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THE WEATHER.
Fresh west to southwest winds. A few scattered showers, chiefly at night, but mostly fair, and a little milder today and on Thursday.

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POOR LUMBER MARKET MAY CLOSE LOCAL MILLS DOWN

Conditions Reported Very Bad at Present Time

J. E. Moore Says His Mill May Not Run This Summer Because of Poor Markets

According to a prominent St. John lumberman the lumber industry in this city will be in as poor shape the coming summer as it has been for a long while. The present state of the British and American markets is such, he said, that there is not a great deal of encouragement in manufacturing. Worst of all is that there does not appear any great prospect for an improvement of conditions.

BURGLARY IN MONCTON

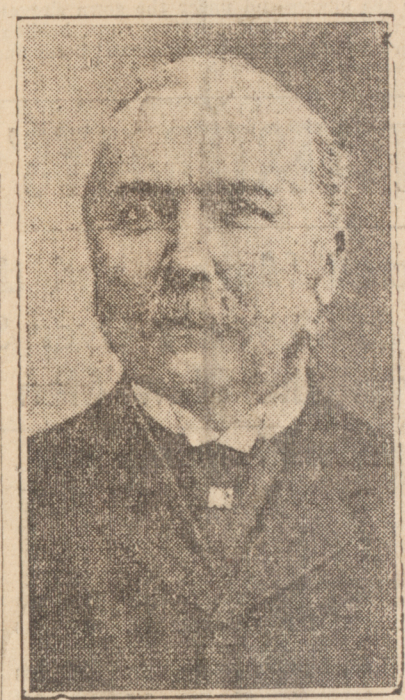
The F. P. Reid Company's Premises Entered and \$50 Stolen

Moncton, April 22.—(Special).—An epidemic of small burglaries has been prevalent in this city of late. A number of business establishments, both in the city and suburbs having been broken into. While none of the burglaries have been very serious and the indications are that they are the work of amateurs, the police have been unable to find the perpetrators of the most serious burglary took place Monday night, when the F. P. Reid Company's wholesale establishment was broken into and goods and money stolen aggregating \$50. The burglars made a search of the entire premises, including the warehouse, which was gone through from the basement to the second story, as the wax which dripped from a candle which the thieves carried would indicate. In the private office the cash drawer was broken open and \$19 stolen. Other desks were gone through systematically, a revolver being taken from Manager Edgett's desk. Papers were littered all over the floor, and even the typewriter covers were removed. That the burglars were amateurs is demonstrated by the fact that they did not attempt to open the safe in which there was \$800. Recently Mark's carriage factory was broken into, but nothing stolen. McDonald's Music store was burglarized a short time ago.

EX-PREMIER BANNERMAN DIED OF HEART FAILURE IN LONDON THIS MORNING

Death Robs the Empire of One of Its Foremost Statesmen-- He Had Been Ill for Several Weeks--Resume of a Long and Honorable Public Career

London, April 22.—Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, ex-premier of Great Britain, died this morning at 9.15 at his official residence in Downing street.



SIR HENRY CAMPBELL-BANNERMAN

The cause of Sir Henry's death is officially given as heart failure. Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman resigned the office of prime minister on April 5, suggesting in his letter to King Edward, who was sojourning at Biarritz, Herbert H. Asquith, Chancellor of the Exchequer and the then acting premier, as his successor. Mr. Asquith was summoned at once by the King, and received the appointment a few days later. Sir Henry was born September 7, 1836. He was the youngest son of the late Sir James Campbell, of Stracathro, Forfarshire, once Lord Provost of Glasgow. He assumed the additional name under the will of his maternal uncle, the late Henry Bannerman, of Hutton Court, Kent, who bequeathed to him a large estate. He attended Glasgow University and Trinity College, Cambridge. In 1859 he married Charlotte, daughter of Major General Sir Charles Bruce. She died in 1906, and from then Sir Henry's decline in health may be dated. For nearly forty years he sat for the same seat—the Stirling Burghs—and his record of office goes back to 1871, when he was financial secretary to the War Office, which post he held a second time, from 1880 to 1882. During the next two years he was secretary to the admiralty, and in 1884 he succeeded Sir George Trevelyan as Irish secretary, filling that office until the fall of the Gladstone ministry in 1885, in spite of the fact that the Irishmen described him as "the Scotch Sand Bag."

