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ST. JOHN SENSATION

Shortage of \$12,000 said to have been Discovered in City Treasurer's Accounts---
 Mr Sandall Suspended

St. John Sun: Alleged irregularities in the chamberlain's office have within the last two or three days caused considerable excitement at City Hall. There is said to be a shortage amounting to about \$12,000 and for this sum as chamberlain, P. E. Sandall is responsible.

As a result of the discovery, Mr. Sandall has been suspended and Ald. Bullock, chairman of the treasury board, is acting as chamberlain for the present.

The treasury board held two or three private sessions on Friday and Saturday and went into the accounts, and it was decided to engage an expert accountant to go over the books. It is likely that a Halifax man will be engaged.

Pending his report and on account of the fact that the treasury board have not held a meeting to take up their regular business, the Common Council meeting has been postponed from today until Wednesday.

It is understood that between \$3,000 and \$4,000 of the \$12,000 is made up in salary advances to the chamberlain himself and smaller sums to the mayor, aldermen and different city officials.

In regard to the advance, which is in the vicinity of \$3,000, made to the chamberlain himself, although Mr. Sandall refused last night to be interviewed, it is stated on his behalf that instead of his being in debt to the city the city is in fact in debt to him.

The shortage was discovered by a snap audit made at the instance of Ald. Bullock with the full consent of Mr. Sandall. The missing amount of \$8,000 was, it is said, paid over to the recorder to offer for the property holders at the Union street cave in, on the West Side, as a settlement of their claims. No settlement was reached, but it is alleged that the books do not show that the amount has been returned to the city treasury.

Mr. Sandall says that there is an error in bookkeeping in regard to the \$8,000 and declares that an audit will make this clear, and his friends feel quite confident that he will be able to clear himself. Mr. Sandall is bonded in a guarantee company to the amount of \$20,000.

LATER DEVELOPMENTS

ST. JOHN, N. B., November 4.—(Special.)—The alleged irregularities in the chamberlain's accounts is the principal topic of discussion on the streets today.

That the affair is considered of grave importance is indicated by the fact that a special committee was appointed at a meeting of the treasury board this morning, consisting of Chairman Bullock, Alderman Frick and Recorder Skinner.

Ald. Bullock, speaking after the meeting, said he had decided to have a snap audit of the chamberlain's books taken in view of some of the remarks included in the auditor's statement, intimating that the amount of cash kept on hand was larger than was necessary, and some items being not as satisfactory as they should be.

A special auditor was therefore put on the account Friday morning, and his report was considered at a meeting of the treasury board.

The books showed that there should be a balance in cash on hand of about \$12,000, instead of which there was only something over \$1,000.

Eleven thousand dollars of the shortage was accounted for by items of about \$5,000 and \$2,000, which are charged to the recorder to be used by him in settling Sleeth-Quinlan and Gordon awards on the west side; something over \$3,000 which was charged up to Chamberlain himself and between \$500 and \$600 which was charged to about a dozen city officials, being advances on their salaries.

The amounts paid over to recorder were paid back to Chamberlain's office, as the recorder can show by receipts, but they appear to have been lost.

The \$2,000 which Mr. Chamberlain charged to himself, he says, he used for private purposes, treating it as an advance on his salary. In the meantime Alderman Bullock is acting chamberlain with David Willett as chief clerk.

R. A. McIntyre, the auditor who has been summoned from Halifax, is expected here tomorrow morning and will start at once upon his work.

PRISON POPULATION

Eleven Hundred and Forty-three in Dominion

Penitentiaries During Nine Months

Some Details of Condition, Nationality, Etc.

OTTAWA, Ontario, November 4.—(Special.)—The annual report of the Department of Justice was issued today. It was for a nine months' period, ending March 31st.

There were in custody in the penitentiaries of the Dominion on March 31st 1,143 prisoners, compared with 1,439 on July 1st, 1906.

In Kingston, on March 31st there were 360; at St. Vincent de Paul, 110; Dorchester, N. B., 211; Manitoba 216; British Columbia 142. Besides these there were 42 in Alberta jail since it was made the penitentiary of the two western provinces.

There were 157 paroles, 29 pardons,

12 deaths and one escape during the nine months. The one successful escape was from Alberta.

The number of absolutely illiterate in the prison population was 17 per cent; married 434, single 948, widowed 41.

