



# The Evening Times.

WEATHER  
Winds falling to light and moderate and becoming variable. Fine today and on Tuesday, not much change in temperature.

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ONE CENT

## KING EDWARD TO GET LARGEST DIAMOND

The Transvaal Government to Make Fine Present

VALUED AT \$5,000,000

Botha Will Ask His Government to Buy the Famous Cullinan Diamond for the King—Greater Than Koh-i-noor.

PRETORIA, Transvaal Colony, Aug. 19.—Premier Botha has announced that he will introduce a resolution in parliament for the purchase by the government of the Transvaal of the Cullinan diamond, the largest in the world, a present to King Edward, in token of the loyalty and appreciation of the people of the Transvaal of the bestowal of a constitution on the colony.

The Cullinan diamond has been valued at \$5,000,000. The famous gem was found in the Premier Mine not many months ago by Fred Wells, the superintendent of the mine. He saw it shining on the wall of the excavation and dug it out with a pocket knife. The stone weighs 3,024 3/4 carats, about 1 3/4 inches, and measures 4 by 2 1/2 by 1 1/2 inches.

In addition to forming a good-sized handful for the average man, the stone is of the purest color. It has been said that its value is too great to admit of its being the possession of any private individual. At the same time there has been reluctance among its owners to split it up for commercial purposes, as its equal in size will probably never be found again.

There is small doubt but that Premier Botha's resolution will be carried, in which case King Edward's crown jewels will all be eclipsed by this magnificent gift from the Transvaal. The stone will of course lose much weight in cutting, but even then will cast into the shadow the world-famed Koh-i-noor, now the prize diamond in the crown collection of jewels.

Ordinarily the Transvaal government demands sixteenth of the value of an exported diamond, but in case the gem were purchased as suggested it would not have to consider this big per cent.

It has been said that the owners would sell the Cullinan for half its appraised value if it were to be presented to King Edward.

## THE ACCIDENT AT INDIANTOWN

Coroner's Jury Finds That the Derrick Which Killed Three Men Was Not Sufficiently Anchored.

NEWCASTLE, N. B., Aug. 19.—(Special) At the coroner's inquest into the Indiantown accident, on Saturday, the verdict was: "We, the jurors, find that deceased Herman O'Brien, Wm. Stewart, Jos. Cozmy, came to their death while working in the Miramichi Quarry Company's quarry at Indiantown, in the parish of Derby, by being struck with the wreckage of a boom mast and rigging of a falling derrick, then being used in the said quarry on sixteenth August instant."

"We further find the cause of the derrick falling was on account of the anchorage on numbers one and two guy wires giving way, owing to the anchorage not being sufficient to hold the strain put upon the derrick on this occasion."

"We further agree that reasonable precautions were not taken by the Supt. of the Company in putting down the anchorage."

(Signed) Travis Hayes, Foreman Stephen Hogan, Geo. Hayes, Wm. Hetherington, Henry Garish, Fleming Shaw and Jeremiah Hallahan.

**STOCKS BELOW PAR**  
For the eighth time this year the average price of twenty railroad stocks in Wall Street has fallen below par. This occurred twice in March, twice in May, once in June, and three times in August. The average record yesterday of 95.25 was the lowest yet reached, being over three points below the low of March 25 and 62 below the low of August 12. It is 26.70 below the highest point of this year and 42.31 below the high of December 11, 1906.

This decline is greater than that which took place between September, 1902, and September 1903. Wall Street has never witnessed such a long and severe period of liquidation and decline with so little of failure to meet contracts. This record is unprecedented in its history. The explanation must be that the losses have fallen upon people who have made so much in the preceding years of activity and profit that they could stand the terrific onslaught.

**WALL STREET**  
NEW YORK, Aug. 19.—The stock market opened irregular. First prices were fractionally irregular but the market soon developed decided strength; by the end of ten minutes Gt. Northern Pfd. was up 3/4, Reading, Union Pacific, Northern P. C. Pacific, Amalgamated Copper, Smelting and Lead 2 to 2 1/2, and St. Paul, N. Y. Central, Anaconda and Brooklyn Transit 1 to 1 1/2.

