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FIFTY PERSONS PERISHED.

In an Explosion and Fire that Partially Destroyed Big Brockton Shoe Factory.

FLAMES SPREAD AND CONSUMED OTHER BUILDINGS.

Loss Estimated at \$200,000.

Brockton, Mass., March 20.—(Special.)—Within an hour after six hundred employees of the R. B. Grover Shoe factory had been at work today, a boiler blew up in the factory engine room, wrecking a section of the building.

The explosion started a fire which destroyed the building, and the flames spread to other buildings near by.

Owing to the nature of the accident and the rapidity with which the flames spread to the section which fell after the explosion, any accurate estimate of the loss of life is impossible.

The factory, which was a large four story wooden structure, is in

ashes.

The flames extended to several dwelling houses near by, and to the Dahl-Burg block across the street from the Grover factory.

These were consumed and other property damaged.

The financial loss is estimated at \$200,000.

Twenty-five bodies up to 11.30 had been taken from the ruins.

Many of these were so terribly mutilated and burned as to make identification difficult.

Eleven are dead in Brockton hospital and a score wounded.

At noon it was announced that the dead will reach fifty.

A ROMAN CATHOLIC CLERGYMAN

Preached Sermon in Defence of Separate Schools.

WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO THE AUTONOMY BILL.

Sydney, N.S., March 20.—(Special) Rev. F. E. McAdam, of the Sacred Heart Church here, preached a sermon last evening in defence of separate schools for the northwest provinces.

He said unreasonable bigotry was at work to defeat the autonomy bill and claimed that Roman Catholics had a right to have their children educated in their own way with a fair share of the public funds in the new section the schools were a myth,

and such schools were Protestant, or at least anti-Catholic. The literature in them were full of calumnies on the Roman Catholic church, and travesties on the Roman Catholic doctrine.

It was the duty of every Roman Catholic in Canada to assist their brethren in the northwest to secure their rights.

The sermon has aroused much feeling among Protestants.

THE INTERCOLONIAL RAILWAY.

May Acquire Running Rights Over Canada Atlantic to Georgian Bay.

Ottawa, March 20.—(Special)—There is good reason to believe that the government contemplate an early announcement that running rights will be secured for the Intercolonial over the Canada Atlantic from Montreal to the Georgian Bay. When the Grand Trunk Railway Company's bill to take over the Canada Atlantic came before the Railway Committee, Hon. Mr. Emmerson, minister of railways, said he had an announcement to make when the bill came up in the House for its third

reading, and Mr. W. F. Maclean said he hoped the announcement would take that form.

Further inquiry went to show that negotiations with this end in view have been proceeding with good prospects of success.

A representative of the Grand Trunk practically confirmed the idea, and added that the step might really be to give the Intercolonial running rights over all lines, the rental to be fixed by the Railway Commission.

NEWFOUNDLAND FAMINE.

Dwellers Along West Coast Suffering for Lack of Food.

Sydney, N. S. March 20.—(Special) Famine is reported from the west coast of Newfoundland, where the inhabitants are said to have been subsisting on one meal per day for three or four weeks, and have become weak and emaciated.

The railroad has been blocked since

early winter. This with the prevalence of drift ice on the coast, prevented people from getting food supplies.

Steamers will leave St. John's this week with assistance for the famine stricken villagers.

S. A. COMMISSIONER COMBES.

Well Pleased with Progress of Army Work in This Province—Good Word for Provincial Government.

St. John, March 20.—(Special)—Commissioner Coombs of the Salvation Army, said this morning that he was well pleased with the advance made in Army work in the provinces.

He said the Maternity Hospital here was doing good work, but they needed more money to provide larger quarters.

He also advocated a larger meeting house than the present one, and will endeavor to secure a location while here.

Two great needs of the army in this province are men and money

to carry on the work.

He was glad to find the provincial government was assisting in the Maternity work and hoped the city would also assist.

The Army's immigration policy affects the whole Dominion and they have great facilities for securing the best material and providing them with work when they land. The Army would be glad to render assistance in this province in immigration work if called upon, and would probably bring out settlers for New Brunswick.

QUIET AT SCENE OF WAR.

So the Russians Say But Japs Made a Capture This Morning.

St. Petersburg, March 20.—(Special.)—General Linevitch reports no fighting in the first or third army corps.

An inspection of the men found them in good health and spirits.

Tokio, March 20.—(Special.)—The Japs captured Kai Yuan this morning.

