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EMMERSON'S DETRACTORS.

Met at Moncton and Talked Over Libel Suits' Situation--They will not Retract

Moncton, April 10.—(Special).—Representatives of the newspapers against which Hon. H. R. Emmerson has entered suits for libel held a conference here last night.

There were present J. H. Crockett, of The Fredericton Gleaner; Wm. Dennis, of The Halifax Herald; and T. W. Taylor, of The Toronto World.

After the conference Crockett admitted that the matter was discussed, but would say nothing beyond the fact that the papers would not retract any of their statements, but would let the cases go to the courts.

So far The Toronto World is the only paper that has been served with a writ.

FATAL ACCIDENT.

One Man Killed and Several Seriously Injured in C. P. R. Irrigation Works Near Calgary.

Calgary, April 10.—(Special).—A serious accident has occurred two miles east of here at the C. P. R. Irrigation canal head gates, resulting in one man being killed, two seriously and three slightly injured.

The company has been building a scow for dredging purposes and six

men were working underneath the bottom of the structure, which was raised on timbers five feet from the ground.

The men removed a centre timber to finish spiking the bottom, thinking the end timbers would support the weight, but the ground work underneath gave way and the scow was precipitated on them.

MISSIONARY MOVEMENT

Ontario Laymen of all Denominations Unite in Organization of Methods to Assist Church Enterprises in Missionary Field.

Toronto, April 10.—(Special).—The laymen's missionary movement, one of the greatest religious enterprises of the present time, which had its genesis in the United States on the 14th of November, 1906, was launched in Canada at a meeting held here yesterday afternoon, followed by a dinner last night.

The gatherings were representative of the laymen of all denominations all over the province of Ontario.

The purpose of the government is perhaps best stated in the words of Mr. N. W. Rowell, K. C., of this city, uttered in the course of an address at the dinner:

"It is simply a proposal to ex-

change denominational organizations, in order that they may better accomplish the purpose they have in view."

Mr. J. Campbell White of New York, in a practical talk on what could be done by systematic and concerted action by the laymen of North America, gave some interesting figures in respect to present needs of the non-Christian world.

Rev. J. A. McDonald, editor of the Toronto Globe, delivered a powerful address on the subject, "What this movement means for Canada."

Mr. Robert Speer of New York, advanced some interesting opinions as to things needed to carry the movement to success.

PORT HOPE TRAGEDY.

Young English Girl Drowned Herself After Bidding Good-Bye to Her Lover.

Port Hope, Ont., April 10.—(Special).—An English girl named Janeous, 20 years of age, who was employed as a domestic in this town the last couple of years, drowned herself in the harbor last night, just as the schooner Oliver Mowatt cleared for Oswego.

She had gone down to the wharf to say good bye to a young man on the vessel, who had been keeping company with her some time. Some of those on deck saw her struggling in the water, but she made no attempt to save herself.

THE STOCK MARKET.

Montreal, April 10.—(Special).—With the exception of Montreal Power stocks were dull and nominally unchanged.

Montreal Power has advanced from 93 1/2 to 94 1/2, with an upward movement which has been in progress for about a week.

Other issues which offered were: Dominion Iron, 21. Dominion Coal, 60 1/2. Magdalen pld., 4. Toronto Railway, 107. MacKay, 70. Mexican, 50 1/2.

OPPOSITION ENQUIRY

Mr. Borden Wanted to Know About Annapolis Postmaster's Case in Court.

Ottawa, Ont., April 10.—(Special).—The leader of the opposition in the House today wanted to know what the postmaster general had done concerning Postmaster Hall of Hampton, Annapolis, N. S., who was guilty of bribing an elector in the provincial election.

Mr. Lemieux said that the case was in the court when last called to his attention. He would give an answer later.

Mr. Borden said that the judgment was against Mr. Hall.

CABINET SHUFFLE.

Probable Reconstruction of Roblin Government in Manitoba.

Winnipeg, April 10.—(Special).—Persistent rumors of a big shuffle in the provincial cabinet are in circulation and it is generally believed that the resignation of Attorney General Campbell is on the tapis.

If such occurs Mr. Armstrong will be taken in as provincial treasurer, and Hon. J. H. Agnew will become attorney general.

COLD STORAGE PLANT.

