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ASSASSINATED

Chief of St. Petersburg Police Shot to Death this Afternoon--His Assailant Captured

St. Petersburg, Jan. 3.—(Special)—Major-General Von Der Launitz, Prefect of Police, St. Petersburg, was shot and killed by a young man at the Institute Experimental Medicine this afternoon.

The assassin shot Von der Launitz from behind. He attempted to escape after the shooting but was cut down by an officer.

After dissolution of the Russian Parliament powers little short of a petty dictator were conferred on Prefect of Police von der Launitz.

He issued a long proclamation, explaining the government's reasons for dispersing the legislators.

The act, he declared, did not signify a suppression of representative institutions, but was intended to give the people an opportunity to con-

scientiously choose deputies to a new parliament.

Last September Von Der Launitz refused to legalize the constitutional democratic party, on the ground that its programme did not clearly show its political views and he also refused to legalize the Otorist party, because of the omission of the address of its headquarters.

Some idea of the activity may be gathered from figures published December 28 last, which announced that "a flying section of secret police" made 588 arrests in St. Petersburg during the three days preceding December 29.

The prisoners who included 33 women, were charged with "revolutionary activity and illegal election agitation."

TOURIST HOTEL FIRE.

Central House at Pugwash, N. S. Prey to Flames--Guests Had Narrow Escape.

Amherst, N. S., Jan. 3.—(Special)—The Central House, one of the leading hotels at Pugwash, was completely destroyed by fire during last night together with most of the contents.

The fire started between the walls, presumably from an overheated flue, and when the flames burst through it was impossible to save anything.

The guests all escaped, many of them leaving the contents of their rooms.

The loss will be heavy but is partially covered by insurance.

It was with great difficulty that the adjoining house of Chas Woodlock was saved and the large plate glass at the front of Black & Company's store on the opposite side of the street was scattered by the intense heat.

P. A. Woodlock is the proprietor and the house was the principal resort of the large tourist traffic during the summer months.

GOVERNMENT VICTORY.

Mr. Currie Elected to the Legislature in Restigouche by a Majority of 127 With One Poll Missing.

Campbellton, Jan. 3.—The local by-election held in Restigouche county yesterday resulted in a victory for the government candidate, William Currie, by 127 majority with Eldon a small poll, to hear from.

It was an ideal day for bringing out the voters yet in spite of this the vote was small, owing no doubt to the fact that a large number of men were in the woods.

The government forces were well organized and in fact the campaign was pushed with vigor on both sides and everything passed off very quietly.

One of the surprising features of the vote to the government supporters was the vote in Durham, where the opposition candidate polled a majority of 33 over his opponent, but in all the other polls the vote went just about as it was expected.

Mr. Currie stood at the polls in town, while Hon. Mr. LaBillois was in Dalhousie during the day.

The opposition forces here said they felt confident of success, and it was not until the last return arrived that they despaired of victory. They are somewhat crestfallen over the result, as they realized fully that they had the strongest candidate they could possibly have placed in the field.

The following are the returns received at this writing, with the exception of Eldon parish, which will probably increase Currie's majority slightly:

Campbellton	357	241
Dalhousie	127	233
Durham	181	214
Colborne	111	94
Balmoral	165	55
Maple Green	59	63
Flatlands	43	16
Totals	1,043	916

Majority for Currie, 127.

I. C. R. SURPLUS

November Proved a Record Breaking Month

Moncton, Jan. 3.—Already for six months the total gross increase of I. C. R. revenue stands almost in the first place of any twelve months year, and it looks as if there would be for the nine months fiscal year a substantial surplus instead of a mere meeting of expenses.

Probably there is no precedent during any nine months from July 1 to March 31 of a surplus on the Inter-City Revenue, but at the present time it looks as if this remarkable accomplishment would be made. November proved a phenomenal month on the I. C. R., actually giving a net surplus of \$40,000, and the net surplus for the five months ending with Novem-

ber 30 was no less than \$357,000—a really remarkable showing.

There is every reason to believe that the scarcity of cars prevented the surplus being larger, and it would seem that a large parliamentary vote for rolling stock would be a good investment. The new shops at Moncton will, when completed, be large enough and sufficiently well equipped to make the building of freight cars profitable until such time as the repairs, made necessary by expanding traffic, tax the new equipment to its utmost capacity.

During the month of November the gross earnings were approximately \$674,353, as against \$615,859 for the corresponding period in 1905 was no increase of \$58,494 for November. Up to December 22, and from July 1, the increase in gross revenue over the corresponding period in 1905 was no less than \$534,584.

YUKON POSITION.
Ralph Smith, M. P. Can Have Commissionership If He Will.

Ottawa, Jan. 3.—(Special)—It is said that the Yukon Commissionership will not be filled for some time.

