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ONE CENT

MR. McROBBIE WILL RESIGN

His Resignation as Chairman of Assessment Board Will be Read at Tonight's Council Meeting--Other Important Business to Come up.

Indications point to a lively session when the city council meets tonight to receive the reports of the various boards and pass estimates for the year. The action of the treasury board in cutting the board of works estimate down \$10,000 and deciding not to make any provision for macadamizing the streets this year, is expected to create considerable discussion. The question of street lighting is also liable to call forth bits of eloquence from members, some of whom favor the \$70 rate for 1,200 candle power lamps, while others contend that \$75 for 2000 candle power would be cheaper and more satisfactory in the end. The treasury board has recommended the latter be decided.

The question of appointing a wharf inspector is also expected to occasion considerable discussion, some of the members being of the opinion this work might very well be looked after by the director or engineer.

It is also understood that the application of Director Cushing for an increase of salary is to be further considered. At present there is a feeling among some of the members that the director should get a slight increase, though not as much as he asks for and it may be that a compromise will be effected.

AGED LOTHARIO SENDS \$1000 TO ST. JOHN WOMAN

(Boston Herald, March 29.)

Some interesting testimony is expected in the hearing on the contest over the will of William H. Webster of Arlington, who died Feb. 22, at the age of 76, leaving an estate valued at about \$4,000, which was begun before Judge McIntyre in the Middlesex probate court at East Cambridge today.

The testator, who for 20 years up to the time of his death, was a fish dealer in Arlington, left his store, with the good will and business, to Jesse G. Pattee of Arlington; \$100 each to Miss Lucine C. Tenny and Joseph H. Law of East Cambridge, and the residue in equal shares to Miss Fanny Burbeck and Mrs. Emma Holmes of Belmont.

The will is being contested by the testator's only next of kin, S. H. Coffin, a watchmaker and jeweller of Peterboro, N. H., and Mrs. Mary E. Usher of East Jeffrey, N. H., nephew and niece, respectively. The grounds upon which they ask the court to break the instrument are undue influence and testamentary incapacity.

Much of the testimony today related to the testator's fondness for and his generosity toward women. W. H. Tuttle testified that he was of sound mind, and Joseph H. Law of Arlington, who worked with the testator for a few months prior to his death, told of conversations with the deceased regarding women and identified a letter which he told him he received from Minnie L. Guthrie, who is now employed as a cook in St. John, N. B., in which she asked him for money. "He told me," said the witness, "that Minnie was always asking for money, and he wondered why she didn't go to her husband when she wanted money. I knew she had a child, but always supposed she was single. Mr. Webster told me that he had spent money for the education and clothing of two daughters of Mrs. Crawford of Arlington."

The fact was brought out that just before his death the testator had given Minnie Guthrie a check for \$1,000.

GRAHAM MUST GO BACK TO CARE FOR HIS WIFE

Ronald McDonald, chief of police at Glace Bay, N. S., arrived this morning and registered at the Clifton House. Chief McDonald came here in search of one John Graham, who has been working at the York Colton mill here for a short time, and who formerly was a miner in the vicinity of Glace Bay. It appears that Graham, who is about sixty years of age, has a wife and three children at Glace Bay, Nova Scotia, and his wife and one child had a little quarrel with the result that Graham left his wife and children and came to this city. This morning, however, Chief McDonald arrived here and had his warrant backed by Magistrate Ritchie. The warrant charged Graham with neglecting to provide for his wife and family.

After all the preliminaries had been completed Chief McDonald, in the company of Detective Kilien, visited the colliery factory and found Graham at work there. The warrant was proffered and Graham accompanied the two officers to the station. Chief McDonald and his prisoner left on the noon train for Nova Scotia.

THREE KILLED ON THE C. P. R.

Fatal Collision Between Freight Train and Snow Plough East of Chapeau.

FORT WILLIAM, March 30.—(Special.)—Passengers arriving by the C. P. R. yesterday reported that a fatal collision occurred on a siding east of Chapeau, early on Wednesday morning, a freight train, running thirty miles an hour, crashing into a snow-plough standing. Four section men were sleeping at the time. Three men were killed instantly and a fourth received injuries from which he will not recover.