There were 14 per cent. total abstainers; 44 per cent. temperate and 42 per cent. intemperate.

Lads under 20 constitute 16 per cent. of the total, "and it is safe to say," adds the report, "that no more than 10 per cent of these are benefited by penitentiary experience."

There were 83 Canadian; 221 from Britain; 14 from British possessions, and 314 aliens.

DOUKHOBOR PILGRIMS

Large Party of Them Encamped at Fort William en route to Montreal

FORT WILLIAM, ONT., Nov. 4.—(Special.)—Doukhoubor pilgrims are the centre of interest in this city.

The band here numbers 78, and all are quartered in one house on one of the principal streets.

Yesterday morning 18 children who are in the party paraded the principal streets chanting their songs of praise, while the older members held meetings on Main street at noon, and one of their number addressed a large crowd of citizens in English for

over two hours. The speaker's views were largely of the Socialist variety, although he made several striking statements, among them the following: "Gauls should be abolished. Work should not be made a hobby; Animals should not be killed nor used as beasts of burden; All forms of government should be done away with and most preachers are fatheads."

The party will remain here for the winter, and will start out for Montreal in the spring.

PLAYED TO A DRAW

Neither Side Scored in the U. N. B.--Marathon Football Match---Colter of U. N. B. was Badly Injured.

A large crowd saw the Marathon and the U. N. B. football teams play a tie game on the Victoria grounds St. John, Saturday afternoon, says the Sun. There was no score. The Greeks were on the offensive during most of the game, but could not break through the stubborn college defense. On the other hand the U. N. B. took the offensive but seldom, as the Marathon forwards controlled the ball almost all the time. The visiting team touched down twice in the first half and once in the second. The ball crossed the U. N. B.'s dead line on one occasion.

The game was interesting on account of its closeness. Scrimmages were very frequent, but there was also considerable open play. Free kicks were numerous. The Marathons benefited by these, as almost all were on the U. N. B.

The game is of great value to the U. N. B., as it has shown up the weak spots in the team at the beginning of its tour. The scrimmage is considered to be the part of the team that needs shaking up.

An accident in Saturday's game the U. N. B. lost a good forward in Colter. It is not expected that he will be able to play any of the Nova Scotia games. Bridges, who went on for the last ten minutes of the game, is expected to be permanently in the scrum. It is also possible that Rigby may replace another forward. Changes will be made in the positions of some of the other scrummen. It is thought that the team with these changes will give a good account of itself at Wolfville Monday afternoon.

The whole U. N. B. team was off color and did not play the football it did against Mt. A. This was particularly true of the forwards, who acted as though they were stale. Their playing improved in the second half. Deedes was closely marked but put up a good game. Colter did the same until he was forced to retire. As a whole the U. N. B. scrum failed to hold their opponents or to heal the ball. Capt. Rutledge worked well, bucking for gains and also kicking and running in good style. McNaughton lacked his mate's weight, but played well. The halves' strong point was tackling. They watched their men closely and downed them so that McKnight at full back had no tackling to do. On several occasions the halves bot away for short runs. They were sharply watched, however, by the other side. The red and black line was also guilty of some bad fumbling at times. "Sheenie" McKnight, at full, played his position well, returning the ball every time.

THE LINE-UP.

The line up was as follows:

Marathons. Full. U. N. B. Ellis..... McKnight

Halves. W. Malcolm..... Baird

Thornhill..... Kinghorn

D. Malcolm (Capt.)..... Babbitt

Quarters. Mackay..... (Capt.) Rutledge

Ledingham..... McNaughton

Forwards. J. Malcolm..... Wetmore

Birmingham..... Gilchrist

Titus..... McNair

Doherty..... Spicer

Dever..... Deedes

Goodspeed..... Colter

Masters..... Duke

Stubbs..... Pierce

Referee—A McCloskey.

THE FIRST HALF.

