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WEATHER

Moderate winds; scattered showers. Sunday, fair and warm.

ONE CENT

NEW BRUNSWICK AS A FRUIT CENTRE

Mr. T. H. Estabrooks Thinks There Are Great Chances

OUR VERY DOORS

Visit to Okonagon Valley Convinces Mr. Estabrooks That New Brunswickers Are Not Making the Most of Their Opportunities

That the development of fruit culture in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia could be made an important factor in the agricultural future of the provinces, is the opinion of T. H. Estabrooks who returned a few days ago from a trip through the west.

Among the places visited by Mr. Estabrooks was the Okanagan Valley, British Columbia, and the region around Arrow Head and Kootenay Lakes. This is the great fruit growing section in southern British Columbia.

"Here," said Mr. Estabrooks, "fruit farming is extensively carried on by farmers who have gone out from New Brunswick, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta, and other portions of the Dominion."

"Many of these fruit growers are pioneers of the western wheat fields, who have made money enough to spend the rest of their days in comfort in this country where the climate is not so trying. Apples, plums and other fruits are grown successfully, and this line of effort is making wonderful strides. It has all been developed in the past three or four years."

"Why could not the valleys of the St. John river and the Annapolis Valley be developed in the same way?" asked Mr. Estabrooks. "In New Brunswick many men are doing exceedingly well in growing fruits. In apples there are unlimited possibilities. In the Annapolis Valley apples and other fruits, as is well known are grown very successfully."

"New Brunswick has many advantages over British Columbia, as regards fruit growing. There is an export market to take unlimited quantities of apples and other fruits. It seems to me that if the farmers here would enter upon the business on the same scale as they do in British Columbia, their efforts would be crowned with immense success. The people here have always had the opportunity for fruit growing, but I am afraid they don't appreciate it."

"Why there are men going out from New Brunswick now, and they are going to British Columbia to undertake fruit farming, when if they would only stop to think and look into the matter thoroughly they could do better right here if they put the same energy and zeal in their work."

"Many of the men from Manitoba and other western provinces, who originally went out from here might be induced to return home and take up fruit farming here instead of in British Columbia if the matter was only properly taken up."

"I don't think the proposal is altogether visionary. Of course they have the advantage out there of a longer summer season and milder winter, but the advantages we have here, such as an export market, land more easily prepared and better transportation facilities, to some extent offset this. I think it is a matter that might very well be given serious attention."

AN INHUMAN FATHER

New York Man Must go to Jail for Failing to Get Doctor for His Child.

NEW YORK, Aug. 2.—Clarence W. Byrne, a salesman, who was recently convicted of failing to employ medical assistance for his six year old daughter, who died of pneumonia, was today sentenced to thirty days imprisonment by the court of general sessions. Byrne was found guilty of violating a section of a penal code which provides "a person who wilfully omits, without lawful excuse, to perform a duty by law imposed upon him to furnish food, clothing, shelter, or medical attendance to a minor, is guilty of a misdemeanor." The complainant was Coroner P. P. Acetelli. The decision was given by Justice Kean, and the whole court was unanimous for conviction and sentence.

THREE KILLED BY EXPLOSION

Naval Gun Explodes on French School Ship With Fatal Results.

Toulon, Aug. 2.—The breech block of 100 millimetre gun was blown off today on the gunnery school ship Couronne during target practice, and three persons were killed and five wounded. The force of the explosion was terrific. Bodies of the dead men were so badly mutilated as to be almost unrecognizable. Three of those wounded are in a serious condition.

The cause of the explosion is a mystery. A number of citizens have complained to the police that dogs are becoming a nuisance in Rockwood Park. They ask that immediate action be taken in the matter.

IMPORTANT CONVENTION

Life Insurance Underwriters of Canada Will Meet in Toronto August 19 and 20.

The most important gathering of life insurance underwriters ever held in the Dominion will be the first annual convention of the Life Underwriters of Canada which will be held in Toronto on Monday and Tuesday, Aug. 19 and 20.

This will be followed on Aug. 21, 22 and 23 by the 18th annual convention of the National Association of Life Underwriters of the United States. The King Edward Hotel will be the headquarters of both conventions. For the Canadian gathering transportation arrangements have been made on the Standard certificate plan. The programme for the Canadian convention is an excellent one. Meetings will be held morning and afternoon at which various matters of importance to the insurance profession will be discussed and it is expected that the convention sessions will be equivalent to a post graduate course in life insurance work and principles.

