



The Evening Times

WEATHER

Forecast, north to northeast winds, fresh to strong tonight; fine and cool today and on Thursday.

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ST. JOHN, N. B. WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 1907.

ONE CENT

THEY WANDERED OUT ONE BY ONE

Aldermen Drifted Away from the Council Meeting

NOTHING WAS DONE

Motion on West Side Dredging Was Prepared by Board of Works, but Council Members Did Not Vote On It

There was a very interesting session of the common council, following a meeting of the board of works this morning, which was called to consider the dredging of the Sand Point berths.

The board of works recommended that the contract should be given to G. S. Mayes to do the work for \$28,440 on assurance that the government would reimburse the city for the outlay. There was some difficulty in getting a quorum of the council, and when this was finally accomplished the matter was freely discussed and it was brought out that the contract did not apply to any rock that might be encountered.

Ald. Kelley moved an amendment that the work be done for \$125 per cubic yard instead of for a lump sum, and when this seemed unlikely to carry he moved that adjournment be made until 8 o'clock this evening. On this amendment being voted down, Ald. Kelley announced he would wait no longer and he thereupon left the room. Some of the other members also left, and as there was no quorum nothing was done.

The mayor afterwards said he would call another meeting for 8 o'clock this evening.

It was shortly after 11 o'clock when the board of works met. Ald. Bullock occupied the chair and there were also present Ald. Hamm, Lewis, Sproul, McGowan, Kelley, Bullock, Baxter and Pickett, with Engineer Peters and the common clerk. The sub-committee of the board submitted a report recommending that G. S. Mayes do the dredging at the berths as specified for the sum of \$22,500 provided assurance is first received from the minister of public works that the government would reimburse the city for the work.

Hon. Mr. Pugsley, minister of public works, was asked to come to the meeting and explain what was proposed to be done. The minister said he had gone over the figures with Engineer Scammell and found that a total of 17,000 cubic yards required to be dredged. The estimated cost would be \$28,440 and if the city decided to go on with the work he would include it in his estimates and recommend to the governor-in-council that the city be reimbursed. He thought it was in the interest of Canada that the work should be done.

Mr. Mayes had told him 25 per cent was too little to allow for the difference in the situ measurement and the scow measurement, but the engineer of the department considered his figures fair.

The mayor asked if dredging was to be paid for at the rate of \$125 per cubic yard, if, on it being measured, it was to exceed the sum stated, would the city be reimbursed.

Mr. Pugsley said his recommendation would be limited to the \$28,440, based on the report of the engineer. If the cost exceeded that the city would have to pay it. The work would take about two months.

In reply to a question the minister said, the dominion dredge would be kept on the 100-foot extension which he considered very important. The contractors assured him they were making good headway with that work.

Ald. Kelley asked the minister if the government would assist the city of St. John to purchase a dredge rather than pay the money to a contractor. Would the government allow them, say, \$40,000 toward the purchase of a dredge?

Mr. Pugsley said he thought the government would agree to such a proposal, but he wished to urge upon them the need of haste in the matter.

Ald. Pickett moved that a vote of thanks be extended to the minister of public works for his attendance at the meeting and his interest in its affairs at this time. Ald. Lewis seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously. The chairman tendered the vote of thanks to the minister.

Dr. Pugsley replied, briefly thanking the members for their expression of thanks and said that in whatever he was doing for St. John, he was but following out the lead of his predecessor. He desired to assist St. John and to do his duty toward the dominion as a whole. Mr. Pugsley then retired.

Ald. Baxter moved that the report of the sub-committee be received and that a recommendation be made to the council that the work be done for a sum of \$28,440. This would, of course, be contingent on Mr. Mayes accepting the offer. The mayor and Ald. Kelley contended that the only proper way to pay for the work was to pay for scow measurement at \$175 a yard.

Ald. Baxter said that while the city might make a good bargain, it was probable the work would cost more in this way, and he didn't propose to go on record as favoring any such thing. The city would take no responsibility if the work was done for a lump sum.

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GRAFTERS ARE IN THE TOILS

Arrests Made Today in Connection With Notorious Harrisburg Capitol Job.

