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## NO CRIME WAS COMMITTED.

Such is Detective Power's Conclusion After Investigating the Sydney Tragedy

(Sydney, N. S., Feb. 27.—(Special)—Detective Nicholas Power, now chief of the Halifax police, has been making a thorough investigation into the Stetka case, and today gave out the following important statements in regard to his findings in the case: "I am here at the request of the attorney general to investigate the fire and the suspicious death of the Stetka family."

"The jury, who made most careful enquiry, said it was a very mysterious and suspicious matter, and handed it over to the crown officer to deal with."

"The doctor's report says that other than burning, they failed to find the cause of death. The jury and doctors in my opinion are quite correct."

"I have had some experience in investigating suspicious fires and their cause, and I have more than once come to a correct solution or conclusion on matters of that kind."

"Many theories have been advanced as to the cause of the fire and the death of the Stetka family, and after a careful investigation, I have arrived at the conclusion that no crime was committed."

"My belief is that the Stetka family were all asleep, when the fire, in some mysterious way, started near the front door of the house, and that Stetka and his wife, or one of them awoke and discovered smoke in the

house. They got out of bed, after inhaling a large quantity of the smoke, were overcome, lost consciousness, sank to the floor exhausted, and died before the fire reached them."

"The children died in their bed from the same cause. The bodies of the children were covered by bed-clothing and the bodies of the parents not being so well covered, were burned to a crisp. The bodies of the children were not burned so much as they were protected by clothing."

"A fire took place at Dominion No. 1 last night, which nearly resulted in the deaths of five people."

"The father, J. J. Burke, went to work in the pit at 11:45 after banking the stove and seeing that everything was all right before he left."

"Half an hour later fire was discovered by Mrs. Burke, who was sleeping upstairs. When she awoke she was nearly smothered by the smoke."

"She aroused the two girls in the next room and two boys in the room over the kitchen, above which the fire was, and found great difficulty in doing so. She was forced to pull them out of bed as they were nearly smothered."

"Now if Mrs. Burke had been sleeping soundly or had slept longer, and had been choked as possibly the poor Stetka family was, then the whole family would have lost their lives."

"To my mind the fire of last night offers some explanation of the Stetka case."

## COLLISION AT NEW MILLS.

Moncton, Feb. 27.—(Special)—The Maritime Express was in collision at New Mills, this morning with a freight special going west.

Conductor Dickie's special was in the siding at New Mills where they were doing shunting when the train backed and fouled the switch.

The maritime came along, and the engine collided with the special, four cars from the van.

The freight cars were derailed, and more or less smashed, and some were completely disabled.

The express engine was knocked off the rails, and badly damaged.

The baggage car of the Maritime Express was also derailed, but the other cars remained on the rails and were not damaged.

One person was injured. Driver George Anderson was in the cab of the express engine and the train was in charge of Conductor A. McLellan, of Capelton.

The Maritime Express slowed up in time to avoid what might otherwise have been a disastrous wreck.

As a result of the collision the Maritime Express will be six hours late arriving here and number two express from St. John was sent out to Truro on number 34's time.

## THE MONCTON FIRE.

Moncton, February 27.—(Special)—Between six and seven hundred I. C. R. employees are still walking the streets and about one hundred are working clearing away the debris today.

The boilers were found to be very little damaged and are again ready for use though the engines will need much repair.

It will be some days before power can be obtained for the machine shop.

The Robb Engineering Company of Amherst is loading for the I. C. R. a hundred horsepower engine. This will be installed at once and temporary shops will be put up at once.

The remains found in the ruins and believed to be those of Abraham Jones, were taken to the family residence yesterday, and will be buried tomorrow under the auspices of Court Moncton I. O. Foresters of which deceased was a member.

Jones had \$1,000 insurance in the Foresters in favor of his wife, but the Foresters are having difficulty in identifying the remains. One of the requirements of Foresters is that the remains must be positively identified by officers of the court to which the insured belonged.

In face of fact that only a few bones and the skull practically reduced to ashes were found, the difficulty of the Foresters to positively identify the remains can be readily seen. Some articles found besides the bones were identified as belonging to Jones.

The location of the proposed new I. C. R. shops is agitating the citizens. Deputy Minister Butler while here yesterday, took a look at lands near the old Trotting Park and in other sections. The railway recently purchased a block of land at the West End of the I. C. R. yard, taking in the old tanyard, and it is not improbable that this location may be decided upon.

## EMMERSON AT ST. JOHN.

St. John, Feb. 27.—(Special)—Hon. H. R. Emmerson arrived from Moncton this morning, and received members of the board of trade and business men on harbor improvements, etc.