The convention will close with a banquet on Tuesday, Aug. 20 at which it is expected addresses will be delivered by F. E. McMullin, president of the National Association; W. D. Wyman, of Chicago; J. J. Williams, Toronto; Hon. W. A. Weir, Montreal and G. H. Allen, Montreal.

The convention of the National Association of Life Underwriters of the United States will also be a most important one. One of the features will be an address on the theme "Life Insurance Doomed," by one of the most prominent underwriters in America.

ELECTRIC CAR STRIKES AUTO

Three People were Killed and Two Badly Hurt in the Crash

JACKSON, Mich., Aug. 2.—A west-bound car, the Detroit, Jackson and Chicago Electric railroad, struck an automobile containing five Jackson residents at Sutton's crossing, about three miles east of here, this evening. Mrs. Levi Palmer, Mrs. Emily Pulver and Bernice Johnson were killed, the two last named instantly. R. Adolphe Oliver, a prominent business man of this city, who was driving the car, was probably fatally injured, while Mrs. R. A. Oliver, the fifth passenger, escaped with less serious injuries.

Two parallel electric railroad tracks of the unused Boland line and the Detroit, Jackson and Chicago, cross the country road at the point where the accident occurred. A house and some trees hid the approaching car. From the fact that the brakes on the touring car were set, it is believed Mr. Oliver, who was driving, did not see the car.

INQUIRY INTO A FIREMAN'S DEATH

Inquest into Death of Charles McKenny at Woodstock Last Night.

WOODSTOCK, N. B., Aug. 3.—(Special)—The inquest into the cause of the death of Charles McKenny the fireman who was electrocuted on July 31 was held last evening by Coroner W. W. Hay and assisted by the coroner's jury. The witnesses examined were A. W. Fields, Robert Welsh and F. B. Carvell. M. P. A. verdict to the effect that the deceased came to his death by an accident caused by his taking hold of an electric wire highly charged, but that from the evidence it is impossible to say as to how the wire became so charged was rendered. It was also recommended that the town furnish firemen with rubber gloves to be used in cases of fire.

AMERICAN BOAT WON

The Dixie Defeated the British Boat in International Motor Boat Race Yesterday.

SOUTHAMPTON, Aug. 2.—The American motor boat Dixie, owned by Commodore E. J. Schroeder, of the Autobot Club of America, today won the race for the international motor boat cup in Southampton water, beating the best British boat, Daimler II, by three quarters of a mile over a 25 mile course. The Dixie's time was 1 hour 15 minutes 44.5 seconds.

THE WESTERN CROPS

While Conditions Are Now More Favorable There Will be a Light Yield in Some Places.

Winnipeg, Aug. 2.—The C. P. R.'s weekly crop report shows that the outlook is more favorable than was expected three weeks ago. The weather has been good and recent rains have made the prospects more encouraging. They report a light yield, however, fifteen or twenty bushels an acre in Regina district and twelve to fifteen in the Souris section.

In Saskatchewan damage has been done by hail. The monthly report presented by the Free Press today states that conditions have not improved as in southern Manitoba the prospects are somewhat discouraging. Crops of the middle and northwest portion of the provinces in Saskatchewan and Alberta are all good but late.

Thousands of acres have been ploughed up or damaged by hail in the south and the average cannot be more than ten bushels an acre.

NO CHANGES IN THE CABINET YET

Montreal Star Has An Interesting Story

LAURIER WAS READY

To go to the Country With a New Cabinet But the Action Has Been Delayed—Quebec Situation.

MONTREAL, Aug. 3 (Special)—The Star today gives currency to a report that since the return of Sir Wilfrid Laurier from abroad, he prepared the personnel of a new cabinet which was in due course presented to his excellency for ratification with the understanding that dissolution should follow the announcement. It is alleged that Earl Grey, knowing of the premier's promise to Mr. Borden to hold another session before dissolution, suggested that the plan in view of his promise, should have Mr. Borden's consent. The opposition leader, it is stated, was in Montreal at the time, and intended remaining here for several days, but only remained one day, proceeding to Ottawa. It is not stated what happened, but there was some delay and the announcement has not yet been made. Incidentally it is stated that Sir Richard Cartwright has been making a strenuous kick against the retention of Sir Frederick Borden in the cabinet, and that the minister of militia has strongly objected to vacating the portfolio. It is said there will be no change for the present.

