

STREET RAILWAY STAFF CHANGES

A New Office Created for Manager S. Z. Earle.

GENERAL MANAGER

H. M. Hopper Appointed Secretary-Treasurer—Mr. Earle Will Have Charge of All the Lighting and Traction Interests of the Company in the Future.

At a meeting of the directors of the St. John Railway Company held on Saturday afternoon W. Z. Earle, who has held the office of secretary-treasurer, was appointed general manager and H. M. Hopper, formerly accountant was appointed secretary-treasurer. Mr. Earle will have general supervision of the railway, power and lighting business of the company, while Mr. Hopper will take over the duties of Mr. Earle. Mr. Hopper has been in the employ of the street railway company since 1892 and has advanced from the position of collector to his present office. During this period the management and ownership of the company has undergone many changes.

The office of general-manager has been created for Mr. Earle there having been no previous incumbent for this office. Mr. Earle was manager and secretary-treasurer.

CANON RICHARDSON DISCUSSES ADDRESS OF PROFESSOR McBRIDE

The following sermon was preached by Rev. Canon Richardson in Trinity church yesterday:—

Luke 8:11.

"The seed is the Word of God."

If I take these words as my text this morning, it is not with any intention of expounding the parable of which they form a part, but because they are suggestive of a subject which I want to bring before you. My attention was called within the last few days to a remarkable address delivered recently in Montreal upon the relationship of science and religion, and a report of which appeared in the Saturday Evening Times. The lecturer was a professor of science in McGill University, and presumably a man of light and learning. It was not unusual, therefore, that his words should have awakened a widespread interest. But they evidently did more than that; they made a profound impression upon those who heard them. The attitude of the learned lecturer towards religion generally was one of friendship, for after speaking of the way in which he had been brought to his "traditional faith," he "tumbled to dust before the difficulties raised by the new knowledge," he went on to declare that "after a long period of unrest, it had been possible for him to fight his way back to a hope that God and immortality are what Christ represented, that he had found a new and reassuring, yet, that sounds a note of fact, the popular impression made by the lecture is summed up in the heading of the press report, that "the old theology is no longer believable,"—a summation which would seem to be justified by Dr. McBride's statement of the great Apostle to the Gentiles, that "Modern science, and modern criticism have destroyed the whole basis of this theology, and for men nowadays it is urgent that, if we are to keep our faith, we should leave St. Paul's theology, and return to Christ." In view of this, and the sweeping statement, we shall hesitate to accept as satisfactory this vindication of the way in which science and religion may be reconciled.

I am the more anxious to have this clearly understood, because these views of Dr. McBride do not stand alone; for, if the report of the Montreal Star may be trusted, the whole lecture was emphatically endorsed from the pulpit of Christ Church Cathedral upon the Sunday following, when the vicar, speaking, as he said, with a full sense of his responsibility, declared his conviction that God is. Every pleasure which follows from the receipt of his address "a most valuable service to truth and to religion."

Now, I do not pretend to be able to speak authoritatively either for science or religion, but in view of the fact that both the address, and Dr. Symonds' endorsement of it, have been published in the press of this city, and have, therefore, been widely read, I do not feel justified in allowing anyone to think that the last word upon the subject has been spoken, or that Dr. McBride and Dr. Symonds are in any sense final authorities in their respective spheres of influence. The McGill professor I do not know, though I gladly accept the Rev. G. Osborne's glowing characterization of him as an "honest and sincere man." With Dr. Symonds, however, I have the honor of being personally acquainted, and I desire to preface what I shall say by remarking that he is a man for whom I have the greatest possible respect, and with whose ideals and

AFTER THE FIRE

Arrangements Being Made for Repairs to Buildings—Appraising Losses Will be Finished Tomorrow.

Contractor James Myles had a crew of men at work today making repairs to the Prescott building on King street, which was gutted in last Thursday's fire. Edward Bates, representing the Royal Bank, and John Flood, for the insurance people, were engaged today in appraising the damage to the building occupied by the American Clothing House.

Tenders are being asked for, for the tearing down of this building. The statement in one of the morning papers, that Edward Bates had been engaged to tear down the building was not correct.