## RUSSIA MAKING QUIET REPAIRS

Czar's Dominion is Doing Its Best to Strengthen Position in the East.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 18.—Russia is gradually, but most thoroughly rearranging her military dispositions and fortified bases in the far east as a result of the late war, according to late mail advices from that quarter of the globe. Formerly Harbin was the centre of the defensive system of Siberia but the displacement of the Russians on the Liaotung peninsula by the Japanese, and the occupancy by the latter of the important spurs from the trans-Siberian Railroad running southward to Dalny has made the existing Russian lines of defense unsafe, and particularly is the only great Pacific seaport, Vladivostok, endangered so far as concerns the line of the communication with Siberia and Russia overland.

Therefore, according to these advices the Russians have removed their military base back into Siberia, as far, indeed, as the great town of Irkutsk which is to be extensively fortified with the town of Chita as its advance station. To carry out the plan for the improvement of communications of Vladivostok, it will be necessary to construct another line of railroad to connect Chita with that fortified seaport, which in the Russian plans is to be made even more impregnable than Port Arthur was supposed to be. This railway will be located in the valley of the Amur River, running as far westward as Khabarovsk, where it is to connect with the Ussuri Railway.

China is also bestirring herself to repair the ravages wrought in her army and navy by the war with Japan more than ten years ago.

## THE CHEQUE WAS MERELY A JOKE

U. S. Treasury Gets "Standard Oil" Cheque for Amount of Big Fine.

Washington, Aug. 17.—When a clerk in the Treasury opened a letter postmarked Toledo, Ohio, yesterday, he caught his breath, nearly fainted, looked again and dashed with it to Acting Secretary Reynolds. He looked at it and laughed.

It contained a cheque, made payable to the United States Treasury, and purporting to pay the fine of \$29,240,000, levied on the Standard Oil Company by Judge Landis in Chicago.

The cheque was signed "The Standard Oil Company, per J. D. Rockefeller." It was drawn on the Second National Bank of Toledo.

A newspaper man sent the story in a matter of fact way to his paper, which immediately wired back: "Is the cheque genuine? Believe it is a joke."

"You're right. I'm not a humorist," he sorrowfully replied.

Several weeks ago the Standard collected \$7 from a representative of the Interior Department for damage to an oil drum. The Auditor of the Treasury directed the company to prove its claim or return the money. The Standard refused to do so, rather than fuss with the Government, it would refund the measly \$7. The announcement so amazed the Auditor's office that it has not recovered sufficiently to take steps to collect the money.

## MOTOR BOATS BEING BUILT IN ST. JOHN

James Fleming & Sons Have Turned Out Some Splendid Boats.

That many fine motor boats are being turned out here in St. John may not be generally known. Messrs. James Fleming & Sons, have just completed a pretty launch 44 feet long, with a nine foot beam. The boat is fitted with Messrs. Fleming's Essex engine and is 20-horse-power. The natty craft is for Thomas Foley of the Miramichi Hotel, Newcastle. It is fitted up in excellent style. The cabin, which is beautifully finished, is commodious with sleeping apartments for quite a party. The boat will be shipped to Newcastle today. This firm lately shipped a craft of about the same size to Norman Boreville of Chatham, and a large engine for a big boat of Neil Neilson at Dalhousie. There are many smaller engines being built by the firm for the maritime provinces. In fact so great has the demand been on the firm that they have been unable to handle all orders.

## OBITUARY

MARTIN CONE, CALAIS.  
CALAIS, Aug. 17.—Martin, Cone, one of the best known turmen in this section of the state and proprietor of Cone's livery stable, died at noon on Thursday at his home on Washington street, death resulting from the inroads of a cancerous growth in the throat. Mr. Cone has been failing in health for upwards of a year and during the past winter underwent a serious operation in a Boston hospital in hope of gaining relief, but the remedy which had fastened upon him, but the remedy was only temporary and it was realized by his family and friends that the end was approaching. Mr. Cone was a veteran of the Civil war and was one of the best known turmen doing business on the St. Croix. He was upright and honorable in all his dealings and had a large circle of acquaintances throughout the state. He is survived by a widow, son and daughter.