Another item of interest in the Star's article is that Premier Gouin has secured the consent of the lieutenant governor to the dissolution of the provincial legislature, and will go to the country the last week of September. Premier Gouin's speech at Chateaugay at the Liberal demonstration today is expected to be of the programme variety.

CHARGED WITH THEFT IN SYDNEY

Italian Couple Arrested Here at Request of Sydney Police

Joseph Ventresca and his wife, Concetta, were arrested here this morning at the instance of Stipendiary Magistrate William R. Hearn, of Sydney, N. S., on a charge of stealing \$210. Chief of Police Clark received a telegram from Stipendiary Hearn, giving a description of the prisoners who left Sydney last night, and instructing him to arrest and detain them here, pending the arrival of a constable with a warrant. No further particulars were furnished. Police Officer Crawford was on duty on the case and on the arrival of the early train this morning, escorted the pair and escorted them to the central police station. Both prisoners are Italians. The man gives his age as twenty. On being searched \$4.70 were found in his possession. The woman is 23 years of age and has with her a nine-month-old baby. Money to the amount of \$81 was found in her possession.

THEY MAY BE KIDNAPPERS

People living along the Manawagongh Road are inclined to think they have kidnapers in that vicinity.

Yesterday afternoon a party of Gypsies was noticed going along the road in a caravan from the direction of Spruce Lake toward Fairville. In the party was a little white girl about five or six years old. The little one was well dressed and had very light hair, in direct contrast to the other members of the party. This led many people who saw them, to assume that the child had been kidnapped. A gentleman from St. John, who is living near Spruce Lake for a few weeks, tried to locate the party but was unsuccessful.

Word was received this morning that the steamer Elaine had broken down at Brown's Flats on her trip down today and would not arrive until this afternoon. A tug was sent up to bring her down.

AND WAITED FOR DEATH TO DEATH IN OIL

August Mehlig Tried And Served Her Body at Cannibal Feast

A HARROWING STORY

Of the Gross Cruelties Practised by Thanh—Thai, King of Annam—French Government Will Put Stop to it.

PARIS, Aug. 2.—The French government has at length been aroused to the necessity of abolishing once and for all the atrociously cruel reign of Thanh—Thai, the King of Annam, in Cochinchina. It was officially announced that the French Resident at Hue, the capital of Annam, had interned the king in his palace there, and had established a regency consisting of the council of ministers, under the presidency of the minister of justice.

Since last spring, when the king was declared insane a few months after the murder of seven of his wives and a cannibalistic feast on the remains of one, at which he compelled his courtiers to partake under pain of death, his activities have been curtailed, but he has been allowed some authority. The incessant clamor of the oppressed subjects has at last resulted in the action of the French Resident.

The kingdom of Annam has been a French protectorate since 1889. In that year the ruler, Horn Nghi, was deposed for the massacre of the French residents of Hue and Thanh. Thanh—Thai was established in his place. The king is at present only twenty-eight years old, and the sudden acquisition of power turned his head completely. It was not long before he began a series of brutalities that horrified France and his own nation. The king is held in religious veneration by his subjects, and no one dared to attempt to curb him.

Last August Thanh—Thai summoned seven of his four hundred wives before him and calmly directed some of his guards to put six of them to death after torturing some of them into insanity and subjecting them to atrocious mutilations. A few hours later the seventh was boiled to death in oil and served at a royal feast to which the noblest courtiers of the kingdom had been summoned. At the threat of instant death they were forced to eat at the ghastly banquet.

When the French authorities entered the palace they found the king sitting in a room that looked more like an abattoir than a throne room. Some of the women had been strung up to the ceiling by prongs and pinners fastened to their flesh and left to die. Two of them were still runtous out on the palace shrieking in agony. In one of the rooms two of the wives lay boiling in oil vats. Some had been caged with lions and other wild animals and torn to pieces.

It was but a few days before this that he had shot down without cause one of the oldest princes of the kingdom. An example of the absolute authority of the king is the rule which he has several times enforced, that anyone found wearing yellow clothes—the color of the royal garb—be put to death.

