

**FIFTEEN DROWNED
IN CALIFORNIA
RIVER**

A Man Washed Over
in Middle of
Stream

A PANIC FOLLOWED

Men Crowded Rails Till Boat
Upset and All Were
Drowned.

REDDING, Cal., March 12.—Fifteen men lost their lives in Pitt River yesterday. The men were all Greeks employed on the construction crews of the Sacramento Valley and Eastern Railroad. The Greeks started to cross the river in a ferryboat. When the boat had reached the middle of the stream, the Greeks collected at one end of the thirty-four foot boat, which lost its balance, whereupon the Greeks rushed to the other end. One man was washed overboard and the others became panic-stricken. They ran to the side of the boat, some of them jumping on the railings. The boat was overturned and everyone slid off into the water. The ferryman clung to the boat and swam ashore, but 15 of the Greeks were drowned.

**THURSDAY'S BIG
SKATING RACES**

Great Interest Being Taken In
Meeting of Wood, Logan and
Duffy.

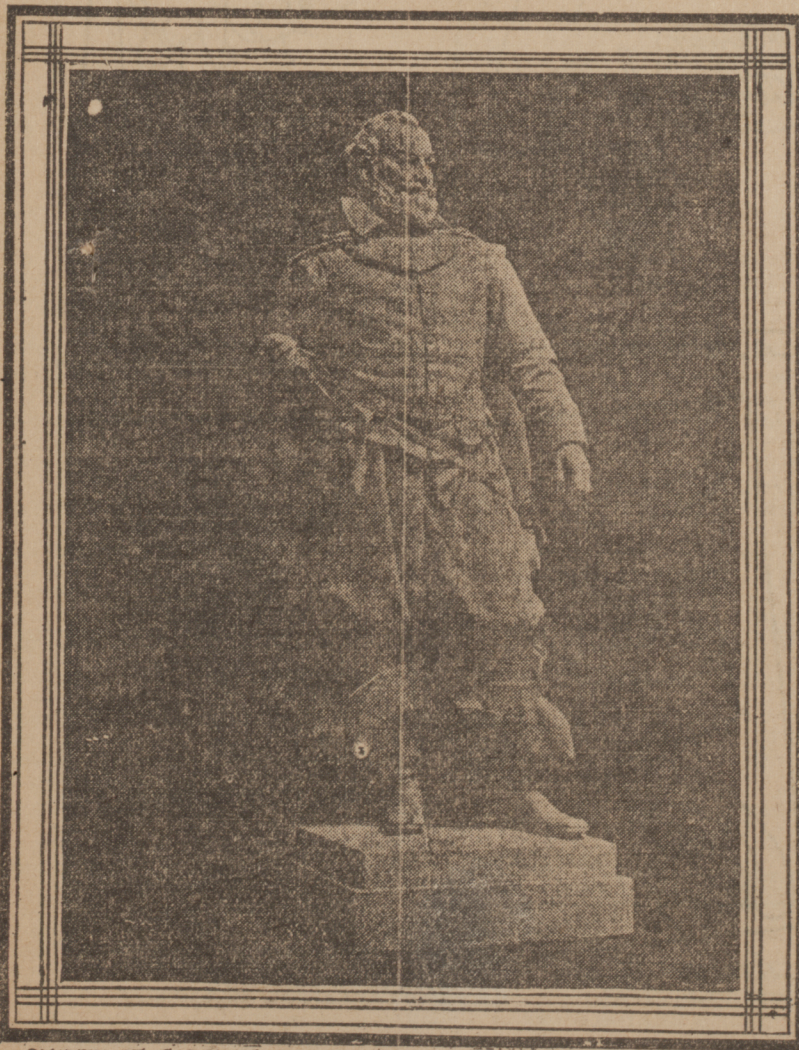
Now that Logan, the out-door champion of the world, Wood, the in-door champion of the world, and Bart. M. Duffy, the maritime champion, are to meet Thursday night in the Victoria rink in three races, enthusiasm is at a high pitch and not a few bets are being made on the outcome. In addition to the champions coming together, the old-timers, Hugh McCormick and Fred Brown will probably meet in a half-mile match race, which will no doubt be the means of inducing the "old-bloods" to wend their way to the rink on Thursday night. The boys are not overlooked and they will also contest for supremacy. As many of the young fellows are coming not a little interest will be manifested in their skating.