Before leaving the Russians burned the bridge and destroyed the supplies.

AN UPSET AT MARYSVILLE.

What might have been a serious accident happened at Marysville yesterday afternoon when a young man from Fredericton was driving two young ladies along the road from Tom Morrison's stable. The sleigh suddenly upset, throwing the occupants to the ground, which the sun had made rather wet and muddy. Although they were somewhat shaken up and their clothing bespattered with mud, no bones were broken, and those who were standing on the road had a hearty laugh at the affair.

FASHIONABLE HATS.

Farrell Bros. have just opened a line of the famous Hawes' \$3.00 hats, for which they are the sole agents. If you wish to look fashionable call at Farrell Bros. and purchase a Hawes' hat.

NORTHERN SPY APPLES.

G. T. Whelpley is offering fancy No 1 and No. 2 Ontario Northern Spy apples by the barrel, bushel and also peck.—d.

ROYAL RIGHT.

Queen Alexandra Could Contract Debts in Her Husband's Name and His Majesty Would Not Be Responsible.

Great interest was aroused recently by the circumstance that in a grave national crisis, when the King was for the moment inaccessible, the ministers of state were summoned to the presence of Queen Alexandra for consultation, with, as was generally understood, most satisfactory results. This was quite a new departure for the present reign, says London Tit-Bits.

Of course, Queen Victoria played this sovereign part constantly, but her late Majesty was the head of the state and it was the proper course for her to pursue. Except when considered as part of the King and Sovereign, Queen Alexandra is not the head of the state. She enjoys a position of her own which is absolutely unique. Whilst it differs from that of the King it also differs from that of any other lady, married or single, or of any rank, and in some material ways it is also different from that of previous queen consorts.

One of the most curious and interesting provisions in the law and customs of the state is that the Queen is, for private business purposes, not regarded as a married lady at all. She is the only lady in Great Britain who does not come within the scope of the Married Women's Property Act. The principle of the law is that the King is entirely different from all other married men, and that his time is too fully taken up with the affairs of state for him to have any left to devote to domestic matters, and that therefore the whole management of the Queen's private business matters must devolve upon Her Majesty singly, and that no responsibility whatever in respect to them rests upon the King. Therefore, if such a thing could be imagined as the Queen contracting

debts in her husband's name, the King would not be responsible for them, as any other husband would be unless he had given due notice to tradesmen and all others concerned that he would for the future decline to settle all such accounts.

If the King contracted debts, the law which says that His Majesty can do no wrong would prevent anybody from suing him for recovery of the amount due; but no such protection is granted to the Queen, who could be proceeded against in the ordinary manner. She has her own Attorney-General and Solicitor-General to represent her in all legal matters, though, of course, except for ordinary private purposes, their services are scarcely ever needed.

Whilst the Constitution is glad to recognize the Queen as part of the monarchy, it cannot lose sight of the fact that after all her position is limited to that of Queen Consort, and therefore she is in a very large sense one of His Majesty's subjects, and in certain cases, which there is no human possibility of occurring in these times, she would be treated as a subject. But in other respects she is accorded privileges by the realm which are given to no other person except the King.

Particularly there is the question of high treason. It is generally understood that the King is the only person whom it is high treason to plot against; but it would be high treason also to plot against Queen Alexandra. All Consorts of British monarchs have not enjoyed this privilege. When Philip of Spain married Queen Mary it was denied to him, though some time after the marriage a special Act of Parliament was passed in which he was granted the concession.

The signature "Edward Rex" is attached to all State documents of such importance as to demand it. But in no circumstances whatever would the corresponding one "Alexandra Regina" be allowed to be attached, either in conjunction with that of His Majesty or without it. If it should happen that the Queen should survive the King, many of the privileges which she at present possesses would be withdrawn from her, only nominally in some cases but actually in others, whilst constitutional law provides that some curious restrictions shall be placed upon her. It would no longer be high treason to plot against her, and it is held by at least one high authority that she could not marry again if she wished to do so without the special license and permission of the King's successor.

All this, as has been made clear, is the very strict and essential legal view which the Constitution, having regard to difficulties which have occurred in the past, finds it necessary to take in theory of the position of the Queen; but in the hearts of the people, as we all know, she exercises complete and supreme authority as the first lady, and one upon whom there can be no limitations whilst England is governed as it is.

Economy.

Friend — If your washerwoman charges by the piece, it must be rather expensive. Young Housekeeper—Oh, no. She loses so many things that her bills are never high.—New York Weekly.