulpit stands too far away from the crowd, and moves too much in academic circles, forgetting the great mass around it. The press must have an ideal above the crowd, or it won't be a prophet, but merely a scribe. The problem of the press is at the bottom a problem of men, was this speaker's conviction. He claimed that the universities had not yet realized their responsibility in regard to the press. Referring again to the pulpit, the speaker said it was far easier to denounce the newspapers on a Sunday morning than it was to write them a decent paragraph on Monday. "If I had the training of divinity students," said he, "I would put them on a newspaper for a year, if the newspapers would take them, so that they might learn to write good English."

But the discussion was not all complimentary to the newspapers. One speaker alleged that the press had become merely a collection of gossip, that its influence on the public was weakening, and that the newspapers were vulgarizing rather than uplifting.

For these sentiments the speaker was taken to task by a prominent newspaper editor present, who declared that the Canadian newspapers were deserving of higher praise than he had accorded to them, for they were endeavoring to carry out the ethics of journalism. This he knew from experience. Canadian journalism, in his opinion, was a credit to the country, and Canadian papers had a larger circulation in proportion to population than have those of the United States.

The discussion was closed by the eminent principal of Queen's University, who said that the more knowledge he had of journalism the more sympathy he had with those engaged in the work. He regarded the editorship of a newspaper as an awful responsibility.

A report is current at Ottawa that Chas. C. Blackadar, one of the proprietors of the Halifax Recorder, is to be appointed to the Senate in place of the late Dr. Almon. We trust the report is correct. Mr. Blackadar has been an active Liberal and his newspaper is one of the most aggressive Liberal organs in Canada. Not many rewards of the kind come to newspaper men, although in many instances they make the politicians who have such favors to bestow. With Senator Ellis of St. John and Senator Blackadar of Halifax in the red chamber, the maritime press would be strongly represented in that body.

Even in Mexico the news of Queen Victoria's death was received with exhibition of genuine sorrow. The flags on all the legations at the capital and on the executive, the municipal buildings, and also on all the clubs were placed at half-mast. The American Club draped all the windows in black, and the flag has remained at half mast continuously since the account of the death. At the time of the death of the French President the board refused to put the flag at half-mast even on the day of the funeral. The press of every shade was most eulogistic.

Winston Churchill has made his first speech in the Imperial House of Commons. It was on the war in South Africa, in answer to some criticisms that had been aimed at its conduct, and the young man created a good impression. He spoke for forty minutes from the seat formerly occupied by his late distinguished father, Lord Randolph Churchill, was listened to with great attention, and high expectations of his future were formed by those who heard him.

Mr. Pitts, is absolutely silent on the local by-elections. Probably he is thinking however that if he was leader of the opposition, what a much stronger fight he would put up than Mr. Hazen.

The new deputy speaker of the House of Commons Ottawa, Dr. Peter Macdonald, is a native of Pictou N. S. and is 55 years old. He represents East Huron, Ont.

HARVEY STATION.
Harvey Station, Feb. 21.—The storm of last week was felt very severely here several huge snow drifts were formed and it was with difficulty that the roads were kept open. People are having much trouble in getting into the woods for firewood on account of the heavy crust and deep snow.

Mr. Allan Little of Little Settlement and Mr. Leo R. Emberton of the Swamp both of whom have been very ill are now on the way of recovering under the treatment of Dr. Keith.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Robinson are receiving congratulations on account of a certain domestic event. Another daughter.

NEWS NOTES.

The work of recovering the bodies of the victims of the mine disaster at Cumberland, B. C., proceeds slowly. So far eight bodies have been found, four being whites. These were found in the main drive, lying face downward, close to a cave-in. They apparently were attempting to make their way towards the shaft of No. 6, when overcome.

BODY SNATCHING.

Student of Queens University Charged with the Crime.

SMALLPOX AT GOUTREAU VILLAGE, WESTMORLAND, OF MALIGNANT TYPE.

South African Heroes Arrive at Halifax.