In conversation with Mr. Bates this morning, he said it was his opinion that the fire had been caused from hot ashes which had been dumped on the floor of the basement under J. W. McDuffee's store. This basement was occupied by Brock & Paterson. The ashes had been dumped alongside of some rubbish, and from this the fire had caught on the side of the elevator shaft and had then mounted very quickly to the top of the building.

The appraising of the Royal Bank building will probably be completed this afternoon and the work on the stock of Brock & Paterson and the American Clothing House will be completed tomorrow.

The funeral of the late Daniel Donovan took place yesterday afternoon from his late residence, Dock street. Rev. A. W. Melan officiated, and interment was in the new Catholic cemetery.

A. H. Hanington returned today from Montana, where he has been attending a meeting of the Kimberly-Matana Mining Co. Regarding the reported sale of the property, Mr. Hanington would not talk, as he said he would have to report first to the local shareholders.

ST. JOHN MAY HAVE BIG STRIKE ON HAND AFTER FIRST OF MAY

Masons, Carpenters and Painters Will Demand Higher Wages, and They Have Been Endorsed by Every Union in the United States—Some of the Masters Think Advanced Rate Should be Paid.

There is a possibility of St. John having a big strike on its hands after May 1st.

Some time ago, the masons, carpenters and painters decided that the remuneration for their work was insufficient and they would demand higher wages on May 1st.

All three unions discussed the question of higher wages some time ago, and it was resolved by the masons to demand 40 cents per hour, work to begin at 8 a. m., instead of working for \$3.00 per day, and laboring from 7 a. m. to 5 p. m.

The Carpenters' Union decided to demand \$3.00 per day instead of receiving \$2.00 and in some cases \$2.50 per day.

The painters are now receiving \$2.00 per day, and on May 1st they will demand \$3.00 per day.

The three unions, it is stated, submitted their plans to the other unions in the city and they were endorsed by all. The case was then referred to the head of the International Union in New York, and the matter was brought up before every union in the neighboring republic, and was endorsed in every instance. A short

time ago the sanction of the International Union was received, and its decision was in favor of the strikers in the respective unions of this city.

The reason for the specified demands is, according to a prominent member of one of the unions, that the masons and the painters obtain very little work during the winter months. In the face of this, the statement that the cost of living has increased from 30 to 40 per cent. Times, they say, are good all over Canada, so they have come to the conclusion that the demands they will make on May 1st will not be exorbitant.

So it is then, that on May 1st the masons, carpenters and painters, with possibly other unions, will present their demands for consideration, and should they be looked upon unfavorably by the employers, the biggest strike in the history of St. John will result.

Speaking to some of the employers, of the threatened strike, they said they had heard that an increase was to be asked for, but there was a difference of opinion as to whether it was justified or not.

Some of the contractors thought in view of the small amount of work in sight at the present time that the men had better

be content to work at the present rate.

Ald. C. E. Tilley said the building operations for this year looked rather slim at the present time and he did not see that the men would better themselves very much by striking.

George McArthur said he was perfectly willing to grant the increase to 40 cents an hour, and he thought the men were entitled to it. "I don't think it is a cent too much," he said.

Speaking to some of the master painters, they said that they had heard that the increase was to be asked, but did not know yet what action they would take, if they had to pay higher wages, they would have to charge more for their work.

The boss carpenters spoke along the same lines.

Though there is a natural desire to avoid paying an increased rate, yet the general opinion seems to be that if the demand is made it would have to be acceded to and the parties for whom the work was done would have to pay accordingly.

It was suggested that if higher wages were paid it would probably result in higher rents, as landlords would have to pay more for repairs.

HAD A VERY LARGE CARGO

C. P. R. Liner Mount Temple Had one of the Largest Cargoes on Record.

The C. P. R. steamship Mount Temple, which sailed from this port last week for London and Antwerp took away one of the largest cargoes that ever left this port. The valuation of the cargo being \$429,331. Among her freight were 922 cattle and 143,818 bushels of wheat. The big steamer is now well on her way with her heavy cargo and will return for another large cargo before the season closes. She has on board a large export of American goods.