ACCIDENTAL DEATH

SYDNEY, March 30 (Special).—The coroner's jury empaneled in the case of Robert Redick, senior, killed at Sydney Mines, have found that the deceased came to his death by an accidental explosion of shot while being prepared by his son, Robert. The jury recommended that a sample of powder used by the miners be analyzed and that the mines regulation act be amended so that no man should be under the shot while another is charging the hole.

DILLON WALLACE IS SAFE

WILLIAMSTOWN, Mass., March 30.—A telegram was received here yesterday from A. Dillon Wallace, the Labrador explorer, announcing his safe arrival with his companions, Eaton and Stanton at Red Bay, after a successful trip by dog team down the coast from Ungava Bay.

The sailors of the South African steamship Oriana were paid off at the shipping masters' office this morning. Many of them received from two to three months' pay.

BAER PUTS IT UP TO JOHN MITCHELL ON STRIKE QUESTION

NEW YORK, March 30.—The following message, sent by President George F. Baer, of the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad, to John Mitchell, president of the United Mine Workers of America, was made public at the offices of the representatives of the anthracite coal roads in this city today:

Philadelphia, March 30.

"John Mitchell, Indianapolis, Ind.: 'If it is true that pending negotiations you have, as stated in the newspapers, ordered your followers not to work in the anthracite mines after April 1? (Signed) 'GEORGE F. BAER.'"

It was also stated at the operators' headquarters here that neither Mr. Baer nor any other of the presidents of the anthracite coal carrying railroads has yet received any word from Indianapolis telling of the order for the hard coal miners to strike on Monday.

It was reported in this city that some of the anthracite railroads had prepared for the strike by hiring men to take the places of those who quit work, but this was denied at the operators' headquarters today. It was stated that some of the operators had suggested that a constabulary force be enlisted, as was done in the last great strike, but this was discouraged by a majority of the operators and they decided to rely entirely upon the state of Pennsylvania to protect their property during the projected strike.

PITTSBURGH, March 29.—When the news of the disagreement between the bituminous operators and miners reached this city tonight, several operators who had not positively declared their opinion of the probable outcome of the conference freely expressed their satisfaction over the outcome.

Since the January meeting of the operators in this district have made extensive preparations for a suspension. If a strike is finally declared, it is asserted here that so far as western Pennsylvania and Ohio are concerned it will be won by the miners after a suspension of probably thirty days.

They base their opinion on the fact that the lake shipping season will open within the coming month and in order to hold their trade in the northwestern markets the operators will be forced to concede the terms offered. By that time it is figured prices will have advanced to a more profitable point and operators can afford to pay a higher rate for mining.

Much interest is manifested in the outcome of the national convention of miners tomorrow. It is expected that at this meeting some action will be taken on the question to permit miners to work in districts where the advance demanded has been offered.

The question affects principally the Pittsburgh district, the principal operator of which is the Pittsburgh Coal Company. F. L. Robbins, chairman of the executive board of this company, has been one of the strongest supporters of the advance, and if the convention tomorrow decides that separate districts may be worked under the compromise, it will mean employment for at least 20,000 miners in this district, and enable that company to close some important contracts. Officials of the Pittsburgh Coal Company decline to express an opinion as to any action the company may take if a strike takes place. It is admitted that a strike may be continued for two or three months before the large industrial plants are seriously affected.

It is known that the Penna. R. R. the U. S. Steel Co., the Jones-Laughlin Steel Co., and other large concerns have been stocking up with supplies of coal, most of which have now a supply for ninety days.

SARANTON, Pa., March 29.—The announcement of a suspension of mining in the anthracite region was not wholly unexpected here. The companies have taken it for granted that there would be a strike and made preparations accordingly. Stockpiles have been built at the breakers; guards have been hired to protect property, and all the under officials such as foremen and office clerks have been asked to sign an agreement to help protect the company property in case of a strike. All the companies, it is understood will make an effort to operate all the washeries, and some of the collieries.

The miners, likewise, have been preparing for the fray, putting aside money and practicing economy. They are believed to quit work on Monday will meet with a practically unanimous response.

JUNK DEALERS MUST PAY FEE

Unlicensed Jew Junk Dealers Fined \$40 in Police Court This Morning.