The six million subjects whom he ruled were powerless to prevent the cannibalism, and there were loud appeals for aid from France.

A few months after the murder of his wives he was examined for insanity by a Dr. Dumas, sent by the French government, and confined for a time.

Late last year the king expressed a wish to visit France, as had King Sisowath of Cambodia, which is near Annam. Such were the protests of the French press, however, that he was prohibited from making the journey.

NEWFOUNDLAND HAS NEW ATTORNEY-GENERAL

St. John's, Nfld., Aug. 2.—James Kent, senior member of the legislature from the eastern division of St. John's, was appointed attorney-general today, in succession to Sir Edward Morris, resigned. Kent was special counsel for the government in the prosecution of the west coast herring fisheries cases last winter.

THE GREAT ARBITER.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 3.—(Special)—Considerable anxiety is felt here concerning the international situation. There is trouble in Korea and Morocco, and it does not appear that President Roosevelt has at present any particular excuse for issuing a statement. Such an extraordinary condition of affairs is unheard of. However, the trouble will never be tested till the United States settles it, and that is the one ray of comfort visible at this time.

HIRAM AFTER SCALPS.

Mr. Hiram Hornbeam is in town today to see the ball game, in which a team from Hampton will face the city players. Hiram says the Kings county boys can throw the ball a mile and bat it over Fort Howe.

"And, By Hen!" said Hiram, "if they don't win the game it'll be the empire's fault."

WELL KNOWN PASTOR DEAD

Boston, Aug. 2.—Rev. Charles A. Crane, D. D., pastor of the People's Temple of this city, and one of the best known Methodist clergymen in New England, died suddenly at his home tonight from heart disease.

Rev. Dr. Crane was born in Quincy, Illinois, fifty-three years ago. He had been pastor of the People's Temple for several years. His wife, son and daughter survive.

Arthur F. Sladen, private secretary to Earl Grey, arrived on the Atlantic express today to look into the arrangements made for the reception and entertainment of his excellency. Mr. Sladen will also visit Halifax to make final arrangements there. R. S. Barker, private secretary to Lieut.-Gov. Tweedie, is also in the city today on business connected with the governor general's visit.

THE BRITISH JOURNALISTS

They Will Reach Vancouver Tomorrow After Glorious Trip Through the Rockies.

FIELD, B. C., Aug. 2.—Three glorious days were spent in the Canadian Rockies by the British press men who were the guests of the president of the Canadian Pacific Railway. Banff, the beautiful, was reached Wednesday morning and the glories of Bow Valley were fully exploited.

The great coal mines at Bank Head were also inspected. A visit paid to the buffalo park with the cave and basin and other points of interest. The trip up the lovely Bow Valley in the early hours of Thursday and the delightful drive up the mountainside to the lake in the clouds, were followed by a day of mountain-climbing and today the great divide was crossed and Field reached at 10 o'clock. Then came a visit to charming Emerald Lake and a pony ride to the lookout of the marvelous Yoho valley, where a view was obtained of the Takakaw falls which drop 1,200 feet.

"There is nothing finer in all Switzerland," was the consensus of opinion of those of the party who had visited the land of William Tell, "and there is not so much grandeur and beauty there."

The visitors were particularly pleased with the C. P. R. mountain hotels, which they asserted were much better than those of Switzerland.

Speaking of the trip, P. H. Cockman, of the London Morning Post, says:—"To see Canada should be part of an Englishman's education. He knows it on the map, he knows its length and breadth, he knows that it contains a vigorous population, these things he accepts as facts, but he can never grasp the realities of Canada until he visits it, speaks with its people, sees sufficient of its resources to indicate to him the immensity of the rest, and when this has been done, he then understands that Canada, though a very potent land of the present, is even more a land of the future. As for ourselves, not only have we thus learned much we shall not forget, but through the courtesy and kindness of everybody we have met in the course of our tour, we shall carry away with us pleasant recollections of hospitality which shall never fade away."

"I must add a cordial word of thanks to the C. P. R. for the admirable manner in which it has organized our tour and for the excellent way in which it was carried out."

The party leaves for the coast tomorrow and will reach Vancouver Sunday morning.