Mr. J. T. Lithgow, of Halifax, is at present acting, and as Mr. McInnes, when leaving did not intend to return to Dawson for a couple of months at the least, arrangements were made for Lithgow carrying on the duties for some time so that there is no urgency for a successor to Mr. McInnes.

The only name mentioned so far in connection with the position is that of Mr. Ralph Smith, M. P., for Nanaimo, B. C., and should he desire it there is no doubt he can secure the appointment.

NEW SENATORS.
Appointments Will be Made this Week--Costigan and Gilmore for N. B.

Ottawa, Jan. 3.—(Special)—The appointment of the new senators will take place on Saturday or earlier in the week.

The same names, Hon. John Costigan and Daniel Gilmore, still hold good for New Brunswick.

It is believed that Hon. Geo. W. Ross will be appointed for Ontario.

THE STOCK MARKET.

Montreal, Jan. 3.—(Special)—The stock market continued firm in tone today, but business remains light.

Montreal Street rallied to 225, but outside of that, the price changes were unimportant.

The most active features were: Montreal Power, 91½.
Detroit, 80½.
N. S. Steel, 71.
Toronto Railway, 113.

LINER REPORTED.

Halifax, Jan. 3.—(Special)—The C. P. R. Liner Empress of Britain, from Liverpool for Halifax and St. John, was reported by wireless telegraphy this morning, 140 miles east of Sable Island at 8,30 o'clock.

MR. CUMMINGS DEAD.

Truro Loses one of its Most Prominent Citizens, One Who Occupied a Large Place in Commercial and Religious Efforts.

Truro, N. S., Jan. 3.—William Cummings, one of this town's most prominent citizens, head of the mercantile firm of Cummings & Co., wholesale and retail dry goods, died quite suddenly yesterday of heart disease, aged 76.

He leaves three sons, D. B. Cummings in the firm, Rev. Selden Cummings, Baptist clergyman of Amherst, and F. D. Cummings, at home, and one married daughter in California.

Mr. Cummings took a great interest in religious matters, particularly in connection with the Baptist denomination. He was a licensed preacher and often occupied pulpits here and elsewhere. He was a great philanthropist, and gave liberally to the church and poor. At the time of his death he was one of the governors of Acadia College.

AN ALDERMAN NOW.
Mr. J. W. Bengough, the well known cartoonist, who has frequently visited Fredericton, has been elected an alderman in Toronto.

BAND NIGHT.
There will be band at the Arctic Rollaway tomorrow evening.—d.

MADE THINGS LIVELY.

City Fathers Discussed Important Matters at Last Night's Meeting.

WLD. HOOPER'S FRUITLESS EFFORT TO DRAW OUT CITY CLERK ON GAS SITUATION.

The city council at the regular monthly meeting last evening spent some time discussing the assessment appeals committee's report on the O'Dell petition, and finally adopted it. This means that there will be no reduction in the assessment.

Mr. D. J. Shea was awarded a contract to install a heating apparatus at the pumping station.

Ald. Hooper took the mayor to task for issuing a license at a reduced rate to a Turkish rug pedlar. There was quite a breezy dialogue between Ald. Hooper and the city clerk on the Gas Company's proposal to cut out the service on Brunswick street and over the city clerk's refusal to give a legal opinion on the matter.

The University authorities notified the council that they would not sell a portion of the athletic field for street purposes.

Mayor McNally presided and the others present were Aids. Hooper, Everett, Maxwell, Hanlon, Colter, Moore, Boyce and Dougherty and City Clerk McCready.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved, after which the auditor's report was read and adopted. The expenditures for the month in the several departments were as follows:

Roads and streets	\$ 91.16
Public works	94.68
Market	15.80
Contingencies	1010.76
Old burying ground	1.00
Administration of Justice	16.08
Wharves	6.20
City Hall	264.39
Light Department	700.90
Fire Department	105.42
Sewerage	2680.41
Water	\$2664.85
Total	\$7651.69

Ald. Moore stated that he had been given to understand that the bill of Mr. George W. Fuller, the water expert, had been reduced from \$350 to \$330. The accounts showed that such was not the case.

The city clerk explained that Mr. Fuller's hotel and car fare amounted to about \$20, and had been paid by Mr. Barbour, and the latter was entitled to a refund of that amount.

Ald. Colter explained that the committee had agreed to pay Mr. Fuller \$350 for his services.

Ald. Moore said that according to the itemized account Mr. Fuller was to be paid for four days at the rate of \$75 per day and \$30 for expenses.

He complained that the account had not been properly entered in the report.

The alms house commissioner's report was read by Ald. Hanlon and adopted and a check for \$200 was ordered to issue in favor of the commissioner for the current month.

The monthly salary of the city officials was ordered to be paid.

Ald. Hooper presented the annual report of Chief Engineer Ritter, which was read and adopted. It

GOOD FIRE RECORD.

will be found elsewhere in this paper.