Entries are now open at the Victoria rink and applications can also be made to Harry Ervin.

Harry M. Webber, of the St. Croix Courier, was in the city yesterday and returned to St. Stephen last evening.

SEVERAL MUSICIANS ARE WANTED TO form an orchestra. All music furnished. Instrumentation: Violins, Violas, Cornets, Flutes, Clarinets, Cellos, Basses, Trombones, Euphoniums, etc. Apply "ORCHESTRA," Times office. 3-12-07.

WANTED—UNFURNISHED ROOM IN vicinity of Charlotte or Princess street. Address stating terms, "X.Y.Z.," Times office 3-12-07.

**John Smith, in Bronze, to Return to
Pocahontas' Land.**

STATUE OF CAPTAIN JOHN SMITH BY WILLIAM COUPER

NEW YORK, March 11.—To be cast in bronze, a statue of Captain John Smith has been modeled by William Couper, a sculptor, of No. 207 East Seventeenth street, which will be erected by the Society for the Preservation of Virginia

**OPPOSED TO THE
COMMISSION
SCHEME**

Moncton Evangelical
Alliance Sends
Resolution

TO LOCAL HOUSE

Ex-Chief of Moncton Force
Offered Position in
Campbellton

MONCTON, N. B., March 12 (Special)—At a meeting of the Evangelical Alliance last evening the proposed commission for the police of Moncton was discussed and a resolution was passed opposing the bill now before the legislature. The alliance expresses its disapproval of a commission, and asks that at least a vote of citizens be taken before the proposed legislation comes into force. The resolution was telegraphed to Messrs. Robinson and Sweeney.

Ex-Chief Chappell has an offer to go to Campbellton to take the position of chief of police of that town. He will go to Campbellton tonight to look over the situation.

The Dominion Textile Company announce an increase of pay for their employees, to take effect April first.

There is a feeling of relief now among L. C. R. officials, due to the lifting of the freight blockade at Montreal, which lasted for several weeks. Thursday the first step in raising the blockade was made and up to Saturday twelve hundred and fifty cars had been moved.

The freight stalled in Quebec was standing between River DuLoop and Montreal. A local merchant had thirty-two cars of freight en route to Moncton stalled in the blockade.

**FATAL RIOT
IN MOSCOW**

Clash Between Police and Revolutionists Has a Fatal
Ending.

MOSCOW, March 12.—In a fight between police and a band of revolutionists today in which revolvers were freely used, one policeman was killed and two revolutionists were wounded and four others—mere youths—were captured. They were tried by court martial, Premier Stolypin having directed the suspension of trials by drunken court martial after the opening of parliament.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Cartelo desire to express their appreciation of the many kindnesses extended to them in connection with the accident to their little daughter.

J. P. Patterson, business manager of the St. John Sun, and W. H. Golding, advertising manager of the same paper, spent Sunday in the city. — Halifax Chronicle.

**TEMPERANCE
MOVEMENT**

Agitation For Prohibition in
New Brunswick Will Receive
Impetus From Dr. Chown's
Visit.

The movement for the introduction in New Brunswick of a law prohibiting the sale of intoxicants will undoubtedly receive a considerable impetus from the visit of Rev. Dr. Chown of Toronto, head of the temperance and moral reform committee of the Methodist church in Canada. Dr. Chown will be in St. Stephen tomorrow, and in Fredericton on Thursday. While in Fredericton it is possible that he may meet Premier Pugsley and members of the government on the subject of a prohibitory law, although the N. B. Temperance Federation has yet received no word from the government as to their intentions in the matter.

It was learned this morning that an answer is expected upon the nature of it. If the government agrees to introduce prohibitory legislation then the temperance people will co-operate with them. If Premier Pugsley's administration refuses to do this it is altogether likely that the next election will see candidates in every constituency in the province who will be pledged to prohibition, and the battle between the temperance element and the liquor party will be fought at the polls.

Dr. Chown will reach St. John on Friday and a meeting of the committee of N. B. and P. E. I. Temperance and Moral Reform will be held on Friday afternoon.

**BILLS WERE
AGREED TO**

Municipalities Committee Disposed of Four Bills at Fredericton Today.

