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An army officer stationed at an inaccessible island post in Narragansett Bay recently engaged a young woman of Hibernian extraction as a domestic. Three days after her arrival at the post she announced to the family her intention of leaving. What is the matter, Mary? Is the work too hard? inquired Mrs. Blank. No, indeed, ma'am, replied the maid, the work is 'asy, and you're a nice family to live with. Then why don't you stay? Faith, and it is so hard to get

away from here. When you told me this place was on an island I did not understand that it was entirely surrounded by water.

Merchant—See here, I'm told you've been slandering my business.
Customer—I guess not. What did I say?
Merchant—That the pepper I sold you was half peas.
Customer—Well, spell it, and see.

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PANIC AT A FIRE.

Four Persons Killed and Others Injured at a New York Tenement Blaze.

Only the Coolness of the Firemen and Police Prevented Great Loss of Life.

NEW YORK, May 7.—(Special)—Four persons were killed and twelve injured early today in a fire believed to be of incendiary origin.

The fire practically destroyed the five story tenement house at 101 Orchard street.

The dead are: Eve Berg, 53 years of age, Samuel Sach, 10 years old; Hattie Koppleman, 2 years old and unidentified man.

The fire was first seen by a man who turned into Orchard Street when the flames were breaking through the windows, in the lower part of the house.

His call for help brought several other officers to his assistance and in a moment nearly every one in the house had been aroused and the fire escapes were choked with frightened tenements.

The policemen carried several children to the ground before the firemen arrived. By that time, men, women and children were packed so closely to the fire escapes that no one could go down while persons in the building who had been unable to get out because all the windows leading to the fire escapes were asleep.

crowded, struggled for escape and the firemen and carried down the exit on the other.

Women and children were dragged from the overcrowded platforms by the firemen and carried down the extension ladders to safety, an more than a hundred persons were so rescued.

Mrs. Koppleman narrowly missed the same death while trying to escape by means of the roof. She had gone out on a fire escape intending to make her way to the roof as the flames were sweeping around the lower part of the iron ladder. She had the child in her arms when she stepped through the window to the platform. A miss step caused her to fall and as she struck the side of the platform, Hattie fell from her arms and rolled through the opening in the platform to the floor below, which was red hot.

There the child was burned to death before any one could reach her. Mrs. Koppleman rolled across the opening, but saved herself from falling through. Mrs. Eva Bergend, and the Sach boy were burned to death in their room apparently having been overcome by smoke while leading to the fire escapes were asleep.

SHOT FROM AMBUSH.

Virginia Moonshiners in Deadly Battle—Three of the Number Killed.

DANVILLE, Va., May 7.—(Special)—As the result of a family feud, which has caused several previous difficulties of a serious nature, three men were shot to death from ambush near Philipot.

The victims, who all belong to one faction, were Samuel Shelter, Chas. Dodson and James Holly.

A feud existed between the Shelter and Dodson families on one side, and the Mass and Spencer families on the other.

Several days ago some unknown parties destroyed a blockade, whiskey distillery, operated by Sam Shelter.

Shelter and his friends accused Mass of the deed, and started out with the intention of destroying the

distillery, alleged to have been operated by Mass.

Half a dozen men were in the party, and all were heavily armed.

Before they arrived at their destination, the Spencers and Mass, being warned, concealed themselves behind a clump of bushes on the road, and opened fire with repeating rifles.

Over 75 shots were fired in quick succession, the three being killed while their companions fled. Over 20 bullets were extracted from the body of one of the victims.

The scene of the killing is in the heart of a neighborhood invested with illicit distilleries, and near a place where a woman was shot to death about a year ago, by a band of moonshiners, because she had informed on them.

NOT MUCH USE.

Fredericton has a Cinch on that Exhibition Grant.

MONCTON, May 7.—(Special)—The Board of Trade is to hold a meeting tonight to consider the advisability of sending a deputation to Ottawa to press for the Dominion exhibition grant of 1909.

It was first thought unnecessary to do this as a memorial had been presented through Hon. H. R. Emmerson, but the sending of delegations from Miramichi and Fredericton has aroused Moncton in the same direction.

CHILD KILLED.

St. John Street Car Cut the Little Thing in Two.

