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ONE CENT

DIRECTOR CUSHING AND BOARD OF WORKS ARE AT OPEN WAR NOW

Director Dismissed Inspector Mayes, but
Inspector Would Not Give up, Say-
ing Mr. Cushing Had No Power---
Many Aldermen Take the Same View

Departments of Public Works and Water and Sewerage.
Office of Director,

City of St. John, N. B., Feb. 28th, 1906.

Mr. S. Herbert Mayes,
Inspector,

No. 205 Winslow St., West St. John.

Dear Sir:—I have to say that your services are no longer required. You will hand over to bearer (Mr. Winchester) all books, papers, plans, specifications, etc., relating to the works in hand.

Yours, very truly,

R. H. CUSHING,

Director Public Works Dept.

There is open war between Director Cushing and the board of works. On Tuesday evening the board heard Inspector Mayes and Engineer Peters, and asked Director Cushing if he had anything to say. He replied in the negative. The board then instructed the inspector to furnish a transcript of the reports to the board at each meeting. Yesterday Director Cushing sent a letter to Inspector Mayes, telling him his services were no longer required. This brings the director to grips with the board.

Mr. Mayes received the above communication this morning, but refused to comply with the demand of Mr. Cushing to hand over the documents in his possession, as he did not recognize Mr. Cushing's right to demand his resignation, or to take over the papers held by him.

Mr. Mayes contends that his appointment as inspector of wharf building was made by the common council, and they are the only ones having power to dismiss him. Therefore Mr. Mayes still holds his job and his papers.

Director Cushing, when seen by a Times man, said he had dismissed Mr. Mayes, asked by what authority he had done so, he said, "the very best authority." At a meeting of the common council in January the directors of the various civic departments were given the power to hire or dismiss employees in their departments, and in consequence of that action I have dismissed Mr. Mayes.

Asked what would be done now that Mr. Mayes refused to recognize his authority, he said he did not know, but he would report the matter at the meeting of the board of works on Tuesday next.

The squabble arising out of last Tuesday's meeting of the board of works is creating considerable comment and expressions of various opinions on the subject are freely aired in and about City Hall.

Some take sides with one party and some with the other, but that the matter will be probed and sifted out seems to be an accepted fact.

There are some who contend that Engineer Peters is getting too old for his position, and it is reported that at the meeting of the council on Monday next one of the aldermen will move that he be superannuated.

There seems to be a difference of opinion among the aldermen as to whether the director has the power to dismiss Mr. Mayes, though the most of the aldermen seen this morning expressed the opinion

that he had not the power, and that the council only could remove Mr. Mayes from his position.

The appointment of Mr. Mayes was made at a meeting of the common council held on November 6th, when the following recommendation from the board of works was passed:

"Your board recommend that S. Herbert Mayes be appointed inspector for the new wharf about to be built at Sand Point by Daniel C. Clark, and that he be paid at the rate of three and a half dollars per day for each day that the work is actually being done, according to the certificate of the director."

On motion of Ald. Frink the following words were added:—"And that the Inspector be required to report in writing every day to the Director on the work done."

One of the aldermen in speaking of the matter, said he looked upon Mr. Cushing's action as a final fling before his resignation goes into effect. It seems that in his application to the council for an increase in salary Mr. Cushing stated that if his request was not complied with he would consider that he was no longer a member of the council.

The alderman to suppose that Mr. Cushing had taken for granted that his services were no longer required, and he had consequently exerted his powers for a grand exit by dismissing Mr. Mayes. He added that he thought the director had, however, exceeded his powers in this case, as the Mayes appointment was made by the council and they are the only ones having the power to dismiss him.

Ald. Baxter was very much surprised to hear that the director had taken it upon himself to dismiss Mr. Mayes and he expressed the opinion that the director had no authority over Mr. Mayes at all.

He said Mr. Mayes occupied the same relation to the city that Director Cushing did. Both were appointed by the council. Mr. Mayes was appointed for work and was accountable to the council and not to Director Cushing. He thought the director had overstepped his authority.