FREDERICTON, March 12.—(Special)—The committee on municipalities met this morning and disposed of four bills. The bill to authorize the city council of Moncton to give a bonus to the Campbell Clad Company and the Exhibition Association was recommended after Mr. Chandler had explained that the bill had received the unanimous approval of the city council.

The bill authorizing the city council of Moncton to issue debentures was also recommended, after section four, which authorizes the police magistrate to hold investigations and section five, which authorizes the submitting of questions to a vote of the ratepayers had been struck out.

The bill giving effect to certain agreements between the town of St. Stephen and the Maine Water Co., and the bill in amendment of the act relating to a system of water works in the town of St. Stephen, were also recommended.

**A THREATENED
STRIKE ON C. P. R.**

Men in Winnipeg Shops May
Go Out In Effort to Enforce
Closed Shop.

WINNIPEG, March 12.—(Special)—Strained relations are said to exist between the C. P. R. and the employees in the shops here arising out of the refusal of the company to dismiss a non-union employee, the men being determined to enforce the closed shop.

It is understood an ultimatum has been presented to Vice-President White and a general strike may be declared within the next twenty-four hours.

SUPREME COURT CHAMBERS

In the west end expropriation cases of Gordon vs. the City of St. John, and Sleeth, Quinlan & Co. vs. the City of St. John, Judge McLeod in Supreme Court Chambers made an order, on application of Hon. H. A. McKeown, appointing Thursday, the 21st inst., as the day for hearing.

There was a very large attendance at St. John Lodge, No. 39, Knights of Pythias, last evening, in their hall on Simonds street, when the third rank was conferred on three candidates by the team from New Brunswick Lodge, No. 1. St. John lodge, though only a few months old, is gaining in membership very rapidly. Five applications were received during the last two meetings.

Charles McDonald, manager of the St. John Iron Works, will leave Friday for England, accompanied by his wife.

**CIRCUIT COURT
OPENED TODAY**

No Criminal Business To Come
Up, So Grand Jury Was Discharged.

The regular monthly sitting of the circuit court was held this morning, Judge Gregory, presiding.

The grand jurors summoned were N. C. Scott, John Keeffe, Fred S. Thomas, Bev. R. Macaulay, George E. Holder, Fred Munroe, John Walsh, Walter O. Anland, John Smith, Jacob S. Smith, John Johnson, Gilbert C. Jordan, Frederick C. Mead, J. Sidney Kaye, James Keenan, William E. King, William Lambert, James V. Lawlor, Wm. A. Lockhart, Harry G. McBeath, John T. McGowan, Martin McGuire, W. H. Merritt, (foreman) Daniel Monahan.

The list of petit jurors summoned was as follows:—John A. Avery (excused) Jeremiah W. Stout (excused) Robert Catherwood, James D. Walsh, Angus McLeod, John Martin, James Bryant, Arthur McKinnon, James Dawson, John Boscoe, Benjamin Roden, James Wales, James Wilson, John P. Williams, Arthur D. Branscombe, James T. Carpenter, Oscar F. Price, William Heathfield, Wm. H. Dunnam, Frederick A. Estey, Sanford Belyea.

The docket is as follows:—
Non-jury (Remane)
McLaughlin vs. Mahwinney, G. V. McInerney, K. C.

The jury causes entered on the docket are:—
Mary McCallum v. Edward A. Goodwin, J. B. M. Baxter.
Mary Dooley v. City of St. John. D. Mullin, K. C.

Francis E. Haley v. City of St. John. D. Mullin, K. C.
John Walsh, John Smith, Gilbert C. Jordan, grand jurors, were not present as grand jurors, and unless they give satisfactory excuses for their non-attendance under oath before the close of the sitting they will be fined.

Messrs. Stout and Avery were excused from the petit jury on account of illness.

In his address to the grand jury Judge Gregory stated that he was pleased to inform them there were no criminal cases to come before them. His honor stated further that it was within the province of the jury to consider anything of a public nature.

After being out for a few minutes the jury returned and W. H. Merritt reported that they had been then presented to the court.

The case of Dooley v. the City of St. John and Haley v. the City of St. John go over until the next circuit.

The case of McLaughlin v. Mahwinney is set for hearing on Thursday at 10 a. m. and on its conclusion court will adjourn until March 28th, when the case of McCallum v. Goodwin will be heard.