In 1903, 1904 and 1905 in opposing the education and licensing acts, Mr. Chamberlain's fiscal policy and the government's action with regard to licensing and to Chinese labor in South Africa. On the resignation of the Balfour administration in December, 1905, Sir Henry was summoned by the King, and formed a Liberal cabinet, himself becoming first lord of the treasury and prime minister. The general election followed, and Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman entered the new Parliament with the greatest majority ever given to a British premier.

THE NEW SHERIFFS ANNOUNCED TO-DAY

They Were Appointed at St. John Recently and Appointments Have Been Assented to

Fredericton, N. B., April 22.—(Special).—The list of sheriffs appointed by the provincial government last week at St. John, and since assented to by Lt. Governor Tweedie, has been given to the press. Four changes have been made. Capt. Benj. Carter succeeds Sheriff Lynds in Albert, Major John Tompkins succeeds Sheriff Hayward in Carleton, James E. Stewart, former sheriff, succeeds Sheriff Robinson in Restigouche, and in Kent Basil J. Johnson succeeds Sheriff Goggin.

COUNTY COURT

In county court chambers this morning, before Judge Forbes, E. T. C. Knowles applied for a summons to set aside the verdict in the Brennan-Hopkins case in which the plaintiff charged the defendant with illegal restraint and which was tried before his honor several months ago when a verdict for \$50 was rendered in the plaintiff's favor.

MONTREAL STOCKS

Montreal, April 22.—(Special).—Stock trading fell to a low ebb today. The market was not waiting on the steel coal settlement. Steel common sold at 17-3/4, and pig. 64. No common 111 7-8 and Montreal Street railway at 182 1-2.

A MEMORIAL FOR PROFESSOR BELL

Brantford Ont. to Honor the Inventor of the Telephone

Brantford, Ont., April 22.—(Special).—At a general meeting of subscribers of the Bell Memorial Association, held here this afternoon, it was reported that subscriptions towards the memorial totalled \$40,700 including the following: Federal government \$10,000. Provincial government \$2,000. Province of Quebec \$1,000. City of Brantford \$500. County of Brantford \$500. Toronto \$500. Quebec City \$100. The directors are to proceed with the erection of a monument to Prof. Bell in this city and the purchase, if funds permit, of the old Bell homestead near Brantford, where the telephone was invented.

THE STEEL AND COAL TROUBLE

Negotiations Now Pending in Toronto May Lead to a Definite Settlement

Toronto, Ont., April 22.—(Special).—Negotiations between Pres. Plummer of the Dominion Steel Company and Pres. Ross, of the Dominion Coal Company were continued yesterday in Toronto, with the assistance of Wm. MacKenzie and Mr. Byron E. Walker. While no settlement has been arrived at, negotiations have so far progressed that the deadlock between the steel and coal interests is gradually yielding to the wiser counsels of Mr. MacKenzie and Mr. Walker and satisfactory results to all concerned in the two companies are distinctly foreshadowed. The negotiations decline, in the meantime, to commit themselves to any definite announcement.

BAD NEWS FOR THE BOARDING HOUSES

Price of Prunes Increasing So That They Threaten to Become Real Luxury

Chicago, April 22.—Prunes threaten to become a real luxury and disappear from the menu cards of many restaurants and boarding houses. Reports from the Sacramento Valley and Sonoma, Napa, Tehama and Colusa Counties in California indicate that frosts have damaged about fifty per cent of the growing crop. Damage in the Santa Clara Valley also is thought to be heavy. A normal crop of prunes will total about 170,000,000 pounds. Last year about 75,000,000 pounds were produced and this year merchants say the crop is not expected to total over 50,000,000 pounds. This deficit is expected to send prices skyward.

LIQUOR LICENSE CASE BEFORE SUPREME COURT

Question of Liquor Licenses in Prince Ward Agreed at Length This Morning

Fredericton, N. B., April 21.—(Special).—The case of Wm. Jamieson vs. the Liquor License Commissioners of St. John was argued before the supreme court this morning, occupying a little over two hours. Attorney-General Hazen appeared for Jamieson and the commissioners were represented by C. N. Skinner, K.C., and J. B. M. Baxter. The facts of the case were agreed upon by the counsel and the opinion of the court was asked on the following question: "How many tavern licenses are the said commissioners authorized by law to issue in Prince ward, St. John, the population being 4,760, as herein stated." The Attorney-General made the opening argument and quoted from section 19 of the Liquor License Act to show that one license can be issued for each 250 of the first 1,000 of the population and one for each full five hundred of the remaining population. He claimed that last year the commissioners had issued fourteen licenses in Prince ward whereas the number should, under the law, have been eleven. If every ward in the city except one should adopt prohibition it was absurd to say that the maximum number of 75 licenses allowed the city could all be issued in the remaining ward. Yet that was practically the contention set up on behalf of the commissioners.