HARRISBURG, Pa. Sept. 18.—It was stated this morning that warrants would be issued before noon for the arrest of John H. Anderson, George F. Payne, Charles F. Wetter, and H. B. Cassell, contractors; Joseph M. Huston, architect; Former Auditor-General Snyder, and State Attorney Matthewson, on charges of conspiracy to defraud the state in the construction and equipment of the state capitol.

Each of the defendants will be required to furnish a bond to appear in court. Snyder is here prepared to answer summons. Matthewson is ill at home. The others are said to be on their way here to accept summons.

Warrants were also issued for the arrest of seven others connected with the capitol scandal. This includes all the persons mentioned in the investigation commission report except Ex-State Treasurer Harris, Ex-Auditor-General Hardenbrecht and two others.

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 18.—The arrests are based on the reports made to Governor Stuart by the commission created by the recent legislature to investigate the capitol scandal.

It will be followed by civil suits for the recovery of a portion of the \$9,000,000 collected from the state by the contractors for the furnishing and equipping of the capitol.

In its report published about a month ago, the commission named 18 persons and firms as involved in the capitol contracts, and recommended prosecution of "any and all persons concerned in the fraudulent transactions, named specifically, and all persons who may be directly or indirectly involved."

KILLED WHEN THE BIG GUN EXPLODED

TOKIO, Sept. 18.—Naval Instructor Shin and Midshipmen Hayakawa and Nishimura were among those instantly killed by explosion of a ten inch gun in a turret on the battleship Kashima recently. Lieut. Arita, Fukuhara, and Siguro and Midshipman Kitayama were among the fatally wounded. After removal to the Kurenaval hospital, Arita died. The navy department reports state that neither the gun nor the ship are seriously damaged.

Henry Piers

HAMPTON, Sept. 18 (Special).—Henry Piers, an old resident of Hampton, died at his residence here on Tuesday afternoon, 17th instant, at 2 o'clock. He was for many years a justice of the peace and carried the mails to Millard up to a few months ago. His health has been failing since the first of the year. He was confined to his bed for two weeks and passed away, aged eighty-four years. He was twice married, his first wife being Miss Tremblay, of Amherst, who died in 1880. His second wife was Miss Emma Jones, of Kars, who died in June 1905. He leaves one son, George T., and one daughter, Miss Ruth C., both of whom reside at home, also two brothers, Grant Piers of Hampton, and William Piers of Springfield, and three sisters, Mrs. Seth Erb, Mrs. Charles Scribner, of Springfield, and Mrs. James Brandy of Passaic.

The funeral will take place on Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The service will be held at the Rev. E. J. Grant, and interment will be made in Hampton cemetery.

Mrs. W. H. Arnold

Mrs. W. H. Arnold died suddenly today at her home 11 Hospital street. She is survived by four small children, three brothers and one sister. The brothers are Edwin K. McKay, James O., and John H., and the sister Miss Emma, all at home. Notice of funeral will be given later.

The circuit court case of Turner vs. Traudie Lumber Co. was resumed this morning. After hearing of further evidence adjournment was made till 2:30 o'clock this afternoon.

ter's motion was adopted and the board adjourned.

After scouring around the street and working the telephone, Ald. Lantulum was called to make a quorum of the common council.

The mayor occupied the chair. The recommendation of the board of works was read, and Ald. Bullock moved its adoption, seconded by Ald. Baxter. There was quite a lengthy discussion on the matter.

Engineer Peters thought the contract should have no recess as to rock. It had been said there was rock in some portions and if this was so it should be removed. The contract of Mr. Mayes had a reserve section on this point.

The mayor suggested that the matter was important enough to see the minister about again before anything was done. Ald. Kelley agreed with the mayor. He claimed he was not informed as to what was proposed and could not therefore vote intelligently. He moved an amendment to Ald. Bullock's motion that the figures \$28,440 be struck out and the words \$125 per cubic yard be substituted.

He further moved that the council adjourn until this evening at 8 o'clock.

Ald. Baxter thought the dredging of mud could go on and the question of rock be considered later.

Ald. Hamm—"That motion of Ald. Kelley's is a child's motion. I won't stay here any longer. Put the question."

After a general mix-up the amendment was put and lost, and Ald. Kelley left the meeting, announcing that he would stay no longer.

The members then gradually wandered away and the matter was left unsettled. The mayor afterwards decided he would call a meeting for tonight at 8 o'clock.