Steamship Melville, Capt. Jones, arrived yesterday from New York in ballast and is now at her berth at the C. P. R. wharf. Already 75 cars loaded with freight have arrived to go in the steamer for South African ports and the big warehouse at the I. C. R. wharf is nearly full of freight which is arriving every day. The steamer was scheduled to leave on the 18th inst. but she was late arriving and to load her will take about a week.

HOW THEY DO IT IN BUFFALO

Sneak Thief Walks Out of Jewellery Store With Seventy Five Diamond Rings.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Feb. 19.—Seventy-five diamond rings, valued at about \$9,000, were stolen from Paul Foster's jewelry store at 134th street Saturday. An unknown man entered the store and asked to be shown some diamond rings. A tray containing 75 rings was placed on the counter by Mrs. Foster, and the customer found nothing in the lot that suited him and asked for another tray. When Mrs. Foster turned to get it, the stranger grabbed the 75 rings and ran to the street.

IMMIGRATION DECREASING

OTTAWA, Feb. 19.—(Special).—There was a decrease of 1,331 in the immigration to Canada during the seven months ending January 31, as compared with the same time in the previous year. There was an increase of 976 from the United States, and a decrease of 2,327 from the British Isles, and European ports. The total arrivals were 57,624. Of these 20,266 came from the United States and 37,358 by ocean ports.

MONCTON NEWS

MONCTON, Feb. 19.—The Builders' woodworking factory of Moncton, which is seeking incorporation will take over the factory known as the R. C. Donald property at Sunny Brae. The company intends to carry on a general woodworking business and also the construction of buildings. The incorporators are, J. A. Bourque, T. D. LeBlanc, Simon Melanson, Fred T. LeBlanc and Camille Richard. A new boiler and engine have recently been purchased from the Robb Engineering Co. of Amherst and a carload of new machinery for the factory is on the way here. Contractors and woodworking concerns are looking forward to another busy summer in Moncton.

The citizens were treated to the novel spectacle last night of seeing two hundred children and their parents in the children were members of the Juvenile Temple, I. O. G. T., which is in such a flourishing condition in this city.

Mrs. J. V. Jackson, of this city, is superintendent of Juvenile Temple work and will make a magnificent showing for the ensuing year. She has organized many new temples at different points in this section but the Moncton temple of which she has personal charge, is the banner lodge of New Brunswick. It has a membership of between two and three hundred and some idea of the enthusiasm of the juveniles in the work may be had from the fact that two hundred took part in last night's drive.

The taking of evidence in the equity suit of Thibodeau and Cormier against the estate of the late T. B. LeBlanc, has been going on here before James McQueen referee in equity, for the past two or three weeks at different points in this section but the Moncton temple of which she has personal charge, is the banner lodge of New Brunswick. It has a membership of between two and three hundred and some idea of the enthusiasm of the juveniles in the work may be had from the fact that two hundred took part in last night's drive.

A. H. Dolson, general passenger agent of the Eastern S. S. Co. of Boston and LeBaron Thompson, travelling passenger agent of the same line, were in the city today interviewing the passenger department of the I. C. R.

J. H. Harris the well known wholesale grocery merchant, has been laid up the past week with troubles in one of his limbs.

Mrs. Wm. Rayworth of Upper Cape Westmorland Co. recently underwent an operation in the Moncton hospital for appendicitis. The patient is reported as improving nicely.

People's daughter of W. S. Paine, mechanical superintendent of the P. E. I. railway, Charlottetown, is visiting friends in this city.

The Moncton curlers feel that they have a pretty sure hold on the trophy offered by H. C. Read, of Sackville, three years ago for competition between Sackville, Amherst and Moncton. The curl has to be won three times before becoming the property of any club. Moncton has won the trophy two years in succession and has now a game from both Sackville and Amherst this year. As the total score made by the teams in the game at home and away, and Moncton has a lead of 56 on Amherst and 20 on Sackville it is felt that the handsome Read trophy is likely to find an abiding place in Moncton.

MINISTERS MEETINGS

Baptist and Methodist Clergyman Report Successful Services Held Last Week.

The meeting of the Methodist ministers this morning was very largely attended. Rev. C. W. Hamilton presided.

The devotional services were led by Rev. Dr. Wilson. After the reports from the different churches were read a lengthy discussion took place over the series of temperance meetings to be held in the next two weeks. The first meeting will be held in Queen Square Methodist church on Friday evening next.