MURDER IN ONTARIO—VICTIMS OF LEVEL CROSSING AND FIRE.

Prominent Moncton Contractor Dead.

THE NEWS OF MONCTON.

Death of J. A. Killam, a Prominent Contractor.

(Special to the Daily Herald.)

Moncton, Feb. 21.—Jas. A. Killam, a brother of A. E. Killam, ex-M. P. P., died at his home in Moncton at 5 o'clock this morning. He had been confined to his home since the first of the month, his illness starting with rheumatism, but Bright's disease was the cause of his death.

Mr. Killam was a well known bridge inspector and builder. For a number of years he was manager of the St. Martin's Railway. He was fifty-one years of age and leaves a widow and two children. Wm. Donald, engineer of the Moncton cotton mills, is severing his connection with that industry, having accepted a lucrative position in Montmorency, Quebec. The Moncton Oddfellows assisted by Pearl Rebecca Lodge, gave Mr. Donald a send off last evening.

Body Snatching at Peterboro.

(Special to the Daily Herald.)

Peterboro, Ont., Feb. 21.—The mystery surrounding the shipment of the trunk by William Patterson, medical student, destined for Queen's College, Kingston, was cleared up last night, when the box was opened and found to contain the corpse of Mrs. Dennis Sheehan, late of this place, who was buried in the Roman Catholic cemetery on Monday.

Patterson who was admitted to five hundred dollars bail and has disappeared, was to have been examined today on a charge of grave robbing.

Dynamite Terror at Woodstock.

(Special to the Daily Herald.)

Woodstock, Ont., Feb. 21.—C. P. R. telegraph operator Rice accounted for one stick of the missing four tons of dynamite from the Grand Trunk wreck, when last night, he cut the deadly bar in twain with a shovel while filling a scuttle with coal in the cellar. It is believed that some scoundrel hunter became frightened of his treasure and threw it into the basement while passing. The incident has intensified the fear of the citizens.

The Deadly Level Crossing.

(Special to the Daily Herald.)

Smiths Falls, Ont., Feb. 21.—George Cassils a farmer, and his three children drove to town this morning, and when twenty feet from the railway crossing the father saw an approaching train and shouted to the children to jump. This command they obeyed and the little ones were saved but the horse took fright and plunged into the swiftly passing baggage car. Cassils and the animal were instantly killed.

Supreme Court of Canada.

(Special to the Daily Herald.)

Ottawa, Feb. 21.—The Supreme Court today heard the case of Skinner vs. Farquharson. The appeal involves the validity of the will of the late John Farquharson of Halifax, which was declared void by the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia on the ground of insane delusions entertained by the testator.

Canadian Artist Dead.

(Special to the Daily Herald.)

Montreal, Feb. 21.—O. Reinhold Jacob, R. C., a well known figure in Canadian art circles, and a former resident of Montreal, is dead in Dakota, where he went three years ago. He was once president of the Royal Canadian Academy.

Capt. Weeks' Arrival.

(Special to the Daily Herald.)

Halifax, Feb. 21.—The steamship Lake Ontario which arrived this afternoon, had among her passengers Capt. Weeks of Charlottetown, who went to South Africa with the first Canadian contingent as Capt. G. G.

Another of the ship's passengers is Lieut. Cockburn of Toronto, who has been recommended for the Victoria Cross.

Murder in Ontario.

(Special to the Daily Herald.)

Peterborough, Ont., Feb. 21.—Scant details of a murder at Stoney Lake last night, has been received here. During a quarrel a man named Sharpe shot and killed Wm. Hull.

A county constable has gone to the scene. Jealousy caused the murder.

Children Perished in Flames.

(Special to the Daily Herald.)

Kingston, Ont., Feb. 21.—Geo. L. Agnew's home at Calabogie on the Kingston Parry Sound Railway was destroyed by fire and two children, a boy and girl perished.

BRIDGE CONTRACTS LET.

Some of the Proposed New Structures Will be in York and Sunbury.