Nathan Hollzman, Samuel Rose, Isaac Lavigne, Morris Kaplinsky, Benjamin Goodman, Morris Schaffer, Morris Ratzky, Samuel Lavigne and Abner Jacobson, all Hebrews, were reported by Detective Killen, for dealing in junk, on the 27th inst., without license, and were before Judge Ritchie in the police court this morning with the exception of Kaplinsky and Jacobson, who failed to appear.

They were each fined \$40, which was allowed to stand, to give them an opportunity to taking out a license for the present year, and they would also have to get a license after May 1st if they intended doing business.

SIR FREDERICK GOES TO SMOKE

Minister of Militia has Gone to Smoking Concert and Will Then Dine With Earl Grey.

OTTAWA, Ont., March 30 (Special).—Sir Frederick Borden left last night for Toronto to attend a smoking concert, and from there will go to New York to be present at the Pilgrims' dinner, along with Earl Grey. His Excellency leaves today.

E. J. Walsh, of Ottawa, does not desire to be superintending engineer of the Trent Valley Canal. A. J. Grant, now resident engineer at Port Colborne, will be transferred to Ottawa as head engineer of the Trent. Lambert Lynn will be assistant chief engineer in place of Davy at Kirkfield and G. Malone replaces Savers in the Peterborough district.

A UNIVERSITY BURNED

MOSCOW, Idaho, March 30.—The main building of the University of Idaho was completely destroyed by fire early today.

Tug Lord Wolsley cleared this morning for Sackville, N. B. She will tow the schooner Harry Miller to that port. She is loaded with 176,700 feet of oak lumber from New London, Conn. The vessel put into this port during the recent storm.

NEWS FROM FREDERICTON

FREDERICTON, N. B., March 30.—(Special).—Chairman Weaver of the board of health says the published report in regard to the epidemic of diptheria among the students of the Normal School is incorrect. There have been sixteen cases of disease here in the last three months and only five of the patients died. Normal School students. Considering that at present there are 200 students attending the institution the per centage of cases is not large. At the request of Principal Crockett a committee of the board of health examined the sanitary arrangements of the Normal School and found everything satisfactory.

EQUITY COURT

In the Equity Court this morning in the case of Davidson vs. Ferguson, an order was made for discovery. M. G. Teed for plaintiff; L. A. Curry, K. C., for defendant.

An order was made settling on appeal the Cushing equity appeal case to the Supreme Court of Canada.

In the case of the Canada Mortgage Corporation vs. Joseph Tardy et al., the bill was taken pro confesso against the defendants for want of an appearance, and an order was made for foreclosure and sale of property situated in the County of Restigouche. The amount alleged to be owing the plaintiff is about \$400. H. H. Pickett appeared for the plaintiff.

GOVERNOR OF NOVA SCOTIA

HALIFAX, March 30.—(Special).—Hon. D. C. Fraser was sworn in as Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia at 11 o'clock this morning in the council chamber in the presence of a large assemblage. The oath was administered by John J. McGhee, clerk of the privy council, who arrived here last evening.

COUNTY COURT CHAMBERS

In the County Court Chambers this morning, before Judge Forbes, the case of Tracey vs. Turner was brought on for review from the magistrate's court in the parish of St. Martins. In the latter court the plaintiff obtained a verdict for \$24, as the result of an account between the parties. E. R. Chapman, on behalf of the defendant, brought the case on for review, and Judge Forbes this morning, after hearing the arguments of counsel, ordered a new trial. A. A. Wilson, K. C., appeared for the plaintiff.

BASKET BALL

The St. George's team defeated Carmanthen street at basket ball last evening, 18 to 8. The lineup was:

Burrell	Forward	Alchorn
Johnson	Black Centre	Black Centre
Burrell	Defence	Black Centre
Belyea	Defence	Stewart
Johnson	Alchorn	Alchorn

MR. BINKS REJOICES

Mr. Peter Binks observed this morning that the people of St. John had two great causes for thankfulness. One was that the rate of taxation showed a healthy growth, running rapidly up toward the \$2 mark, and the other was that so many citizens of transcendent ability were eager to serve as aldermen next year. Mr. Binks said he had never entertained any doubts about the tax rate showing its feet, but he had feared that very few prominent citizens could be induced to enter the civic election contest. Now all doubts are at rest. Mr. Binks says he is personally acquainted with one of the candidates, has several times heard the names of two others, and is confident that there must be somebody who has heard of the others who are rushing eagerly into the fight. He says, "I will be tickled to death with the St. John city council—and so will the taxpayers."