**WILLIAM J. WELLS.**  
Friends of Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Wells, of Kingsville, will learn with regret of the death of their little son, William J. Wells, which occurred at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon after a brief illness. Besides his parents he is survived by two brothers. The funeral will be held at 2:30 tomorrow afternoon and interment will be made in Cedar Hill. Death is attributed to bronchitis.

## BUYING THEIR COAL ON CREDIT

Government Will Assist Westerners to Get Coal Supply Now for Fear of Famine Later.

Regina, Aug. 19.—The Department of Agriculture has issued a statement setting forth the arrangements made by the government with the coal-owners, with a view of inducing dealers and householders to stock up with fuel for the coming winter. Some time ago, it states, the Alberta Railway & Irrigation Co., which sells coal, mined at Lethbridge, offered to supply coal to agents, freight prepaid, and wait till December for payment. The Commissioner of Agriculture has since received replies from a number of other large coal companies, who expressed a willingness to make practically the same or even more liberal terms. These arrangements, it must be confessed, adds the Government, to the credit system which has already been the bane of the west, but the peculiar conditions existing this year amply justify such steps, it is held, being taken on behalf of the people to obtain concessions from the several coal companies operating in the west.

The severe experience of western people during last winter established the fact that the only reliable safeguard against a probable fuel shortage in the prairie country is that the people should lay in their winter fuel supply during the summer and autumn months. The situation at present is such that if the coal companies supply the required rolling stock, which they have promised to do, every facility will be afforded the people of Saskatchewan to purchase their winter's supply of fuel. Retailers throughout the Province who have not ordered a sufficient supply of coal to meet their requirements should at once do so, and consumers will greatly assist in the movement if they will buy at least a portion of the coal they are likely to require, and remove it from the dealers' sheds, to provide space for their shipments. Moreover, the dealers themselves, in the movement of coal by promptly unloading cars, thereby keeping them in circulation.

## THE HARTLAND FIRE

Montreal Paper Says Sensational Evidence Was Brought Out at Enquiry.

A St. John despatch to the Montreal Star, under date of Aug. 16, says:—"In the Hartland fire investigation, Lorne McNally, now under arrest, denies all knowledge of the affair, and swears that he knew nothing of it until awakened by his room mate, Dell Boone."

A secret investigation, it is said, has established the fact that the fire started in the Thornton drug store. Mrs. A. A. Tracey, the owner of the building, swore that Mr. Thornton rented the store from her for a general store. On hearing that he was running a drug store and had been fined under the Canada Temperance Act, she gave him notice to vacate the store on July 1st, but had extended the time to August 1st, at his special request.

Mr. D. J. Thornton testified that before the fire Mr. Thornton asked him, whether he (Keith) would rebuild it if he were burned out, and that on another occasion in Keith's store he asked whether he (Keith) were well insured, and on his replying that he had better not be insured, "as the whole thing would go up in smoke some day."

## THE LAST OF HIS LINE

Felipe Ydos is the Only Pulajane Chieftain Now at Large in the Philippines.

WASHINGTON, August 19.—Pulajanism has been eradicated in the Island of Leyte for the first time, it is said since the American occupation, according to advices received at the war department. It is said there is but one chieftain, Felipe Ydos, with three followers still at large.

## A SERVICE IN ESPERANTO

LONDON, Aug. 19.—A service in Esperanto was given in St. Clement's, Dances Church in the Strand Sunday. A big congregation was in attendance, including many of the delegates to the Esperanto Congress, which has just concluded its congress at Cambridge.

H. C. Johnston, of the Canadian Detective Bureau arrived in the city today on the Montreal express with twenty-five detectives who will leave here on the Harper's excursion to the west and keep unruly members of the party in check. They are stopping at the Grand Union Hotel.