Another alderman speaking of the director's action said he was not sure as to whether he would have jurisdiction over Mr. Mayes or not but whether or not he would have to "show cause" for the step he had taken, before the board.

Judging from the interest being taken in the matter there will be a warm session when the subject is discussed at the next board meeting.

THEODORE AND THE RAILROAD GIANT



The Senate will now proceed to emasculate the Railroad Rate Bill, thereby paining Mr. Roosevelt.

ANARCHISTS PLOT TO KILL MARGHERITA

And in Consequence Italy's
Queen Will not Visit
America.

NEW YORK, March 1.—According to a despatch from Rome to the Herald it is officially announced that Queen Margherita has abandoned her projected trip to the United States.

NEW YORK, March 1.—A Washington despatch to the Herald says that while it was impossible to obtain confirmation last night at the capital that the sudden change in the plan for a tour by the Dowager Queen of Italy in the United States is due to disclosure of a plot to kill her majesty, conceived by the anarchist group, whose headquarters are at Paterson, N. J. In that city was arranged the disclosure of which Brecci was the instigator. It is said a Washington despatch asserts that the Italian consul general in New York and the embassy were warned that there was peril for the queen in the projected American automobile tour. An investigation, it is announced, disclosed the fact that there was sufficient basis to justify the authorities at Washington in cautioning the government at Rome that the trip would be dangerous.

Queen Margherita is an enthusiastic automobilist, and has made many tours, some involving danger. For her American trip, now abandoned, it was said that a fine machine had been ordered.

LORD CURZON DISAPPROVES

Former Indian Viceroy Says
Morley's Decision on India
May Lead to Fatal Results.

LONDON, March 1.—Lord Curzon, of Kedleston, former Viceroy of India has written a long letter to the Times expressing his strong disapproval of the decision of John Morley, secretary for India, in the matter of the supremacy of military or civil authority in India. Lord Curzon contends that Mr. Morley only over-ruled the military party on a small and relatively unimportant issue and that Mr. Morley's solution is substantially the



Lord Curzon

same as that of Mr. Broderick, the former secretary for India in protest against which Lord Curzon resigned and that it "creates a military autocracy and irresponsibility of the military element in India which may lead to fatal results."

DESERTER DISCHARGED

SYDNEY, Feb. 28.—(Special).—Lewis Hearn, who, last week, surrendered himself as a deserter to Stipendiary Magistrate, has been discharged from custody. The magistrate received word from Col. Dennison that Hearn had been discharged from the regiment.

BANK OF ENGLAND

LONDON, March 1.—The rate of discount of the Bank of England remained unchanged today at 4 per cent.

BLINDNESS TO BE OUR TRIBUTE TO ELECTRICITY

Therapeutic Expert Expresses
This Opinion in a Chicago
Damage Suit.

CHICAGO, March 1.—Universal blindness is to be humanity's tribute to electricity, is the theory expressed by Dr. H. Preston Pratt, X-ray and therapeutic expert in the trial of a personal injury suit in Judge Windes court yesterday. The Union Traction Co. is being sued for \$30,000 damages in behalf of Ruth Bostrom, who is declared to be partially blind and paralyzed from an electric current which passed from the atmosphere through her body April 10, 1902. Eye specialists have been the first to discover the corroding effects of the electrical currents being generated by millions of dynamos in every corner of the civilized globe, explained the witness.

CHRISTAIN SCIENTISTS

Manitoba Legislature Asked to
Exempt Christain Science
From Provisions of Medical
Act.

WINNIPEG, March 1.—(Special).—Christian Scientists are asking the legislature for the exemption of the Christian Science treatment from the provisions of the medical act. They object that the act interferes with the right of exercise of religion which is guaranteed in the constitution and with the liberty of choice. The deputation claimed that Christian Science had cured every known disease.

FREDERICTON BOOM COMPANY'S BILL WAS THROWN DOWN TODAY

The Government Will Not Permit Them
to Increase the Tolls for Boomage---
Premier Says that Lumbermen Should
Share in Benefits.

FREDERICTON, March 1 (Special).—The corporations committee met at ten o'clock this morning, and after quite a lengthy discussion voted down the bill to enable the Fredericton Boom Company to increase its tolls.