Speaking of Saturday night's fire at Moncton, he said:

"It was not as bad as was at first reported. The machine shop could be put in working order almost at once, as a big engine is now being installed to replace the burnt one."

Other buildings would be built temporarily and it is expected by fall

permanent structures would be advanced stage.

Mr. Emmerson leaves tonight for Ottawa.

## THE STOCK MARKET.

Montreal, Feb. 27.—(Special)—The stock market quotations today were as follows:

Dominion Coal, 78.  
Dominion Iron and Steel, 32½, 32, 32.  
Dominion Iron and Steel, pfd., 81½, 81½, 81½.  
Nova Scotia Steel, 65½, 65, 65.  
C. P. R., 171½, 171, 171½.  
Twin City, 118½, 116½, 119.  
Montreal Power, 94, 94½, 94½.  
Rich. & Ont. Nav., 94, 94½, 94½.  
Illinois, 101, 100½, 100½.  
Havana, 38.  
Toledo, 34½, 34½, 35.

## A HALIFAX DEATH.

Halifax, Feb. 27.—(Special)—Hon. William J. Stairs, one of the most prominent citizens of Halifax, died at his residence here this morning, aged 87 years.

## PAARDEBERG ANNIVERSARY.

Six years ago today, Feb. 27, 1900, was a great day for the empire and it was a great day for Canada not only as part of the Empire but as taking a leading part in securing the capitulation of the boer general, Cronje and his forces.

Frederick was well represented at the front, not only among the members of the R. C. R., but also a number of young men of the 71st Battalion all of whom fought side by side with such regiments as the Gordons and deserve their share of credit for that memorable day's work.

The 71st Battalion was represented by James Pringle, J. Albert Perkins, Sam Jones, J. M. Aitken Herbert Leavett, Bruce E. McFarlane, and John McLeod, while those attached to the R. C. R. were all well known here.

Some of them, such as Harry Fradsham were natives of this city or vicinity.

Mr. Alfred Sheldon, of the Bank of Montreal, was among those who were at Paardeberg on that memorable day.

The news was received here with great rejoicing and all the schools were dismissed. Public addresses were delivered and a general holiday was kept.

Mr. J. K. Flemming, M. P. P., is to deliver a lecture tomorrow evening at the Y. M. C. A. Hall. His subject will be Japan and, as he is an eloquent speaker, he should draw a large crowd.

## THE CHAMPIONS DOWNED.

Marysville Crescents Won a Great Victory Over Moncton Last Night.

Marysville, 3; Moncton, 1.

The hockey match in the Marysville rink last night between the Crescents and the crack Moncton team, was certainly a great game and the fastest and best ever played in the Marysville rink, if not in the province of New Brunswick, and to say that the 700 or more people present were both delighted and surprised would be putting it very mildly, as the local team outplayed Moncton at every point. There was not a dull minute from start to finish.

The game last night was the 11th that Moncton has played this season, including the Truro game and it was the first time that they have been scored against, and Captain Lennie Inch had that honor, when, after about seven minutes play he plunked in No. 1 for Marysville. How the crowd did yell and cheer. The applause was so great that it was some time before play could be resumed again, but when they started the Crescents went at it faster than ever and showed their supporters that they could play when it was necessary.

When Inch scored the first goal Mr. McCleave, manager of the Moncton team, ran on the ice and heartily congratulated Lennie for having been the first to do the trick.

Robinson and Hovey also scored for Marysville, both in the second half, while Crockett was the only Moncton man who sent the rubber into the net, and that was when Inch was off the ice.

To pick out the star player on either team, would be hard indeed, as every man played as if his life depended in the game and the Marysville defence was of a stone wall quality. Fullerton, Brogan, and Cain never played better, while the forwards outskated the Moncton boys and were always after the puck. Referee Howard's work was satisfactory to all and he treated every player alike, only three men being put off the ice. Nobody was hurt with the exception of 'Bunkey' Robinson who came in contact with Inch and had to lay off a while, but he soon resumed play again and went at it harder than ever.

By the line up it will be seen that Moncton had their strongest team on the ice, but they were not in it from the time the whistle blew, until the finish, although they played hard.

The teams lined up as follows:

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|--------------|-----------|
| Goal.        | Fullerton |
| Point.       | Cain      |
| Cover Point. | Brogan    |
| Rover.       | Robinson  |
| Centre.      | Inch      |
| Leahy        |           |

## GOVERNMENT WILL NOT SELL I. C. R.

Moncton, N. B., Feb. 26.—The speech of Hon. H. R. Emmerson before the board of trade, members of the city council and hundreds of leading citizens yesterday afternoon, is the principal matter of interest regarding the I. C. R. fire.