## THE TIMES NEW REPORTER

BETTING ON A SURE THING.  
Mr. Peter Binkins was in a prophetic mood this morning, and also disposed to bet upon a sure thing.

"I'll bet you a big apple," he said to the Times new reporter, "that the city council, having had a squabble the day the governor arrived here, will have another one about paying the bills."

## A GIANT VISITOR FROM THE SKIES

Huge Meteor Plunges Into the Sea Near Long Island

MUCH DAMAGE DONE

It Caused a Small Flood Which Carried Away Bathing Pavilions, and Fishermen's Huts and Ruined Much Property.

NEW YORK, Aug. 19.—The World today says: At six o'clock last evening an immense meteor, apparently about 75 feet in circumference, fell into the sea about a mile off the Amaganzett, L. I. lighthouse station. First a roar was heard and an instant later a great stream of fire seemed to come down from the clouds and plunged into the sea in the wake of the meteor. The meteor fell into the water with a noise as of a mighty boiler letting off steam. Great waves rolled in upon the beach. Part of the bathing pavilion was washed away along with several fishermen's huts. Much damage was done to property abutting the water front. Some persons thought the strange incident marked the end of the world. Even old fishermen, used as they are to facing death at sea, were terrified and did not for a long time quiet down. Capt. George Green, who was in command of a vessel at St. Pierre, when Mont Pelée blew its head off and destroyed that city, was sitting on the waterfront when the meteor fell. He declared nothing had ever frightened him so much except the Mont Pelée disaster. From the time the sea was first heard until it plunged into the sea was probably three quarters of a minute. After the disturbances had subsided hundreds of dead fish were found on the shore. These were gathered by boys and peddled by them.

## NO WORD OF CHANGES YET

Officers of R. C. R. at Fredericton Have Not Heard of Changes in Mobilization.

FREDERICTON, N. B., Aug. 19.—(Special)—The St. John River Log Driv- ing Co. rafted eighteen hundred joints of logs at Douglas Boom last week, and 1277 joints at the Mitchell Boom altogether, 225 men were employed, 115 being at Douglas.

George Bronson Howard and R. E. McTavish, the New York authors, who have been sojourning here for a few weeks, will return home tomorrow. The officers of the Royal Regiment, who returned from Petawawa Camp yesterday have received no information yet in regard to the reported changes in mobilization and transfer. A number of men asked for transfers at Petawawa to other companies, but all were refused. Col. Chime and Major East have been granted leave of absence, and officers will be sent here from Halifax to fill their places.

## THE NEW LOOP OPENED TODAY

First Car Sent Around New West End Loop by Street Railway Company.

The southern loop of the street car service on the west side was opened for traffic this morning, the first car being sent over the line at 9:20 o'clock. Among the passengers to make the initial trip were Alderman Baxter, G. S. Mayes, H. A. Brown, chief electrician of the St. John Railway, and a number of other officials and west side citizens, as well as a number of small boys.

The route lies along Lancaster street, through Queen Square, down Queen to Union street and back. A twenty minute service will be given. The first car this morning blew out a few fuses, but otherwise everything went along all right.

## AFTER THE SOUTH POLE

French Antarctic Explorer Will Go South Again in 1908.

PARIS, Aug. 19.—Dr. Jean Charcot, who headed the French Antarctic expedition of 1903 on board the steamer Francais, announces that he is organizing another expedition and hopes to start in July 1908 in an attempt to discover the South Pole.

## PROBATE COURT

In the probate court this morning accounts were passed in the estate of Thos. Smith. Geo. O. O. Otty for the administrator, and B. L. Gerow for one of the heirs.

Accounts were also passed in the estate of Margaret McBride, L. P. D. Tilley for the administratrix, and J. H. A. L. Fairweather for one of the heirs.

An alarm from Box 145 at about noon brought out the north end apparatus for a slight fire on the roof of a small building on the Long Wharf. It was quickly extinguished with little or no damage.

## WESTERN WHEAT CROP

Winnipeg, Aug. 17.—The C. P. R. crop report reports favorable weather and crops coming along splendidly.