Williams Co. Offer to Erect one at St. John Without Aid of Bonus.

St. John, April 10.—(Special).—F. E. Williams & Co. today submitted a proposition to the board of works to erect a cold storage plant on the eastern side of the harbor, provided the council does not accept the proposition of the Dominion Cold Storage Co.

Williams will ask no bonus, but will erect a plant simply as a business proposition.

EXPLORER PEARY.

Adventurous American will Make Another Dash for the North Pole.

New York, April 10.—(Special).—Commander Peary has been granted three years leave of absence from his duties and leaves in June on another trip to the Arctic.

Peary will go by an American route. He will make his winter quarters as far north as possible, and then he will make a final dash for the pole over the ice with dog sleds.

HAS OPPOSITION.

"Honest" John McGoldrick's Opponent Regularly Normated in St. John.

St. John, April 10.—(Special).—Recorder Skinner this morning advised the city clerk to accept for nomination papers of George Green, candidate for alderman in Stanley Ward, against Ald. McGoldrick, consequently McGoldrick will have opposition for the first time in many years.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.

The Public Accounts committee of the Legislature is getting along well with its work and will likely finish to-morrow. At this morning's session of the committee Organizer Hubbard, who supplies political fiction for the opposition papers during the session, was called to account for misrepresenting some remarks made to the committee by Auditor General Loudoun. He admitted that there had been an error in the report and promised the committee that he would correct it.

DIED AT MCGILL.

Promising Nova Scotia Student Victim of Typhoid.

Amherst, N. S., April 10.—Word was received here of the death yesterday morning at Montreal, of Roy Black, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Black of Oxford. Deceased, who was only twenty-one years of age, was in his third year in the medical course at McGill.

A few weeks ago he was stricken with typhoid fever, but no danger was anticipated until last week when his parents were summoned, and were with him at his death. He was a brilliant student, a young man of much promise and highly esteemed at his home and by his fellow students his death will be greatly regretted.

He leaves one brother, a student at Dalhousie College, Halifax. His only sister, a young lady of about eighteen years of age, was drowned in Pugwash harbor less than two years ago. Mr. and Mrs. Black arrived at Oxford to-day with the body.

CHATHAM EXPLOSION.

Man Seriously Injured by Accident in Pulp Mill.

Chatham, April 10.—About 9:30 o'clock last night one of the boilers in the Miramichi Pulp and Paper Co. mill here exploded and Edward McDonald, the fireman, was seriously hurt. At the time there were eight or nine other men in the building, but these escaped unharmed.

The mill is a two storey and a half brick structure with a slate roof. Although the shock of the explosion was terrific it did not wreck the walls, but portions of the boiler struck the roof, tearing off about half of it and some of this was carried more than 100 yards.

A doctor was immediately called and attended to McDonald, but at the time of writing it was stated that it was impossible to tell the extent of his injuries or chances for life.

Howell—What relations exist between you and Miss Colwell?
Powell—Her father and mother.

THE REGISTRY ACT.

Important Amendment Adopted by the Law Committee---City Bill Withdrawn.

The Law committee of the legislature held an important meeting this morning and dealt with a number of bills, including the registry and N.B. elections act.

Mr. Burden submitted an amendment to the registry act to the effect that the books of the recorders shall be open for examination by the warden and secretary-treasurer or auditor of the municipalities during the session of the council and ten days prior thereto without charge.

Mr. St. John Bliss explained that the recorder of York had during the last meeting of the council refused to allow a committee of the York County Council to examine his books with out an order from the provincial secretary.

Hon. Mr. Robinson thought that the county authorities could now procure the information as to the amount of fees collected by the recorder.

Mr. Bliss said the law allowed the registrar of York to retain \$2,000 of the amount collected in fees and the balance was paid over to the county. Unless the county authorities have power to inspect the books they had no way of knowing whether or not the balance was correct.

Mr. Burden said that he had shown the amendment to the Attorney-General and he had approved of it. He (Burden) also approved of it. He (Burden) also approved of it.

Mr. Allen said he did not think the amendment would do any harm. Mr. Copp said the county authorities could now obtain the necessary order from the provincial secretary.

The Solicitor General thought as the county was entitled to a share of the receipts they should be permitted to send an officer to examine the books to see if they were correct.