FREDERICTON, March 1 (Special).—The corporations committee of the legislature this morning threw out the Fredericton Boom Company's bill to provide for an increase of tolls. The committee dealt with the measure in private and no information was given as to how the vote stood. Premier Tweedie informed the committee that the time was not far distant when the government would have to lay hands on all boom companies doing business in the province. He put forward the principle that both big and small lumbermen should participate in the profits and losses of boom companies.

The public accounts committee this morning got through with the ordinary accounts in connection with the provincial hospital. Mr. Quinton will appear before the committee next Wednesday and explain the expenditures made in repairing buildings.

The committee on municipalities met this morning and agreed to recommend a bill relating to the town of Dalhousie, which authorizes the borrowing of \$78,000 for the purpose of installing a water and sewerage system and a bill authorizing a county valuation of Westgouche during the present year.

A train dispatcher on the Fredericton branch of the I. C. R. who lately issued a pass without authority is now enjoying a two weeks vacation. The conductor who accepted the pass is off for one week and another conductor who took up the pass and forwarded it to the audit office may also be laid off.

The thermometer dropped to eight degrees below zero here last night. Imports here for the month just ended totaled \$33,981 and the duty collected was \$3,402. For February last year the imports were \$34,535 and duty \$3,050. Rainsford Foster has been appointed manager of the Babbitt mill at St. Mary's. Madame Albani and party will arrive here this evening and will be met at the depot by the Fredericton brass band.

DESTROYED BY VOLCANO

Samoan Island Almost Wiped
out by an Active Volcano---
Great Property Losses.

TUTUILA, Samoa, Feb. 12 via San Francisco, March 1.—The volcano on the Island of Savaii, German Samoa, is still active. The inhabitants of the district of Matautu have abandoned their homes and traders who lived there have removed all their stores. The flow of lava is slow and the people approach close to it. Some persons will not leave their homes until the houses are actually set on fire by the burning lava. As the lava flows into the sea great volumes of steam arise and the once placid lagoon inside the coral reef is now a mass of hardened lava. The district now destroyed was one of the richest in the German possessions. The lava is flowing along the coast toward Matautu.

TO TRANSFER IT TO CANADA

OTTAWA, March 1 (Special).—The imperial government has offered to transfer the property of the admiralty at Halifax, including the dock, to the Canadian government on the conditions that £2,000 be paid yearly for five years. This amount is part of an obligation which the imperial government took in hand to pay to a private company. It was to be paid for a certain number of years and there are five years of the time to run. Besides the dock there is valuable property, including residences for the officers, etc. An officer of the marine department will be sent to Halifax to look over the property and have it accepted by the Canadian government.

EXHIBITS FROM JAMAICA

OTTAWA, March 1.—(Special).—A report received from Canada's commercial agent at Trinidad, says that the colonial secretary has drawn attention of the chamber of commerce to the exhibitions at Toronto and Halifax with a view of exhibits being forwarded. A number have expressed sympathy with the proposition but said it was a matter for the consideration of the agricultural society. Messrs. Pickford and Black have offered to carry exhibits free.

THE WEATHER

WASHINGTON, March 1.—Forecast.—Eastern States and Northern New York.—Partly cloudy and warmer tonight and Friday, variable winds becoming fresh southerly.

The case of Benjamin Hatfield against the ship Wand'ain was continued in the Admiralty Court this morning. F. J. G. Knowlton finished his argument and Col. McLean was speaking for the defence when the case was adjourned until this afternoon.

NORTH JAPAN IN GRIP OF RAVAGING FAMINE; MILLIONS STARVING

SEATTLE, Wn, March 1.—The steamship Dakota brings advices from Nagasaki that the famine in the northern provinces of Japan is steadily growing graver. A second appeal has been issued by W. E. Lampe, chairman of the foreign committee of relief, in which he says: "When we issue our first appeal to the foreign communities in Japan in December, we estimated that 680,000 persons out of a population of 2,281,000 were on the verge of starvation. Since then members of our committee have personally visited 25 counties and as many towns in the

provinces of Miyagi and Fukushima and have distributed 9,000 yen. Our first figures estimating those affected by the famine are too weak to describe the actual suffering.