Oscar McLean, crop expert, says the west will produce from 90,000,000 to 95,000,000 bushels of wheat. Weather, he says, is ideal for ripening.

**POLICE COURT**  
The case of Hatfield vs. the White Candy Co. resumed in the police court today, when the White Candy Co. was fined two dollars.

## WON A DINNER BY HIS SERMON

Cleveland Preacher Pleases Rockefeller and Gets Himself Invited to the Oil King's Table.

NEW YORK, Aug. 19.—According to a despatch to the Tribune from Cleveland Ohio, John B. Rockefeller was invited to contribute \$100,000,000 to the cause of evangelism yesterday. Shortly after hearing the invitation made from the pulpit of the Euclid Avenue Baptist church by the Rev. Courtland Meyers, of New York, Mr. Rockefeller gripped the preacher's hand cordially and invited him to Forest Hill to dinner. Mr. Meyers in his sermon attacked newspapers, charging them with responsibility for the impression that present day conditions, economic as well as sociological, are rapidly nearing a crisis which might cause revolution. Incidentally he praised Mr. Rockefeller's recent utterance, in which he pleaded for "fair play" for big corporations. Mr. Meyers added his own appeal for a square deal and predicting that "the present attitude of misrepresentation, misunderstanding and criticism cannot longer be endured."

## HIS SILENCE COST HIM \$8

Daniel Collins Fined That Sum For Not Giving An Account of Himself to the Police When Found on Sheffield Street.

Daniel Collins, who was arrested by Patrolman Hughes between twelve and one o'clock this morning for wandering about Sheffield street and being unable to give a satisfactory account of himself to the police, learned a lesson that cost him \$8. When asked by the constable what he was doing in that locality at such an hour, Collins replied that he was a ratepayer and thought he had a perfect right to be on the public streets at any hour he liked without being obliged to answer to the police authorities. Patrolman Hughes thought differently, however, and escorted him to the central police station.

In court this morning Collins said that he had not frequented any of the Sheffield street houses and was simply taking an airing. He had only recently procured an artificial limb and was not able to get along very quickly. Patrolman Hughes stated that he had been told that the prisoner had been frequenting houses in the locality referred to during the past week and had spent all of Saturday and Sunday in such places. A bank book found in his possession showed he had \$400 to his credit in the savings department of one of the local banks and that he had drawn \$25 on Saturday last. This was the only money he had drawn from the bank since June 17th last. The prisoner declared he had not spent this in Sheffield street houses, but had used it to pay bills. He had \$4 in cash when arrested.

Collins was allowed to go to the bank and draw sufficient money to pay his fine. Amelia Francis, who was reported by Patrolman Hughes for using profane and obscene language on Sheffield street, during the small hours of Sunday morning, refused to appear in court, and a warrant was issued against her this morning.

Among those who called at the police court this morning was a colored girl, who asked that a warrant be issued for the arrest of Billy Burns, who she alleges assaulted her in the street. The girl says that she was walking along quietly last night when Burns called her aside, and, after using unsavoury language, caught her by the throat. Burns will be called upon to answer the charge on Wednesday morning.

Charles Patterson, who several months ago was sent in for a term of imprisonment for figuring in a Sheffield street case, was in court this morning on a charge of drunkenness, for which he was fined \$8 or two months.

Gilbert Lauchlin, Frank Nowlin, Wm. Carvell and James Harrigan, were fined \$8 each, also for drunkenness. William H. Hopkins has troubles of his own. Not only has he been reported for assaulting and beating George Webb, of the West Side, but information has been laid against him for selling cigarettes to a minor, Murray Campbell.

## UNWRITTEN LAW AGAIN

Chicago Woman Kills a Man Who Broke Up Her Home—She Has Escaped.

CHICAGO, Aug. 19.—Because she believed he had caused her husband to leave her and broken up her home by circulating malicious stories, Mrs. Bercege Ansolino shot and killed a man named Felipe yesterday in an alley in the rear of her home. Mrs. Ansolino escaped and has not been arrested. According to the story told by neighbors, the woman acted in defense of her reputation and it was her belief that she will not be punished.