The minister and his deputy spent most of the day looking over the ruins and a probable site for new buildings. At a meeting held to meet the minister short speeches were made by J. T. Hawke, F. W. Sumner, Mayor Steves, Hon. C. W. Robinson, Hon. F. J. Sweeney, Alderman Masters, Senator McSweeney, Dr. Smith, of Shediac and others.

## MR. EMMERSON'S ADDRESS.

Mr. Emmerson said: "I am very glad indeed to meet you here and have this conference with you. I would have been better pleased had we met under different circumstances. They say every man is insane on some particular subject and I must confess to a form of insanity, and that is the I. C. R. I have drifted away from politics and drifted into the realm of the I. C. R."

"Saturday night when I returned to my home in Ottawa from a walk, I was handed at the door a telegram informing me of the fire in the I. C. R. works and intimating a clean sweep. That was a particularly unpleasant greeting in view of the circumstances."

"Now, if I were to talk for ever so long to you I could not express myself more fully than in the message sent to Mr. Hawke and which you have seen."

"I have had no idea that the works would not be rebuilt at Moncton and I want to say to you that they will never be rebuilt any place else by the present minister of railways, and if I can read the signs aright, the present minister of railways will have control of the matter. I do not say that in autocratic or despotic way, but I have some knowledge of my colleagues and their

Right wing, Hovey  
Left Wing, Hovey  
Referee E. P. Howard, St. John.  
Timers Clare Downie and Manager McCleave of Moncton.  
Goal judges—J. W. Stevens of Moncton and Fred Robinson.

## THE GAME IN DETAIL.

The game started shortly after eight o'clock and was very swift from the word go. The puck seemed to be in the Moncton end of the rink nearly the whole time during the first half and when it did go to the Marysville end the boys were right after it never let up a minute.

It was certainly a surprise how Hovey and Demmon, out played Trites and Cushing, the crack wing players of the Moncton team. They stayed right with them and prevented them from shooting, while Robinson outplayed the famous Crockett, and Inch held his own with "Pokey" Leahy at centre. Thus the game went for about seven minutes when Inch scored amidst wild excitement, and the half ended with the puck in the Moncton end.

## SECOND HALF.

The play started out with a great rush and both teams came on the ice determined to win, but Marysville still kept up the good work and the Moncton boys were kept guessing and were somewhat surprised at the combination work of the Crescents, who certainly did splendidly.

In this half Robinson scored from a clear shot, making the score 2 to 0 in Marysville's favor.

This goal was soon followed by a goal from Crockett's stick, which was the only goal made by the visiting team.

From the face of Marysville took the puck down and Hovey shot No. 3 for his team from a clear left from his side.

Marysville, 3; Moncton, 1. This ended the scoring, but the game was fast to the finish with honours about even.

Fullerton made some wonderful stops during the second half.

When the game finished the crowd nearly went wild with delight and carried the Marysville boys off the ice, and how they did cheer.

To say the least the Marysville boys certainly deserve credit.

A feature of the game was the occasion when "Billy" Cain upset "Pokey" Leahy, it being the first time that Pokey was ever knocked off his feet in a hockey game.

The Moncton team will play Fredericton at the Arctic rink this evening and it is unnecessary to state that the game is being looked forward to with the greatest interest. The chances are that there will be good ice and fast hockey may be expected.

sympathy with me and I do not anticipate any question being raised.

"I will talk to you on the question of the I. C. R. It is well known that for over two years I have had the responsibility of the I. C. R. placed on me and I was responsible without having the management placed upon me. I was sworn in minister of railways in 1904, and while the election in this vicinity was not unpleasant, yet in St. John there was a different story to tell. After that I had the preparation of estimates on hand on every occasion. I had to tackle that difficult responsibility. That session was a long one and then came the general elections and immediately after another session. Not until the 31st of July last was I able to get from Ottawa and give attention to the I. C. R."

"In the meantime there has been some healthy corporations growing up in the Dominion. There is the C. P. R., a powerful corporation in the land. There is another corporation known as the Mackenzie & Mann system. They too have done their work in the interests of themselves and, incidentally, Canada. There is another known as the G. T. P., and these have looked after their own interests and they have thought the I. C. R. was a very ripe, juicy looking plum. There has grown up an agitation in reference to transfer of the I. C. R., and there was a happy circumstance in connection with that. There was an immense deficit. When it was created and how it was created I do not know, and if I did, perhaps I would not tell you. But it was there and it startled the people of Canada. I simply felt that the people of Canada felt that unless the I. C. R. could be run without being a dead weight that we in the Maritime Provinces would have to steel ourselves against the passing of the road from government control. I must say that I do not find within the government any feeling that the road should pass from government control."

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