COLLINS TRIAL OPENED THIS MORNING

Solicitor General Jones Opens Case for Crown

THE AXE AGAIN

Prof. Andrews of Mount Allison Called—He Told of Stains Found on Father McAulay's Axe and Was on Stand at Noon.

HOPEWELL CAPE, Sept. 18.—(Special).—The third trial of Thomas F. Collins, charged with the murder of Mary Ann McAulay, at New Ireland, in August of last year, was resumed here this morning.

Solicitor-General Jones opened to the jury and spoke for an hour and a quarter, covering the details of the crime, which was committed in New Ireland in August 20, 1906, an idle movement of the prisoner after the murder had been committed.

The first witness called was Professor Andrews, of Mount Allison University, Sackville. Witness told again of the chemical test by which he was enabled to come to the decision that the smear on Father McAulay's axe was identical in character with the paint on the closet door of the priest's bedroom. Professor Andrews was still on the stand at midday.

The weather here is cold, with a high wind, and the attendance at the trial very slim. Only a few witnesses have arrived and those are from the immediate vicinity. The court room was so cold that Judge Hanington directed that a fire be made in the furnace.

CHINAMEN GOING BACK

VANCOUVER, Sept. 18 (Special).—Nineteen Chinese men, who arrived on the Empress of Japan, paid the head tax of \$500 yesterday. One hundred and sixty-one go to the United States and the remainder to Jamaica and Havana. The Empress was quarantined at Nagasaki on account of the cholera scare at Shanghai.

Many Chinamen having money saved are preparing to return to China on the steamer Montague within a few days. Many already have shipped their wives and children to New Westminster. After the riot the local firms put private watchmen over their warehouses adjacent to the Chinese district as a guard against fire. This impressed the Orientals.

HER SCALP TORN FROM HER HEAD

CHATHAM, Ont., Sept. 18.—(Special).—Ada Shaw, 15 years of age met with a terrible accident while at work in the Kent Canning Works yesterday. Her hair was caught in a rapidly revolving wheel, which tore her scalp completely from her head. The girl was at once taken to the office of a surgeon, where the scalp was thoroughly cleansed and sewn on the head again, but it is thought unlikely it will grow again.

AGRARIAN TROUBLES IN SOUTHERN ITALY

ROME, Sept. 18.—Agrarian troubles have broken out again in southern Italy. The troops present are insufficient to cope with the rioters, who already have done much damage to property. There have been frequent conflicts among the strikers, the non-strikers, and the troops and the soldiers have used their bayonets freely.

MONTREAL STOCKS

MONTREAL, Sept. 18.—(Special).—The impetus given to stocks by the Steel-Coal decision has expired today and business related into its previous rather uninteresting state. Dom. Coal showed a decided improvement on light dealings. Selling fractionally under 42 yesterday to 44 bid at the close and sold at 45 this morning. Dom. Steel was unchanged at 22 1/4, with bonds at 73. Other active issues were Rio 42 and Toronto 100.

THE TIMES NEW REPORTER

A BOOTLESS PILGRIMAGE.

The large number of strangers in town today is accounted for by Dr. Pugsley's speech at Fairville. There are persons here from all parts of the province, and a number from Nova Scotia. All of them enquired the way to Dr. Pugsley's office, and one after another they sought an audience with the minister. They wanted to learn the address of the persons who put up half a million as a campaign fund in 1904, and they could not wait for an answer by mail, as they needed the money.

WANTED THEIR DINNER.

Mayor Sears has been guilty of another serious indiscretion. He called a meeting of the aldermen just before dinner time today to settle the question of dredging at the Sand Point berths. It is most important that this matter of cleaning

DR. PUGSLEY THE CHOICE

New Minister of Public Works Elected by Acclamation Today

As today is nomination day for the by-election called to fill the seat of the late Dr. A. A. Stockton, in federal parliament, Sheriff R. R. Ritchie opened his court at 11 o'clock. The only nomination paper received was that of Hon. William Pugsley, minister of public works, which was presented by Walter H. Trueman. Dr. Pugsley's nomination was signed by Wm. H. Barnaby, Joseph Allison, Thomas McAvity, Thomas Gorman, John Sealy, Robert Thomson, James Knox, F. J. G. Knowlton, John Keefe, H. C. Rankine, John E. Moore, E. Allan Schofield, Michael Ryan, Geo. H. Nixon, and many others.