Hon. C. H. LaBillois, chief commissioner of public works, has awarded contracts for the following bridges:

For rebuilding Bull Creek bridge, Albert county—to Jeremiah Steeves and others, Salem.

For rebuilding Nash's Creek bridge, Restigouche county—to Matthew McDowell, Jacques River, Restigouche county.

For rebuilding Brookton bridge, Albert county—to A. E. Syme, Alma, Albert county.

For rebuilding Springfield bridge, York county—to Jas. B. Corrie, Macnaquis, York county.

For rebuilding South Branch Ormoco bridge—to Simpson & McKenzie, Petitocton, Westmorland county.

For rebuilding Abner Smith bridge, Sunbury county—to Joe A. Noble, Rasmagornis, Sunbury county.

For rebuilding Clarke bridge, parish of Eldon, Restigouche county—to Murdoch G. Mann, Campbellton.

For rebuilding Ryan bridge, parish of Eldon, Restigouche county—to G. C. Sutherland, Dennis Lord, of Bathurst.

The chief commissioner is also calling for tenders this week for the following structures:

Hon. bridge, across North River, parish of Salisbury, Westmorland county.

Murray bridge, across North River, parish of Salisbury, Westmorland county.

Sub-structure Oak Bay bridge, Charlotte county.

North Tay Creek bridge, York county.

Cedars wharf, parish of Kingston, Kings county.

McNair bridge, parish of Durham, Restigouche county.

CURLING NOTES.

Progress of the Committee Series of Matches—St. Stephen's Players Arrive.

During the curling season at the Fredericton rink, the competition for the trophies offered by the managing committee, has been very keen and is yet unfinished. The result so far however shows R. F. Randolph has a great lead in series A, and that Geo. Y. Dibble is to the front in series B.

Following is the record of games up to date:

A Series.			
	won	lost	p.c.
R F Randolph.....	3	1	88
H C Rutter.....	6	3	75
J S Campbell.....	4	4	50
J H Hawthorn.....	4	3	57
T L Fowler.....	3	5	37
G W Logie.....	2	4	31
T G Hoeg.....	2	9	21
B Series.			
G Y Dibble.....	4	2	66
Dr. Bridges.....	5	3	62
A H Randolph.....	6	5	55
R S Barker.....	4	4	50
M Lemont.....	3	4	42
E Mallin.....	3	6	33
A R Wetmore.....	3	6	33

Four rinks of St. Stephen curlers arrived by the noon train today to play a return match with Fredericton, and are domiciled at the Barker. The party is made up as follows:

L Dexter	J D Chipman
G W Ganong, M P	W L Grant
C A Lindow	F C Murdoch
M Allister	D McLaughlin
S W Hyatt	Dr. Langhlin
G Kline	G Graham
L Holly	E Smith
J E Ganong	

This afternoon Skips Logie and Rutter are playing against Skips Chipman and Grant.

HARVEY STATION.

(Special Correspondence to the Herald.)

Feb. 19.—Our school trustees have struck a piece of luck. A few days ago their new teacher Mr. C. M. McCann, of Welsford arrived. This young gentleman is proving himself worthy of his position. He already has acquired many young admirers.

Mr. Albert Hunter last evening was very much surprised by an arrival, a bouncing young son. His wife was formerly a Miss Taylor of Fredericton.

Rev. James McLean's son, Hugh, and Dr. Keith's son, Van Boren, last week left their homes here to attend the collegiate school, Fredericton.

Dr. Keith has been kept very busy of late with lagrippe cases.

Our telegraph operator, Mr. Story, has been kept very busy of late attending to the blockade and has not been able to visit St. John.

Malignant Type of Smallpox.
(Special to the Daily Herald.)

Moncton, Feb. 21.—Smallpox which broke out at Goutreau village, Westmorland Co., the doctors declare to be a most malignant type.