The Marathons played the first half with the advantage of both sun and wind. Rutledge kicked off. The ball was booted back and the scrum formed on the U. N. B. ground. The Greeks began at once to heel the ball and punts and a couple of runs by Don Malcolm took the play to the U. N. B. twenty-five. The second free kick in the game was for Duke's off-side. Capt. Malcolm put the ball over the U. N. B.'s dead line. The drop out was returned. Titus followed up and had a good chance to score, but was knocked on. The U. N. B. gained considerably by kicking. J. Malcolm got away on a long dribble, but a foul on the U. N. B.'s five yard line spoiled chances of scoring. The kick was not allowed, but from a scrum the U. N. B. got away on a thirty yard dribble. This ground was lost on a blocked kick, but regained on Joe Dever's dribble, which took the ball beyond mid-field. Both sides then tried running by the halves, but made little headway. The Greeks then tried dribbling. Kinghorn stopped them once, but soon after this Titus took the leather over the line and McKnight touched down. After the drop out the Marathons again pressed the 'Varsity, and Don Malcolm almost got around the end. Ledingham fumbled and the U. N. B. gained. Another dribble took the ball over far another

touchdown. Half time. Score 0 to 0. THE SECOND HALF.

The second half the visiting team bucked up a little. Shortly after the beginning of play they touched down for the third and last time. Their halves began to make short gains and were tackling well. The forwards also got away on a dribble and took the ball into Marathon territory. An off-side on Howard gave them a free kick, and Deedes kicked one of the best drops of the day. He was too far from the goal, however, to do any damage. There was an interchange of punts, D. Malcolm getting in a dandy that earned the applause of the crowd. A scrum was formed on the U. N. B. five yard line. The ball came out to Billy Malcolm, but Baird downed him a couple of yards short of the goal line. From the next scrum the ball went out to Don Malcolm, who tried a run around the other end. Joe Dever, however, brought him down in a way that caused the small U. N. B. contingent of rooters to set up a cheer. Duke again came into the limelight for an off-side, but Ellis could not negotiate the goal. The U. N. B. forwards gained on a dribble and blocked Don Malcolm's kick. The ball went back to Ellis, who was compelled to pass to D. Malcolm. The latter tried a run, but was downed by Baird about thirty yards from the Greek's line. The Marathons worked the ball to mid-field. They got a free kick for off-side and another immediately afterward.

COLTER INJURED.

The latter was a high punt. Colter and Billy Malcolm both made for the ball as it descended and collided with a crash that could be heard all over the field. Both men dropped. Malcolm had his face badly bruised and cut, but was able to get up in a short time. Colter was rather badly hurt. His teeth were driven into his cheek and he bled profusely. After a few minutes he retired from the game. Bridges going on. After this play see-sawed about mid-field. Bill Malcolm got away for a run but Baird collared him near the line and the runner lost the ball. From the scrum U. N. B. made a short gain. Time was called with the ball in U. N. B. territory and no score for either team.

THE U. N. B. TRIP.

Telegraph: Though Saturday's contest was the first game of the U. N. B. trip, it had but little bearing on the subsequent matches, and it is just as difficult as ever to make any prediction as to Tuesday's game with Acadia, the most important of the tour, as on the result of it depends the awarding of the King-Richardson trophy for 1907.

Capt. Rutledge said yesterday he was feeling all right for the game, and that Saturday's game had not discouraged him at all. The Marathons were as hard a team as would be faced anywhere, he said. The Greek half line was probably stronger than any U. N. B. would have to meet.

It is not known whether or not Colter will be able to play on Tuesday. Bridges, H. Smith and Dolan are being carried as substitutes. The U. N. B. men while in town were quartered at the Victoria. They will play the Algonquins on their return here on Saturday next.

PRINCETON, 16; CARLISLE, 0.

NEW YORK, Nov. 2.—Princeton ricked the bubble of the Indians football greatness at the polo grounds today. The score, 16 to 0, is a fair indication of the merits of the two teams.

ALARMING CONDITIONS

Citizens of Frank, Alberta, Fear Another Mountain Slide

FRANK, ALTA, Nov. 4.—(Special.)—Reports of the danger of another mountain slide, similar to that which caused terrible devastation here four years ago, are alarming residents of this city.

A crack has appeared in the mountain above the town, and alarmists claim it is widening at the rate of several feet per day. However, experts claim that the town of Coal Creek is in no danger ven should the slide actually occur.

HOTEL MAN DEAD

HALIFAX, N. S., November 4.—(Special.)—The death occurred here early to-day of John Lomas, proprietor of the Lorne House for a great many years.

Deceased was a British army veteran, and was very popular with guests who made the Lorne their stopping place.