The meeting adjourned at 12 o'clock. Rev. Mr. Comden pronouncing the benediction.

The ministers of the United Baptist church met in session this morning. Those present were: Rev. D. MacIntyre, A. B. Coloe, D. Long, D. Hutchison, R. W. Ferguson, A. A. Chipman, H. R. Waring, J. L. Shaw, J. B. Duggett, H. R. Corey, Strathcona, Alberta, and Dr. Back. In the absence of Dr. Manning, the Rev. D. Long was nominated to the chair.

The Rev. D. Hutchison reported unusual success in his special efforts of last week. He further reported having baptized eight persons. The Rev. D. Long reported special services. A Rev. C. W. Corey of St. John's, Nfld., was preaching in the morning on behalf of the north west missions. In the evening, the pastor baptized six.

In the absence of Dr. Gates the Rev. A. A. Chipman reported six baptisms.

Rev. H. F. Waring reported successful efforts in his special services.

The Rev. C. W. Corey explained his position in relation with the north west mission and desired opportunity to represent the mission before the Baptists of the maritime provinces.

SUCCESSFUL SERVICES

The Tabernacle church was crowded last night. The meetings have been growing in interest. Many are seeking the higher life. Mr. Waring said last night that the usual answer to the question, "What is heaven?" is in terms of money. The true answer, however, is in terms of character. A man is worth not what he has but what he is. Good character is the best capital for this life and for the life to come. Genius fails of true success when it has not good character. A royal heart is needed for royal deeds. The character attained here determines the life hereafter.

Character is to the soul what constitution is to the body. It needs exercise. All a man's deeds, words and thoughts are being built into his character. God is for us, saints, bards, heroes, if we will. To be Christ-like we must give as well as get. Character needs nourishment. Appropriating faith receives this from God. It is thus through God that man has new character, new life, and each joy as far surpasses the pleasures of earth. Work and faith are both needed.

KING EDWARD OPENS PARLIAMENT TODAY

WANT THE DAM KEPT Operating on Lake of the Woods Object to Removal of Meewatin Dam.

His Speech Will Be the Most Radical Ever Made

A SOVEREIGN

suggestion of Legislative Programme Made—Great Britain Will Send Commission to the Transvaal and Stop Importation of Chinese Labor.

LONDON, Feb. 19.—It is understood that the king's speech at the opening of parliament today will include an expression of satisfaction at Great Britain's continued peaceful relations in Europe, especially with France, and a desire for a friendly solution of the Moroccan conference. It will also contain an announcement concerning conditions in South Africa, the appointment of a commission to proceed thither to examine into the question of a franchise, and that meanwhile the importation of Chinese to the Transvaal shall be stopped and the terms of the Chinese ordinance subjected to revision. The suggestion of the following legislative programme will be made:

An education bill, a trades disputes bill, a workmen's compensation act, an amendment of last year's act for the relief of the unemployed, the repeal of the Irish coercion act, the instruction of a Scottish education bill and of bills for the equalization of rates in London and other municipalities.

No official forecast of the speech from the throne has been issued, but the foregoing indicates its general drift. It is quite certain that the speech will be the most radical ever put into the mouth of a sovereign.

Although it is known that the government will not attempt a home rule bill for Ireland, well informed persons assert that the cabinet had discussed the possibility of some sort of a devolution measure or scheme for relieving the congestion of parliamentary business. It is even stated that the king's speech will contain a hint of such an intention.

The Earl of Aberdeen, the new Irish viceroy, while a guest of the College of Surgeons, Saturday made a significant reference to Irish affairs. After remarking the great change in public feeling in England towards Ireland in the last thirty years, as full of hope for Ireland, he said:

"There is another auspicious feature in the outlook, I allude to well-grounded belief that His Majesty the King is motivated by a warm solicitude for the welfare of Ireland and her people."

LATE PERSONALS

Miss L. Maude Estabrook, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Charles D. Wilkins, at Brattleboro, Vermont, returned home today.

Harry J. Page, of Halifax, arrived in the city this morning.