ST. JOHN, May 7.—(Special)—While attempting to run across Wing Street this afternoon the six year old daughter of John Howe was struck by a street car and instantly killed.

Her body was literally cut in two. She had not observed the car approaching.

THE U. N. B. EXAMS.

The honor examinations at the University have been completed and the finals will begin on the 15th inst. The encoinal exercises will be held on the 28th inst. Prof. Geoghegan will deliver the address in praise of the founders and Principal Peterson, of McGill University will be the alumni orator.

A NOTED HUMORIST.

It was officially decided at a meeting of the Glee Club that no college play would be put on this year but the Y. M. C. A. has been fortunate in securing the services of Walter Eccles, a noted humorist and feels that it will prove equally as attractive. Eccles presents what is known in the United States where he has largely appeared as the "Lycium Entertainment." He is now filling a few appointments in New Brunswick and will appear in the Opera House Monday, May 11, under the auspices of the college Y. M. C. A.

Mr. Eccles is pronounced by the press to be a master of his art and the programme can best be described as a good hearty laugh from beginning to end.

Seats on sale at McMurray's.

THE COACHING JOB.

Notwithstanding the recommendation made by the contingencies committee of the Legislature to disburse with the service of a coachman during the session it has not yet been done. The excuse given is that the report of the committee has not yet been adopted by the House. In the meantime the province is paying five dollars a day for the service. Provincial Secretary Fleming, who is the chairman of the contingencies committee, should lose no time in getting that report before the House if he is sincere in his desire to economize.

A witty priest was once visiting a self-made millionaire, who took him to see his seldom-used library.

There, said the millionaire, pointing to a table covered with books, there are my best friends.

Ah, replied the wit as he glanced at the leaves, I'm glad you don't eat them!

THE LEGISLATURE.

Premier Explains New Highway Bill—Audit Bill Introduced, Also Measure Providing for Central Railway Enquiry.

When the House met at 4 p. m. Wednesday Hon. Mr. Gummer made reference to affairs in his department and his observations will be found on another page.

Hon. Mr. Hazen moved the second reading of the Highway Act, the leading provisions of which appear elsewhere in the Herald. He had, he said, promised the House a full explanation of the Act at this time, but as the Act had been distributed and no doubt carefully considered by Hon. members, any lengthy remarks were perhaps unnecessary. He took it that everyone on both sides of the House, as well as the people of the Province generally, agreed that a new Highway Act was a public necessity. He hoped the House would consider the Act when it came before the Committee, probably tomorrow, irrespective of party, and in the interests of the country. This Act was entirely in accord with the promises made by him during the recent campaign.

He had always held that a better expenditure of money and better supervision of the work could be obtained by leaving it largely in the hands of the County Councils than in any other way. It was extremely desirable in all domestic legislation to get down as close as possible to the people, and he believed that Municipal Councils who had to go back for election every two years, and whose acts were closely watched, were closer to the people than any other authority, and much more likely to give good and economical supervision and expenditure than the Commissioner of Public Works.

He said, with regard to the taxation to be imposed, the bill was not filed in. The Bill provided for statute labor and it would be optional whether or not a man worked. It would be nothing less than absurd to ask a man to work on roads for 50 cents a day. A man should get not less than \$1 for an eight hour day, and he thought no man could complain if he could pay his poll tax by two days work on the roads.

From his observation and conversation with people throughout the country, he believed that they were willing to pay more money for their roads if it was expended so as to give them good roads. The property tax now stood at twelve cents on the hundred dollars, having in view the fact that it was optional to work in the roads, he did not think any one would object to increasing this to eighteen or twenty cents.

On these and other questions, the members of the House would have every opportunity of discussion. He hoped and believed that the result of the Act would be greatly in the interests of good roads. Since the Act had been distributed he had already received letters from experienced gentlemen commending its main features. He did not claim the Act would be perfect, but he submitted it with the sincere and absolute desire that something should be done to improve the roads throughout the Province. He would ask all the members of the House, and the people through out the country to closely study the Act, and at the next session of the Legislature, if amendments were found necessary they would be made.