Col. Armstrong, of St. John, received a cable Tuesday from his son, corp. B. R. Armstrong, announcing that he and Corp. Combs were sailing from Liverpool on the S. S. Lusitania, and won't be due in Halifax about March 2nd.

Henry Braithwaite, the well known hunter and guide, who is to attend the Chicago Sportsmen's Show, arrived from the Miramichi woods today.

Miss Grace Robinson who has been in Bosc for the past six months returned home last week.

No Bread.
G. T. Whopley is in receipt of a fresh lot of shredded whole wheat biscuit. Thousands use them in place of toast or bread.—d.

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Have Issued a Flaming Proclamation From Port Elizabeth, Cape Colony.

ARRAIGNING BRITAIN'S CONDUCT OF THE WAR,

And Clearly Inviting Dutch Colonists to Take up Arms.

(Special to Daily Herald.)

Pretoria, Feb. 21.—Steyn and De Wet have just issued a proclamation at Port Elizabeth. They declare that the war of the Transvaal republics against Great Britain still rages and charge the British with not observing the customs of civilized warfare, and of deporting Boer doctors to prevent the wounded from being promptly attended to.

The proclamation states that the British have armed Kaffirs to fight the Boers and have captured women children and old men.

The whole document is a scathing arraignment of Great Britain for alleged violation of the convention of the Hague and it is clearly evident that it is an appeal to the Dutch to take up arms.

London, Feb. 21.—As Lord Kitchener is now back in Pretoria, the inference is that General De Wet has again escaped from the supposed cordon. There is no further news of General French's pursuit of Commandant General Botha in the east Transvaal.

Statements emanate from both Pretoria and Brussels that Mr. Kruger contemplates returning to South Africa. It is said that he has just finished writing a memorial on the war which will be sent to the European governments and to President McKinley.

Pretoria, Feb. 21.—Reports from Lydenburg say that acting President Schalk-Burger, addressing a gathering of burghers recently, told them that he now recognized that their cause was quite hopeless and that a prolongation was futile.

Coleburg, Feb. 21.—A train was derailed by the Boers near Jalobosh and looted by natives. Two cars were ordered out and the Boers fired on them, killing two persons and wounding many.

Cape Town, Feb. 21.—The body of a native who had died of bubonic plague has been found in a low quarter of the city. This is taken to indicate that the natives are concealing such cases.

New York, Feb. 21.—The mysterious message which was issued by the War Office last night stating that there was no communication with General Smith-Dorrien's forces in South Africa is causing some uneasiness, says the Tribune's London correspondent. The latest unofficial news which was received about Smith-Dorrien was to the effect that he had occupied Amsterdam, on the Swaziland border.

The rumor has reached London that General Steyn has been captured, but it has not received official confirmation.

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NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that a general meeting of the Sheer Boom Improvement Company will be held in the City of Saint John, N. B. at the Province of New Brunswick, at the Office of L. M. Jewett in said City, on Friday, the fifteenth day of February next, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, for the following purposes, namely: The electing a board of directors for the said Company; the amending the existing bye-laws and the passing a code of bye-laws for the government of the Company; also for the admission of corporations of the said Company. And for the making all necessary contracts for carrying on the business of the Company by lease agreement, appointment, or otherwise, according to law. And for the purpose of transacting whatever business may be necessary for the welfare of the said Company.

Dated the sixteenth day of January, 1901.

H. J. OLIVE,
Secretary of the Sheer Boom Improvement Company.

NOTICE.

Application will be made to the Legislature of the Province of New Brunswick at its sitting session for the passing of an Act to incorporate a company to be called "The New Brunswick Coal and Railway Company," to build, operate and maintain a line of Railway from Coalbrook, in the County of Queens County, to Gibson in York County, or to a point on the line of the Canada Eastern Railway, with power to build branches thereof and to connect with any other Railway in New Brunswick; with power also to purchase, hold and sell coal lands, coal and real estate, minerals and mineral lands, and operate the same, and to carry on a mining business, together also with all the necessary power to take lands and other things incident and necessary to the building and maintaining a Railway.

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