**MAY CHANGE
THE SERVICE**

Effort Being Made To Change
Train Schedules for Coming
Summer.

It is understood that an effort is being made to have several important changes in the train schedules this summer. An arrangement may be made whereby the Boston train will arrive in St. John about 9 o'clock instead of 10.40 as has been the custom under the former summer schedule.

The difficulty in making a change in this train is in the fact that there are so many different interests, the Boston & Maine, the Maine Central and the C. P. R. all desiring to obtain the most suitable arrangement for their road. If possible, however, a change from the former schedule will be made. As announced in the Times some months ago, four new trains are being built to accommodate the traffic between Boston and this city and the service this summer will likely be better than ever before.

FUNERALS

The funeral of the late James Josselyn was held this afternoon at 2.30 o'clock from the General Public Hospital to Fernhill cemetery, where interment was made. Rev. Mr. Stewart conducted the funeral services.

The funeral of Mrs. Fred Vessman was held this afternoon at 3.30 o'clock from her late residence, 21 Charlotte street, to the cathedral, where Father O'Keefe read the burial service. Interment was made in the new Catholic cemetery.

The R. K. Y. C. smoker which was to have been held on Thursday the 14th, inst is postponed in consequence of a bereavement in the commodore's family.

NEW YORK, March 12.—The stock market opened strong. Opening prices showed strong and comprehensive advances over yesterday's closing level.

to the effect that having been disappointed in the matter of skating on the Waldon lot, and having no hills set apart for coasting during the winter, the children of the city may now go in wading on the sidewalks without molestation. This concession is much appreciated, and the only danger is that very small children may get beyond their depth. Parents should take note of this fact and provide the little tots with life-preservers.

By keeping one of the catch basins closed on Coburg street the street department has formed a large pond for boating parties, which will now take the place of snowshoe parties in the city. The forethought of the department is greatly appreciated. Parties must, however, provide their own boats and canoes on this fine stretch of water.

A PROCLAMATION.
The mayor has issued a proclamation

**ONE DOLLAR
PER MINUTE**

David Riley Was Twenty-five
Minutes Late In Court This
Morning and Lost \$25 Deposit.

Eight cases were dealt with in the police court this morning. Most of them were drunks and the majority paid their fines.

David Reilly charged with "being drunk and injuring Patrick McNulty by knocking him down with his team and running over him, forfeited a deposit of \$25. Reilly put in an appearance about 10.15 o'clock and asked for consideration, but was informed that he was too late to redeem his deposit.

When he was arrested yesterday afternoon his horse was placed in McCarthy's stable and, later, returned to the owner at Lacaze.

John Sweeney, charged with drunkenness and profanity, forfeited a deposit of \$8. John Scott, David Higgins, Wm. Page and James Johnston, were fined \$4 or ten days each for drunkenness, and paid their fines.

Stephen Morgan paid \$4 also for drunkenness. Morgan made matters interesting on Main street last night by declaring he was a second Dowie. Policeman Semple thought differently, however, and escorted him to the north end police station.

When searched, he was found to possess \$53.91.

Herbert Kilfoil, who made his escape from the Boys' Industrial Home, was taken into custody last night, and Superintendent Pearce called at the police station and took him back to the institution this morning.

**JOSEPH L. BLACK
HAS PASSED AWAY**

Prominent Sackville Resident
Falls Victim to Pneumonia.

SACKVILLE, N. B., March 12.—(Special)—Joseph L. Black, a prominent resident of Middle Sackville, passed away this morning after a brief illness of pneumonia. He had been in poor health for some years, but was quite active at times.

He was 78 years old. He was twice married, his first wife being Jane R. Humphrey, sister of the late John A. Humphrey, of Moncton, while his second wife, who survives him, was Mary Snowball, sister of the late Governor Snowball. He is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Edmund Burke, of Toronto, and Mrs. E. McDougall, of Moncton, and two sons, Frank B. and J. Walter S. Black, of Middle Sackville.

The deceased was a man of exceptional ability, and for many years played a prominent part in the history of the province. He represented Westmorland two terms in the house of assembly and at the time of his death was chairman of the executive of the board of regents of Mt. Allison University, in which institution he always took a great interest.

**MAYOR McLEOD
TAKES OFFICE**

Fredericton's New Mayor
Sworn in by Gov. Tweedie
This Afternoon.