COMING WEDDINGS

C. E. McPherson and Miss Josie Troop and S. B. Elkin and Miss Fanjoy to Wed April 11th.

It is announced that the marriage of Miss Josie Troop to C. E. McPherson, travelling passenger agent for the C. P. R., is to take place on the 11th of April. While Miss Troop's many friends will regret to hear that her future home will be in Winnipeg, they will wish her every happiness in wedded life.

Another nuptial event which is being anticipated with interest is the wedding of Miss Ethel Fanjoy, daughter of W. T. Fanjoy, to Stanley B. Elkin, who also takes place on the 11th of next month.

STRENGTH IN THE STOCK MARKET

MONTREAL, March 30.—(Special).—The stock market showed a continued strong tone this morning. Montreal, Quebec and Dominion Iron, common, were active features. Street was bought at 275 to 34, and all early transactions in Iron were at 32. Other issues which figured in dealings were D. M. Iron, p.f.l., at 81 1/2; Twin City, 118 to 34; Montreal Power, 84 1/2; Mackay, 61 1/2; Detroit, 92 3/4.

AMID THE GLOOM OF ARCTIC NIGHT

Two Starving Tribes Gathered on Frozen Plateau, and Rather Than Starve Deliberately Committed Tribal Suicide ---Cannibalism Added to Horrors.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 30.—Horrible accounts are reaching St. Petersburg of cannibalism and starvation among tribes in Habring, the frozen Arctic plane of the Churchia peninsula, at the extremity of Asia. Most of the reindeer died of starvation during the winter of 1904-5, leaving the inhabitants without means of communication or food. During the past winter whole tribes have died, and members of the Ononons and Olotva tribes, when facing starvation, assembled in council and decided that nothing remained but death. They agreed that each head of a family should kill his wife and children and then commit suicide.

The tribesmen gathered on a plateau covered with snow and ice, and in the darkness of the Arctic winter the Spartan decision was executed, not a single member of the two tribes surviving.

More revolting still is the story of what occurred in a family of the Yukahir tribe. A mother and nine of her children having died of hunger, the father, a surviving daughter and a nephew lived upon the remains and when they were consumed the father murdered the nephew.

A Russian named Dolganoff, who went to the region to buy furs, reported the situation to the authorities at Yakutsk, Siberia. He entered a snow hut of a Yukahir family while the latter were eating the head of a murdered relative.

REV. MR. TAYLOR COULD NOT FOOL THE GENIAL COLLIERY COLLECTOR

A number of St. John merchants have lost owing to their trust in the Rev. W. A. Taylor, who was dismissed last night from the Christian church into which he had been taken just before he left St. John.

Mr. Taylor visited a number of the stores in the city and procured goods which were to be charged to him. When the bills were rendered it was his custom to hand in a thirty or sixty day note. He did this with two clothing houses and the notes are as yet not due.

Mr. Taylor a short time before leaving the city ran up a bill with a well-known shoe merchant and offered to give his note for the sum when the bill was rendered. But one of the members of the firm refused to accept the note and the reverend gentleman was forced to "pay up."

The Times learned today that Mr. Taylor left the city owing at least \$100. In one clothing store his bill amounts to \$43 and in another to \$20.

At one place where he boarded he owes about \$12.

When Rev. Mr. Taylor first came to this city he registered at the Clifton House from Boston, Mass., and it is now thought that he is across the border.

It has been ascertained, however, that he bought a second-class ticket at the C. P. R. office for Toronto.

At the mid-week meeting of the Coburg St. Christian church last evening it was decided that Rev. W. A. Taylor be dismissed from the fellowship of that church. This step was taken as a result of an investigation into Mr. Taylor's past history.