The time for filing nominations closed at 1 o'clock.

Dr. Pugsley being the only nominee, Sheriff Ritchie declared him elected by acclamation.

Dr. Pugsley spoke at some length. He first thanked electors for showing their confidence in him by electing him by acclamation. As St. John's representative at Ottawa, he expressed his very effort to advance the interests of this port. Of course in his capacity as minister of public works he would be obliged to devote much time to the general development of Canada, but he would never neglect St. John, and would work with the idea of developing the Maritime Province ports.

He predicted a great increase in population and business in the Maritime Provinces during the next ten years. He then referred to the transportation question, and called attention to what the government is doing to improve the facilities. He reiterated the charges made against the Conservative party at the Fairville meeting and again challenged Mr. Borden to take action in answer to his statements.

MASONS AT BOSTON

Scottish Rite Masons Convened at the Hub—Senator Ellis Present.

BOSTON, Mass., Sept. 18.—The Scottish Rite Masons of the northern jurisdiction continued their session here today. Among those present was Senator John V. Ellis, of St. John, N. B., Commander of the Scottish Rite in Canada.

A QUESTION OF ORTHODOXY

MONTREAL, Sept. 18 (Special).—A new stage has been reached in the enquiry into the orthodoxy of Prof. Workman, of Wesleyan Theological College. Professor Workman has presented to the college board a statement of his theological position, which will be considered at a meeting at the end of October. Dr. Workman, who was formerly on the staff of Victoria College, Toronto, holds views on the Messianic prophecy and the Old Testament interpretation, to which strong exception is taken in certain quarters in the Methodist church.

HOSPITAL HEADS CONFER

CHICAGO, Sept. 18.—The American Hospital Association began its ninth annual convention here yesterday with upwards of 150 delegates present. The organization is composed of the executive heads of the principal hospitals in the United States and Canada.

Dr. R. R. Ross, of Buffalo, president of the association, is presiding. Addresses were delivered by Dr. H. E. Webster, Montreal, and Dr. J. N. E. Brown, of Toronto, Ont.

ONE HUNDRED LIVES LOST.

SHANGHAI, Sept. 18.—A Japanese steamer, said to be the Tatu Maru, has been burned 3 miles off Ching Kiang, on the right bank of the Yang Tse-Kiang, 45 miles from Nanjing. It is reported that one hundred lives were lost.

The funeral of Wm. M. Jordan took place this afternoon from the residence of C. D. Trueman at 2:30 o'clock. Services were conducted by Rev. Dr. Sprague and interment was in Fernhill.

At the board of works meeting this morning Ald. Sprague holds the director appointed a committee to look into the question of having a gutter put down on Bentley street, in consequence of a complaint that the school yard there was affected by water running down the street.

The board of health report the diphtheria situation as somewhat improved. All the city schools that were affected have been disinfecting.

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THE JURY SCORED THE RAILWAY HEAVILY

Criminal Negligence Caused Death of Richard Bell

IN CALEDON ACCIDENT

As Result of Verdict, Warrants Have Been Issued for Arrest of Engineer and Conductor in Charge of Wrecked Train

TORONTO, Sept. 18 (Special).—"That the said Richard Bell came to death from injuries received in a certain railway wreck which occurred on September 3 on the Canadian Pacific Railway at a point known as the Horse's Shoe Curve, situated in the township of Caledon in the County of Peel. The said wreck was caused by the excessive and dangerous rate of speed at which the train on which the said Richard Bell was a passenger, was being run by Engineer George Hodge and Conductor Matthew Grimes, and who were in charge of the said train and we find that the said accident was caused by the criminal negligence of the said George Hodge and Matthew Grimes, and further it is our opinion that the Canadian Pacific Railway are to blame for putting incompetent and inexperienced men on the passenger trains running on such a difficult piece of road."

This was the verdict returned by the coroner's jury who last night concluded their enquiry in to the terrible railway disaster at the dangerous Horse's Shoe Curve near Caledon, which resulted in the loss of seven lives and severe injuries to many other people. Immediately on the jury's verdict being made known warrants were issued for the arrest of Hodge and Grimes.