FREDERICTON, N. B. March 12.—(Special)—His Worship Mayor McLeod was sworn into office this afternoon by Lieutenant Governor Tweedie. He was accompanied by the city clerk and Ald. Hanlon and Scott. The mayor afterwards swore in the new council at city hall.

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George Carvell, I. C. R. ticket agent here received a despatch from Picton this morning stating that the steamer Minto is still in the ice about 3 miles from Picton. The steamer Stanley left Georgetown this morning and has not yet been heard from.

**WARD BILL MAY VANCOUVER SOLD
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DEBATE**

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TO WARD SYSTEM

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**AN ADVANCE IN
PULP PRODUCTS**

CHICAGO, March 12.—The generally congested condition of railroads and the resultant shortage of cars will cause an advance in prices of the manufactured products of the Pulp Association for 1907. This was the result of a meeting of the association held here yesterday.

MONTREAL STOCKS

MONTREAL, March 12.—(Special)—There was no price movement of note in the early trading today. Trading was fairly well distributed over the list, but no issue was largely dealt in. The most active features were Rio, 43 to 43 1/2; Bonds, 77; Dominion Iron, 22; Bonds, 77 3/4; Dominion Coal, 64 1/2; Mexican Bonds, 77; Canadian Pacific 176 5/8; Detroit, 95 1/8; Toronto Railway, 110; Mackay, 70; Richelle, 70; Havana, pfd, 81.

If a photographer took people for what they were worth he would take some people for nothing.

Naturally a girl would rather be beautiful than intellectual. There are more stupid men in the world than blind ones.

When a man is known as a confirmed bachelor it means that a great many girls have assisted at his confirmation.

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NO DRUGS ON
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Druggists Closed Up
As Protest On
New Law

VANCOUVER, March 12.—(Special)—Vancouver drug stores were closed all day Sunday in protest against Lord's Day Observance Act. Doctors characterize the druggists' action as inhuman.

BRANTFORD, March 12.—(Special)—At the spring assizes yesterday afternoon before Justice Britton, the grand jury in the case of John W. Bowby, a well-known barrister, and mayor of Brantford, whom A. G. Montgomery charges with libel, contained in a defamatory circular issued during the last mayoralty election, returned a true bill. The defendant will be called on this morning to plead.

TORONTO, March 12.—(Special)—General Booth spent yesterday quietly at Governor's House. Last evening at Temple Hall the field officers held a preliminary meeting in the series forming their conference with the general which continues through today and tomorrow with three sessions each day.

During Thursday the general will devote some time to public functions. He will speak to the prisoners in Central prison and also meet some of those who are connected with prison work. In the evening he will address the Canadian Club.

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**EX-PRESIDENT
OF FRANCE DEAD**

M. Casimir-Perier Died This
Morning—Had Distinguished
Career.

PARIS, March 12.—Jean Paul Pierre Casimir-Perier ex-president of the French republic, died here today.

M. Casimir-Perier's death closes a distinguished career. He was born Nov. 8, 1847 and served through the Franco-Prussian war, receiving the decoration of the Legion of Honor. He was elected to the Chamber of Deputies for the constituency of Nogent on Seine in 1874 and again in 1878 and 1881. In 1883 he retired. He was chosen under secretary of state at ministry of war 1883-85; deputy for the Anbo, 1885 and for Nogent on Seine 1889. He was vice-president of the Chamber and president of the budget committee in 1890 and president of France in 1894.

Thomas Martin, M. P.

OTTAWA, March 12.—(Special)—Thomas Martin, M. P. for North Wellington, died at the general hospital here this morning. He had undergone an operation on Friday last for gallstones. He was not in good health all session. The last time he spoke in the house was on Mr. Blain's cigarette resolution. The deceased was 57 years of age. He was first elected to parliament at the last general election.

**President Roosevelt's Son Who Is Ill
With Diphtheria.**

ARCHIE ROOSEVELT

WASHINGTON, March 12.—President and Mrs. Roosevelt were given great concern by a sudden change for the worse in the condition of their son Archie, who has been ill of diphtheria. Dr. Alexander Lambert, of New York, and Surgeon General Rixey who has been attending the youth, turned the case over to him. Much encouragement was felt when a bulletin was given out by Surgeon General Rixey stating that the boy was much better.