## P. E. ISLAND NEWS

A rather unusual visitor to a jewelry store, and almost as out of place as a bull in a china shop, was a colt owned by Dr. Jenkins, which on Saturday night wandered into G. F. Hutcheson's store on Sunnyside P. E. I., and created some excitement among the customers, then gathered. As there was no room to turn the curious animal around without risk of damage it was evicted by the back door and went home apparently quite satisfied with its visit.

The Charlottetown Foundry has been engaged putting together the large steel girders which are to be used for supporting the roof of the new railway car building shops now in course of construction. These girders are rather complicated affairs being made of a number of different sections of steel which have to be riveted together. This work has been ingeniously done by means of a tool made by Mr. Henstis. There are twelve of these large girders, each of which weighs three tons.—Charlottetown Guardian.

## LATE PERSONALS

Mrs. Donald White, of Moncton, and Mrs. Everett Keith and son, of Sussex, who have been the guests of Dr. B. N. Keith of Harvey, returned home on Saturday.

## VICE-REGAL PARTY HERE AGAIN TODAY

They Passed Through From St. Andrew's at Noon

MET BY MAYOR SEARS

The Excellencies Will Visit St. Island and Will Leave for Ottawa on Saturday—Much Pleased With Their Trip.

St. John again had the honor of having the governor-general and party in the city for a few minutes yesterday. Their Excellencies the Earl and Countess Grey, Lady Sybil and Lady Evelyn Grey with their party arrived in the city on the noon train shortly after twelve o'clock in the private cars Cornwall and York and the sleeping car Colombo. A special train was made up here and the party went on to Point du Chene where they will take the steamer for Prince Edward Island, making a brief visit to Charlottetown. From there they will go to Ottawa on Saturday.

Mayor Sears was at the depot to greet Their Excellencies, and he presented to the governor-general a copy of the history of Trinity Church, and Lawrence's Footprints.

His Excellency alighted from the train and walked about the train shed while waiting for his train to be made up. He chatted for a few minutes with Wm. Downie, general superintendent of the C. P. R., and others. He told of having spent a delightful time at St. Andrews, where they had warm, balmy weather for the two days.

The Countess Grey is slightly indisposed today. She caught cold while on her trip through the province.

## SPANIARDS ARE NOT TAKING THEIR PART

Spanish Soldiers Are Loafing in Casablanca While French Troops Are Worn Out From Constant Work.

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"M. Malpertuy, the French consul here, has received a number of emissaries of the tribesmen who hinted that several of their tribes are ready to submit to the French if they are met in the right spirit."

## AN OUTGROWTH OF COAL STRIKE

Unable to Get Coal at Springhill, C. P. R. Will Bring It From Philadelphia.

Tug Springhill, Captain Cook, sailed today for Philadelphia with empty coal barges No. 6 and 7 in tow. The barges will return loaded with soft coal for the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, to fulfill the contract of the Dominion Coal Company with the C. P. R.

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## CAPTURED BY BLOODHOUNDS

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## BIG ONTARIO APPLE CROP

Cobourg, Aug. 16.—P. J. Carey, Dominion fruit inspector, reports the apple crop generally good, and says fruit is of exceptionally good quality, as far as present indications show. The great bulk of the crop has already been purchased by the local dealers at prices that should leave a handsome profit to the growers. Fred Purdy, of Murray township, sold his apple crop for \$900. Mr. Coffey, of Eddy-stone, Haldimand township, sold his orchard, it is said, for \$800. It looks as if the apple output of Northumberland county would be a record one.

A merry yachting party left Millidgeville Saturday afternoon for Fredericton in the yacht Windward. The party was composed of Capt. Thos. E. Powers, Harry Simmons, Jack Stephenson, Harry Young-claus, Misses Edna, Helen, Alice and Annie Powers of this city, and Miss Hazel Grimmer of St. Andrews. They will spend about a week on the river.

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