Hon. Mr. Gummer introduced an Act to amend Chapter 94 of the Consolidated Statutes, 1903, respecting the Protection of the Woods from Fire by adding a section providing a penalty of not less than fifty dollars or more than two hundred dollars for tearing down, destroying or mutilating any of the notices in regard to the Protection of Forests posted within the province by order of the Surveyor General.

THE NEW AUDIT ACT.

Hon. Mr. Fleming introduced a bill to provide for auditing the Public Accounts. He said this was perhaps the most important matter to be brought before the House. It made no difference whether it was an individual corporation, or a Provincial fund that business was absolutely essential. He briefly outlined the features of the Act the chief provisions of which appear on another page.

WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION ACT.

Hon. Mr. Hazen introduced a bill to amend Chapter 116 of the Consolidated Statutes, the Workmen's Compensation Act. He explained that the Act was passed in the year 1903 and amended in 1907 and it was now proposed to compensate workmen for injuries caused by the neglect of fellow workmen employed by the same master. There were many men at the present time injured under such circumstances who under the Act as now standing, were unable to obtain any compensation whatever and the present bill was intended to strengthen the workmen's position. Having explained the bill section by section, the Premier said it had been carefully studied by the Longshoremen and Millmen of St. John and met with their approval.

CENTRAL RAILWAY INQUIRY.

Hon. Mr. Hazen introduced a bill authorizing an enquiry into certain matters connected with the Central Railway Company and with the New Brunswick Coal and Railway Company, which he read to the House. The bill empowers the Lieutenant Governor in Council to issue a commissioner to three persons with large powers to hold an investigation into all matters connected with that road since January 1901.

One of the commissioners must be a Judge of the Supreme Court or County Court or a barrister of not less than ten years standing.

They are to enquire into the sale or hypothecation of bonds and trace the expenditure of the money received from such sale.

They are to look into all facts relating to the purchase of the Central Railway by the New Brunswick Coal and Railway Company including everything connected with the purchase of the bonds or shares outstanding of the old Company.

All matters connected with the receipt, revenues and expenditures of the railways and branches taken over by the Province from the New Brunswick Coal and Railway Company and made comparison of such expenditure with a reasonable expenditure for such construction as well as all negotiations and transactions relating to the foregoing subjects of enquiry.

The commissioners shall have for the purposes of this investigation all such powers, rights and privileges as are vested in the Supreme Court of the province particularly regarding the attendance of witnesses, the production of books, papers or documents and the adjournment of the Court from time to time and the punishing of persons guilty of contempt.

All examinations of witnesses and to be conducted in public. The Lieutenant Governor in Council is empowered to pay the expenses of the Commissioners out of the public monies of the province.

No person or newspaper shall be liable on account of publishing a true report of any evidence taken before the commission. Any person summoned to appear before the commission who neglects, refuses or offers no reasonable excuse for non-attendance, shall also be liable to a penalty not exceeding Four Hundred Dollars.

Any person desirous of appearing either in person or by counsel before the commission and cross examining witnesses thereat, may do so to the extent and on the terms the commissioners may deem proper.

The Lieutenant Governor in Council is empowered to retain counsel to assist the commissioners in their investigation and to pay for the services of such counsel out of the public monies of the province.

THE COUNTY ACCOUNTS.

An Auditor From Halifax has been Here Looking Them Over.

The municipal authorities following the plan adopted by the Local Government, have had an auditor here from Halifax, examining the accounts of the Secretary-Treasurer, Bliss. He spent several days here last week, and left for home without completing the task. It is said that his audit will cover a period of eight years.

Although the matter has been kept very quiet, the Herald learns that it was Warden McNally who engaged the auditor and set him at work. He was led to take this course by some disclosures made at the last meeting of the council with respect to the jury fees. It was shown by the statement in successive auditors' reports that the amount paid out in jury fees was greater than the receipts, and the matter was referred to a special committee to investigate. The committee was to have taken the matter up at the January meeting, but at the request of the Secretary-Treasurer the matter was allowed to stand over until July.

FATALLY INJURED.

ST. JOHN, May 7.—(Special)—Harold H. Gregg, of Long Reach, who last Saturday was accidentally shot in the abdomen, while on a duck hunting expedition, died this morning at the general public hospital.