A. Peabody and wife leave this evening for Montreal.

ST. ANDREWS TEAM WON

The Sackville curlers were defeated by the St. Andrews players Saturday afternoon and evening by a score of 61 to 33. The following were the skips with the score made:

St. Andrews—J. U. Thomas, 15; H. H. Harvey, 11; Dr. J. M. Magee, 19; C. S. Robertson, 16.

Sackville—Thos. Murray, 9; J. M. Palmer, 8; J. Faulkner, 6; Goodwin, 10.

The Cushing case came up before Judge McLeod, sitting in equity this morning, and was adjourned until Saturday morning.

The funeral of Oscar Gustafson took place this afternoon at Musquash, where a mass service was taken this morning. Rev. Mr. Bacon officiated.

OUTLAWS AND GUARDS IN BLOODY BATTLE IN MEXICAN MOUNTAINS

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—A Fort Worth Texas, despatch to the World says that details have been received there of a battle fought in the Sierra Madre Mountains of Mexico Saturday between Juan Colorado's band of outlaws and the guards of a billion train en route to the mountain trail leading from the Dolores pines to the railway station at Tomas, on the Rio Grande, Sierra Madre and Pacific Railroad. Bullion to the value of many thousands of dollars was being conveyed on the backs of mules to the railroad for shipment to the United States. William Smith, an American, was in charge of the pack train, with seven Mexican guards armed with Winchester.

The train was passing through one of the wildest recesses of the mountains, where the trail was extremely narrow and dangerous when the attack was made by Colorado and about twelve of his followers. The outlaws opened fire from behind boulders and other places of concealment.

Smith ordered his guards to hold their ground and use their weapons and he set the example by opening with his own Winchester. So deadly was their fire that Colorado and his gang were routed, leaving two dead and one wounded behind them. Colorado himself is reported to have been slightly wounded.

In leading the attack on the outlaws Smith fell mortally wounded and two of his men were killed.

News of the attack was conveyed to Tomas about twenty miles distant, and the Mexican authorities dispatched a detachment of rurales in pursuit of the bandits, who flew towards the highest mountains, where their stronghold is believed to be located. Smith's home is said to have been in Montana. He had been in the employ of the Dolores Mining Company about two years. This is the first appearance of the outlaw Juan Colorado reported since his band attacked an emigrant train near the Mormon colonies of Casa Grande, about three months ago.

THE TIMES NEW REPORTER

ALL IS VANITY.

The Times new reporter was rather sad this morning. He was thinking about his friends the correspondents, who make the news of the day. He read over the morning papers, and turning to the staff generally made these observations:—

"That's a flat prospect. Alice is married and there's no word yet of a petition for divorce. Old man Fallows was made president of France yesterday, without an arrest being made—even for violation of the Sabbath. There's nothing doing at Algiers, and Kaiser Bill hasn't emitted a yell for three whole days. The Chinese charge haven't delivered the goods yet, and there won't be any strike. King Christian's funeral is over. The little scrap between Mitchell and Dolan isn't worth the space. John A. McCall's picture goes

to the scrapheap. Wall street is so dull that Russell Sage hasn't gone down town for a week. What chance have we to get out a newspaper? Did you ever see the like of it? There's nothing doing at City Hall. The Citizens' League has been making more noise. The weather is as monotonous as a boarding house bill of fare. The members of the legislature haven't had a clench since they went to Fredericton. The Carleton curlers got whaled as usual. The case in Milford isn't snail-pace. The earthquake in the West Indies didn't loosen a brick. The Lad-lows haven't smashed anything—not even a record—for a whole week. It all makes me feel like going out and banging a policeman, so that you fellows can get an item. It's awful."

Mr. Jamesey Jones desires once more to remind the citizens that they need a tower of strength.

Miss Birdie McWhat will not be able to receive her friends this week. A delicate attention of a skilled dentist. Social circles are much depressed, for Birdie is the life of any company.

Mr. Hiram Hornbeam says he never saw anything so tickled as the rabbits were last week, and ever since the snowstorm. They come out of the woods into the fields, and make tracks and look at them, and jump fences, and play around as if they were half crazy. Mr. Peter Binks has gone out to study the habits of these little animals, and will read a paper at the next meeting of the Hen Club.