A MOTHER'S SACRIFICE

A Connecticut Woman Gives Forty Inches of Skin to Save Her Son's Life

GREENWICH, Conn., Aug. 2.—To save the life of her eighty-year-old son Joseph, whom she had accidentally scalded, Mrs. Joseph Graf yesterday submitted to a painful operation, during which Dr. William Burke removed forty square inches of skin from her arms and grafted it on the abdomen of the child.

A few days ago Mrs. Graf slipped and spilled a pot of coffee over the boy. Dr. Burke decided that the burns in healing might cause a contraction which would prove fatal if the cuticle was not replaced. The operation was entirely successful.

MUST FURNISH CLEAN LINEN

In Georgia it is a Misdemeanor for Hotels to Supply Guests with Soiled Sheets or Towels

ATLANTA, Aug. 2.—The hotels of Georgia were raked for and aft in the house today because of the character of the bed linen, and as a result a bill was passed making it compulsory for hotels to furnish clean sheets and towels to their guests.

The measure makes it a misdemeanor for any hotel proprietor not to furnish spotless linen for guests.

The bill was passed largely through the efforts of commercial travellers who have been asserting for two years that they were not getting a clean deal from hotel men.

THOSE CRIB SITES

The Times is informed that its statement yesterday that the new dredge had not been working on the site of the cribs for the 600-foot berth for ten days was incorrect. When a few boulders have been removed the site of the first crib will be ready, and the second one is well along.

OLD HOME WEEK IN ST. CROIX VALLEY

Train Arrangements Made—Many Visitors Expected.

Boston, Aug. 2.—The committee in charge of the St. Croix Valley Old Home Week celebration have nearly completed arrangements for the event and it is expected there will be many reunions in Washington county (Me.) and Charlotte county (N. B.) next week.

Early Monday morning a special train will leave the north terminal station on the western tracks of the Boston & Maine Railroad, and will stop to leave its passengers at their old homes in Franklin, Cherryfield, Unionville, Harrington, Columbia Falls, Jonesboro, Whitteville, Machias, East Machias, Marion, Dennyville, Pembroke, Perry, Eastport, Charlotte, Milltown and Calais. The special will also stop at Haverhill and Dover to take aboard the residents of those places who are going back to their homes once more.

STEAMER NOTES

Steamer Manchester Exchange, Capt. Varwell, sailed this morning for Manchester via Philadelphia.

S. S. Indrani, Capt. Mitchell, will sail tonight for Brown Head for orders.

S. S. Candidate, Captain Booth, sailed Friday evening for Liverpool.

S. S. Ocampo, Captain Buchanan, arrived this morning from Demerara, West Indies, etc., with mails and general cargo. She brought 20 first class and 25 second class passengers.

THE MEMBERS OF LA TOUR A. CLUB WISH TO THANK REV. G. F. SCOVILL AND OTHERS OF CARLETON A. A. FOR THE USE OF THEIR LADDER, HORIZONTAL BAR AND PARALLEL BARS.

THE TIMES NEW REPORTER

COMMERCIAL NEWS.

A customer went down to a wholesale merchant on South Wharf this morning to ask the price of flour.

As soon as he entered, the merchant set out to explain a poor sort he had made on the golf links one day last week. The customer said he had not heard of it.

The merchant seemed much surprised and asked the customer if he played golf. The customer replied in the negative, and asked the merchant to explain the negative.

The merchant seized him by the arm, fixed him with an ardent gaze, and launched into a glowing description of the game.

At the end of half an hour the customer again asked the price of flour. At the end of an hour he asked once more. An hour later he broke away and got as far as the door. The merchant seized a hat and rushed him outside, walked up the wharf with him, and at the corner of the Market Square, he turned him round and showed him a vivid description of a bout he had had with Boogie on the links.

The customer finally got away, ran to his store, and telephoned to another house to learn the price of flour.

The merchant is still at large.

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Mr. Jamesey Jones says that if his claims are overlooked in the reconstruction of the provincial cabinet he will tell all he knows about the condition of the roads in the country and also refuse to buy any provincial bonds. Jamesey is quite hot about it.

Weather report.—Sunshine, with fog; showers with rain; wind, N. E. W.; a depression central at the parks, followed by mosquitoes; wet feet, followed by warm drinks; Sunday—nothing doing.