After considerable delay the Marshalls received a wire from Secretary Meyer of the M. P. A. A. today at noon stating that President Lithgow was out of town, and, furthermore, no action could be taken by the M. P. A. A. without the concurrence of the C. A. A. U. This, on the face of it, gives the impression that the M. P. A. A. people are playing with the question, in view of the fact that at a meeting of the C. A. A. U. in Montreal on Saturday night, Belyea's case was referred to the maritime body for action. It should be put up to this Halifax-governed body that Belyea must be reinstated or the Maritime club will disassociate itself with them and cast in its lot with the new federation.

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BRAVE ACT OF A YOUNG GIRL

Swam Out and Rescued Her Brother Who Fell in Lake.

NORTH SYDNEY, Sept. 16.—At the risk of losing her own life to save that of her little brother, Miss Jennie, daughter of her worship, Mary Hackett, yesterday performed one of the bravest feats yet recorded in our Cape Breton history, who succeeded in rescuing a human life from drowning.

As was their wont the Misses Jennie and Ethel, together with their little brother Don, yesterday visited "Pot" Lake, where they enjoyed themselves floating on a raft or picnicking on the shore, and romping in the light bush near by. While the two sisters were engaged in doing something on the shore, little Don jumped into a boat, and before the startled sisters were aware of his danger the boy was plunging and floundering in deep water.

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SINGER'S SWAN SONG

SCARED SINGER'S SPOUSE

Police Arrested Strenuous Vocalist on a Charge of Assaulting His Wife.

Singer sang a song after making his wife sing and taxed \$20—for his license as a vocalist but for too free use of his fists.

Mrs. Leslie Singer complained yesterday to the police authorities that her husband, who had been drinking, came home and made matters unpleasantly interesting by giving her a pretty bad black eye and then singing a song. Singer was arrested and pleaded guilty. He was fined \$20 or two months in jail, but after a private consultation with the judge, his fine was allowed to stand against his future good conduct and he went his way.

POLICE COURT

Magistrate Ritchie Fines Both Participants in a Sheriff Street Row.

A Sheriff street family squabble, in which abusive language and slander were charged by both parties, was aired in the police court this morning, and in addition to imposing a fine of \$8 I. C. R. two months in jail on Mrs. Ernest Williams, the plaintiff, and her brother-in-law, Lorne Williams, the defendant, his honor told the parties that if all were as bad as they had made each other out to be, they were "a job lot."

Mrs. Williams swore that her husband, who she said he had said about her, he treated her badly and but for a couple of men who were present, would have seized her by the throat.

This the defendant denied, stating that Mrs. Williams had slandered him and others to whom she said Lorne Williams could not tell the truth if he was paid for it.

Ernest Williams stated that Lorne had slandered his aged father and told him (Ernest) that he would blow up his gasoline engine and him too.

THE PLAYGROUNDS

The supervised playground on the Victoria grounds closed yesterday afternoon, greatly to the disappointment of the children who have spent happy hours there every afternoon from four o'clock until dusk, with an intermission for supper, since the schools reopened. Miss Robertson and Miss Beatty, the teachers in charge, report that the grounds were well patronized and that there was no difficulty whatever in maintaining order. The children appreciated the opportunity to play on the green field and on the swings and teeters and around the kindergarten tables. The only complaint anyone had to make was that there was not more equipment, and it is hoped that next summer will witness another forward step in the matter of well-equipped, supervised playgrounds.

THE FIRST DEER MEAT

The first deer meat of the season came down river yesterday on the steamer Victoria. For the first time, it was a particularly good looking animal, in splendid condition and weighing about 100 pounds. The price now for deer meat, wholesale, at the boats, Indian town, is about eight cents.

Park-Belyea

A quiet wedding took place at Tamton, (Mass) Sept. 18th, when Thomas Park, of Chicago, formerly of St. John, N. B. was married to Miss Annie Mae Belyea of Springfield, N. B., by the Rev. O. J. White of the Winthrop street Baptist church. The bride who was unattended wore a traveling suit of blue panama cloth with hat to match. After the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Park left for Boston. On the eve of the bride's departure from the Tamton hospital where she had been training for a nurse, she was presented by the staff with a beautiful silver tureen and address. Mr. and Mrs. Park have the best wishes of a host of friends in St. John.

PERSONAL ITEM.