"Able-bodied men, ragged and hungry, are facing the snow and icy winds to bring food from the mountains in the hope of earning enough through its sale to keep their starving families. Women are covering their babies with their own clothing to keep them warm, and such conditions as these can mean only death in the end. Families once comfortable are now reduced to want."

Sunset and evening star,
And Carleton folk embark;
Then Navy Island bar,
And after that—the dark.

HAVE CALLED MR. RAINNIE

Milltown Church Extends Call
to Former St. John Clergy-
man---Death of General
Murray.

ST. STEPHEN, N. B., March 1 (Special).—Flags are at half mast in Calais today for the death of General B. B. Murray, one of the most prominent citizens of that city. He was born in Pembroke, Me., 75 years ago, and was brigadier general of a Maine regiment in the civil war. He also represented the United States government in the sale of bonds in London, and has sold several federal and state offices of importance. Until recently he was attorney for Washington county. He was a prominent Mason and will be buried by that order at Pembroke.

St. James Presbyterian church, at Milltown, has extended a call to Rev. W. W. Rennie.

Percy Love, son of Hugh Love, was thrown from his team this forenoon in a runaway and very severely injured about the head.

GRAIN GROWERS ACTIVE

BRANDON, Man, March 1.—(Special).—Grain growers in session here discussed the project of forming a co-operative company to handle the wheat and other grains and produce of western farmers. Nothing definite, however, has been decided upon as yet.

THEY WILL CELEBRATE

Royal Society of Canada to
Observe 25th. Anniversary.

OTTAWA, Ont., March 1.—(Special).—The council of the Royal Society of Canada held a meeting to consider plans for the next meeting, which will be held in May. The meeting being the 25th annual special celebration will be held, and it is expected that the Duke of Argyle, founder of the society, will be asked to be present.

MONTREAL STOCK MARKET.

Irregular tone Shown and Only
Fair Amount of Trading Done.

MONTREAL, March 1.—(Special).—The stock market showed an irregular tone this morning with variations in prices for most part fractional both ways. Only a fair amount of trading was done. The following were the most active: Illinois Traction pfd. 99 7/8 to 34; Dominion Iron, 30 1/4 to 31; bonds, 84 3/4 to 85; Richelieu, 82 1/4; Montreal Power, 92 1/2 to 93; Can Pac., 109; Detroit United, 99 1/4; Montreal Street, 273 to 272 1/2; Toronto Ry., 121 1/4 to 121; Dom Coal 78; Mackay, 99 1/2, pfd, 74 1/2.

D. J. Purdy, M. P. P., who has been confined to his home with a heavy cold, is somewhat improved today.

THE TIMES NEW REPORTER

NOTABLE PERFORMERS.

At an entertainment in the North End the other evening the programme included a trombone solo by Mr. Hiram Hornbeam, music by Mr. James Jones; and the performer was presented by Mr. Peter Binks with a bouquet of cabbages.

Of course this was a burlesque. Mr. Hiram Hornbeam never played a trombone in his life. There was a time in his younger days when he could play the jew's harp and concertina, or sing tunes for the St. John quadrille, or a hornpipe. Hiram was quite put out when he heard that he was reported to be tooting a trombone before a crowd of town folks.

As for Mr. James Jones, he is much agitated over the reference to himself. He

has never composed any music. He wants to sit in the next city council, and fears that if the idea goes abroad that there is to be a poet in the mayor's chair and a composer in the council the public will turn to the Citizens' League.

Mr. Peter Binks takes the matter coolly; becomes an expert in the use of the hen club, and expresses confidence that no citizen would believe that he would voluntarily relinquish possession of two large cabbages at this season of the year.

On the other hand, Miss Birdie McWhat is "quite huffed" over the fact that no mention has been made of her charming solo at the entertainment in question. Birdie's flute-like tones thrilled the large audience, and the way her upper register swatted the notes was a revelation. We predict that Birdie will have a great future in the world of music, and an eager