T. L. Baxter, representing Colliers' Weekly has good reason to remember Rev. Mr. Taylor and his fondness for good literature. The reverend gentleman bought 116 volumes of books from the Collier agency here the price of which was \$78. When the first installment on the books came due and Mr. Baxter called for his money Rev. Mr. Taylor asked that it be postponed until the following month. Mr. Baxter informed him this could not be done and the pastor then asked him to call again. On a second call Mr. Baxter found Rev. Mr. Taylor had flown and the books had disappeared. Subsequently the Collier man found that the books had been left with a storekeeper on Brussels street, presumably as collateral for a loan. Mr. Baxter called at the store and although the storekeeper did not relish the idea of his collateral exposing him the astute Collier man recovered the books.

BAPTIST CONVENTION FOR WHOLE OF CANADA

The movement to organize a Baptist convention for all Canada will be brought directly to the attention of St. John members of that church on Tuesday evening next, when a mass meeting will be held in Brussels street Baptist church, to hear addresses on the subject.

On that day, prior to the meeting, there will be a conference between Rev. G. R. White, of Charlottetown, Rev. W. C. Newcombe of Yarmouth, and Rev. D. Hutchinson, pastor of Main street Baptist church, who are the committee appointed by the Maritime Convention to consider the larger organization.

Rev. H. F. Laflamme is the prime mover in this matter, and has set forth his views in printed leaflets, which are now being sent to Baptist ministers all over the provinces, asking for an expression of their views.

In a short time the committee above named will be in a position to state the views of the maritime church regarding the question. Ontario Baptists have appointed a committee and Manitoba Baptists are about to do so. There is at present no such connection between the Baptists of the maritime provinces, Quebec and Ontario, Manitoba and British Columbia, as such a convention would provide.

Mr. Laflamme proposes a Dominion convention modelled on the present ones. There would be one foreign mission board, with headquarters in Toronto, one home mission board with headquarters in Winnipeg; one publication board with headquarters in Toronto, and branches elsewhere, and such various committees, district secretaries, etc., as might be required in the various provinces. The convention would meet annually, alternately in the east, central and western parts of Canada.

The argument is that every branch of the church's home and foreign work would be strengthened by united effort, as is done in other Canadian denominations. The subject excites much interest, and will be fully discussed at the mass meeting in Brussels street church next Tuesday evening.

NEW BRUNSWICK GIRL FREE OF THEFT CHARGE

(Boston Herald, March 29.)

Miss Margaret Ibbetson, a waitress, whose treatment of her "jumping" toothache by the use of pepper and a napkin owned by the proprietor of the Meadowbrook Farm cafe, on Huntington avenue, where she was employed, resulted, indirectly, in her arrest on the charge of larceny, was yesterday discharged after a full hearing by Judge Wentworth in the municipal criminal court.

The grateful young woman was embraced and showered with congratulations by her girl friends in the corridor.

Miss Ibbetson said her employer was angry with her because she lodged a complaint with the board of health about his place, and that in a spirit of revenge he swore out the complaint accusing her of the larceny of the pepper shaker, two cups and saucers, seven napkins and four table covers. She admitted that she took the napkin and pepper shaker to her room from the cafe a few weeks ago and "doctor her toothache." She returned the pepper shaker, but forgot the napkin, which was found on her dresser by the officer who searched her room.

"This is a pure case of spite," said Miss Ibbetson. "I left Mr. Rollins' employ because he insulted me by telling me my waist was unbuttoned when it was not. I never stole anything from him."

William Towne, a private detective, admitted under cross-examination that he had made a contract with the manager of the cafe to sell him the evidence he gathered.

The defendant's landlady identified the table covers which the government claimed Miss Ibbetson stole from the cafe as her property, and other waitresses bore Miss Ibbetson out in her story.

Miss Ibbetson is young and pretty. Her home is in New Brunswick. She had been employed at the Meadowbrook cafe less than a month. She is engaged to marry Dr. Bowman, who has an office in the house where she lodges and the doctor was a witness in her behalf yesterday.

OBITUARY

Daniel Marley

Daniel Marley, one of the oldest residents of Oak Point, Kings county, died quite suddenly on Wednesday last. Mr. Marley was in his usual health during Wednesday, but towards evening complained of feeling unwell and expired soon afterwards. Mr. Marley was a justice of the peace for Kings county, and

RECEIVED BY THE POPE

ROME, March 30.—The Pope today received in private audience Archbishop Ireland, of St. Paul, and the Right Rev. James McGillic, Bishop of Duluth.