Ald. Hooper in moving the adoption of the report said he thought the city was to be congratulated upon the efficiency of the fire department and also on the small amount of losses during the year. He said that he had done some figuring and had ascertained that the insurance losses did not exceed eighteen per cent. of the amount carried on the property damaged. He moved that the report be adopted and 550 copies be printed in pamphlet form.

Ald. Dougherty seconded the motion and it was carried.

Ald. Hooper in reply to Ald. Colter said that about \$65,000 per year was paid out in Fredericton for insurance premiums.

CONTRACT AWARDED.

Ald. Moore said that three tenders had been received for installing the heating plant at the pumping station, viz: Edward Hurley, \$160, D. J. Shea, \$6.35; Mr. Fittiger, St. John, \$640. On his motion the tender of Mr. Shea was accepted.

Ald. Colter read the following comparative statement of tax collections for December:

1905 for 1901	\$ 58.71
1905 for 1902	63.49
1905 for 1903	167.72
1905 for 1904	1,161.31
1905 for 1905	1,672.45
Total	\$3,657.68
1906 for 1904	26.99
1906 for 1905	419.98
1906 for 1906	1,184.02
Total	\$1,630.99

Taxes collected in 1905, \$59,144.55
Taxes collected in 1906, \$59,203.17
Ald. Colter expressed the hope that citizens would come forward and pay

their 1906 taxes, so that it would not be necessary to send the collectors after them. Report adopted.

THE O'DELL PROPERTY.
The assessment appeals committee recommended that the petition of H. C. Christie for reduction in his assessment be not complied with, and of the Misses O'Dell be referred back to the assessors for a correction in the amount of acreage.

Ald. Moore said he did not believe in imposing too heavy a tax on the vacant lands belonging to the Misses O'Dell.

Ald. Hanlon was inclined to agree with Ald. Moore that some of the Odell lots were assessed at more than their market value. He hoped the assessment appeals' committee would reconsider the matter.

Ald. Hooper thought the assessment appeals' committee were shirking their duty in regard to the Odell estate. He thought it unreasonable that portions of the Odell property on which no improvements had been made should be assessed as city lots.

Ald. Doherty said that a majority of the members of the committee had agreed on the report submitted to the council.

Ald. Colter said that he had considered it an injustice to assess the Misses Odell at the rate of \$1.75 on the back lots where no improvements had been made, and where no road had been laid off. The land was now used as pasture, and was under lease for a number of years, and therefore could not be sold.

Ald. Everett had looked into the matter carefully and had arrived at the conclusion that the Misses O'Dell were not overtaxed, therefore the assessment should stand. It did not matter to him whether the assessment was placed on the lots or on the whole property. For some years a number of lots fronting on the Woodstock road had been laid out unbeknown to the assessors. These lots had therefore escaped taxation and an injustice had been done to the city. There were other estates watching the outcome of this case, and would be heard from if the prayer of the petition was granted. While some of the O'Dell lots were under lease the owners had probably reserved the right to sell if they saw fit. He had good reason for believing that the O'Dell property was not over-assessed. He believed that the best way of putting vacant land on the market for building purposes was to tax it.

Ald. Colter replied to Ald. Everett at some length contending that the assessment was an unjust one.

At this stage the mayor complained that the aldermen were taking too much time over the discussion, and he thought a halt should be called. He did not know that Ald. Colter had spoken twice, otherwise he would have suppressed him.

On the vote being taken to adopt the report the council divided as follows:

Nays—Dougherty, Kelly, Boyce, Everett—4

Nays—Moore, Hanlon, Colter, Hooper—4

Ald. Maxwell did not vote and the mayor declared the report adopted.

Ald. Dougherty in reply to Ald. Hooper said that no committee had been appointed to examine Mr. Chas. Hall's property.

Ald. Hooper contended that the assessment of \$1800 on Mr. Hall's property was excessive and out of all proportion to the assessment on properties adjoining. He thought that the matter should be further investigated by the committee. He made a motion to that effect but the mayor declared it was out of order, the matter having previously been disposed of.

THE AMERICAN CONSULATE.

Ald. Colter referred to the proposed abolition of the American consulate in this city. He thought the Board of Trade should take the matter up and enter protest against the change. Many millmen and manufacturers in this section made large shipments to the States, and if the consulate is abolished it will be a great inconvenience to them. The Scott Lumber Company last year shipped 275 cars of lumber by way of St. John. If the consulate is abolished it will be necessary for them to go to St. John for papers, which will be a great inconvenience to them. He moved, seconded by Ald. Moore, that the attention of the Board of Trade be called to the matter, and that steps be taken to have the agency retained.

Ald. Everett, after remarking that he had heard many complaints of late in reference to fast driving on the streets, moved that the department of Justice be called upon to enforce the city bye-laws.

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