The bill was agreed to with an amendment which limits the right to inspect the registrar's books to the auditors of the counties.

Mr. Allen announced that the bill relating to administration of justice in the County of York would be

withdrawn by the city authorities. Mr. Bliss said the municipality had received no intimation from the city that the bill was to be withdrawn.

It was not done out of courtesy, and he was present to fight the bill. Mr. Grimmer moved, seconded by Mr. Allen, that the Moncton bill to place the police of that city under control of a commission, stand over until next year.

Hon. Mr. Robinson said that it was not proposed, anyway to have the act come into force until next January.

Hon. Mr. Sweeney did not know how it was proposed to work out the matter, as the county court judge was not always going to reside in Moncton.

Mr. Allen said that he thought as the city council were elected to govern the city, they should take the responsibility of appointing the policemen. In Fredericton, he said, the policemen were appointed by the police magistrate.

Mr. Grimmer finally withdrew his motion, and the bill was approved with an amendment by Hon. Mr. Robinson that it come into force on May 1st, 1908.

An amendment was made to the N. B. elections act to provide that every person who has been a resident of the province for the three months next preceding September 1st in the year in which the voter's lists was made up shall be entitled to vote.

Mr. Lowell thought it would not be a good plan to give a vote to a man on a residence of three months. It would give too much power to a floating population which was always dangerous.

Mr. Grimmer said that such men as Mr. Lowell referred to were not on the assessment list and could only be put on by special application.

The committee decided to make the limit of residence six months.

Another meeting is being held this afternoon.

JUDICATURE ACT.

Passed as Amended by the Premier---An Additional Judge will be Appointed.

The legislature Tuesday afternoon went into committee to consider the judicature bill.

Hon. Mr. Pugsley said: I have asked for this bill to be recommended in order that some amendments, chiefly verbal ones, may be made in it.

The chief alteration is in sub-section two of section one, which I move be struck out.

It provides that any person to be appointed judge shall be of at least ten years' standing at the bar. The British North America Act says that the provincial legislatures have no authority to insist on any qualifications for the judges. In some cases this has been done and it has gone through at Ottawa, but I do not think it advisable to enact any clause which may be doubtful.

Mr. Hazen—I think the clause as to the age at which a judge should retire should be struck out and I question very much whether we have any right to fix the place at which the judge should reside.

Hon. Mr. Pugsley—It is admitted that the legislature should have power to say at what places the judges should sit in chambers, and this is very much along the line of residence I think myself, it is desirable that we should have power to say that a judge should live at a certain place.

Mr. Hazen—I would favor a provision that all the judges should live in one town. This is done in Nova Scotia and also in Ontario. They have opportunities of meeting and conferring together on any subject

which may be necessary to consider. I would prefer to retain the clause fixing these limits rather than fix on any particular place of residence.

Hon. Mr. Pugsley—More than one minister of justice has expressed the view that the local legislatures have no power to fix the age limit.

The bill was agreed to with these amendments.

On the third reading of the judicature act, Mr. Hazen said that the act provided for four trial judges and three appeal judges. In his opinion there was no necessity for an additional judge and, therefore, he would make a motion to that effect for the purpose of placing himself on record. The object of the government in creating another judge was to provide for some political follower.

Hon. Mr. Pugsley said—I regret that the leader of the opposition should not take a fair and impartial view of the situation. A court of appeal was necessary for the proper administration of the law. I would repudiate entirely the statement that we wish to provide for some political friend. We desire to strengthen the court.

The equity business of the court is constantly increasing, and I feel certain that seven judges will not be found too many to do the work. If such should be the case the legislature at some time in the future can easily reduce the number to six.

Mr. Hazen's amendment was then put and lost by a straight party vote of 23 to 9, and the bill was read a third time and passed.

SUPREME COURT.

The following cases were argued before the Supreme Court this morning:

The King vs. Hennessy and Clark ex parte Pallen—T. B. Butler and A. R. Slipp more for a rule nisi for acquittal to quash a conviction under the C. T. Act. C. H. Allen contra. Court considers.

The King vs. O'Brien ex parte Roy—J. P. Byrne shews cause against order nisi to set aside a conviction for unlawfully damaging a fence. Still before the court.

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