FUNERALS

The funeral of Miss Charlotte Hart was held from the residence of George U. Hay, Leinster street this afternoon at 2.30. Service was conducted by Rev. W. W. McMaster, Rev. W. Camp and Rev. Gordon Dickie. Interment was at Fernhill.

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streets, clean alleys, and a general aspect of smartness. I am wedded to the old ways and the old customs at City Hall."

REVISORS APPOINTED

Fredericton, N. B., April 22.—(Special).—The appointments of revisors include the following:—The city and county of St. John, Solomon E. Logan; city of St. John, Manford Scholes, St. Martins; Alexander F. Willis, Simonds; John Irvine, Lancaster, E. S. Clineh, Musquash.

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INVESTIGATE NORTH STREET SAYS POLICE MAGISTRATE

F. L. POTTS BUYS MARKET TOLLS

An Intimation That All is Not Right There

Sale of Market Revenues and Stalls Yields More Than Last Year

Mr. Ritchie Suggests That a Halifax Expert Might Very Well Make a Report on It

The annual sale of the market revenues and stalls this morning resulted in a considerable increase in the total sum realized. The total amount received last year was \$4,600, while this year \$5,498 was the total. For the privilege of collecting the market tolls, F. L. Potts has to pay this year \$2,810 as compared with \$4,135 last year. The bidding between Mr. Potts and O. B. Akers was very keen.

	1908	1907
Market Tolls—F. L. Potts	\$4,810	\$4,135
Commission Stalls:		
A—D. J. Hamilton	61	61
B—T. F. Granville	61	61
C—James E. Earle	61	61
D—H. S. Hammond	61	61
E & F—Jas. E. Quinn	121	121
G—G. W. Fenwick	38	38
H—G. W. Fenwick	39	39
I—P. L. Campbell & L. W. McGrath	55	51
J—Jas. Reicher	31	31
K—W. W. Howe	59	59
L—Armstrong & Hatfield	55	31
M to P—Not sold	—	—
Scales at York Point	—	—
G. M. Robinson	26	26
	5,498	4,600

Judge Ritchie thinks that an investigation into conditions existing in some of the houses in North street might furnish material for an interesting report, but whether or not any action will be taken in this direction remains to be seen. His honor's remark is an outcome of the case against Walter Nairn, a North street resident, who was last night arrested by Patrolman Orlando C. Ward, on a warrant charging him with assaulting his wife, and who, at this morning's session of the police court was adjudged guilty and fined \$20 or two months in jail with hard labor.

WEDDINGS

Wickwire—Laechler

A wedding in which many St. John people will be interested takes place at the residence of the bride's parents, 83 Temple street, Dorchester, Mass., today, when Miss Lena L., youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Laechler, formerly residents of this city, will be married to James William Wickwire, of Boston.

NOT SUFFICIENT CARE EXERCISED

More Information About Quebec Bridge Laid Before Parliament

Ottawa, April 22.—(Special).—A further appendix to the report of the royal commission, which enquired into the collapse of the Quebec bridge, has been laid before parliament. It amplified its previous condemnation of the Quebec Bridge Company's method, pointing out in the first place, that the method adopted by the company of procuring tenders by issuing a general specification and calling upon contractors to prepare plans in accordance, was not in the best interest of the work. Owing to the inactivity of the company, the contractors had little assurance that they would get any return for their expenditure of time and money upon the preparation of plans. The latter task should have been entrusted to engineers independent of any contracting or manufacturing company.

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A still alarm was sent to No. 2 fire station this morning at 10.30 o'clock for a slight blaze in the house, corner of Padlock and Coburg streets, occupied by Ex-Alderman MacRae. The chemical engine responded and put out the fire.

MR. BINKS IS RELIEVED

Mr. Peter Binks said this morning that his faith in the stability of Canadian institutions had been greatly strengthened by the result of yesterday's civic elections. That time-honored phrase "the mutability of human affairs," is less formidable now. There is one institution to which it does not relate. The St. John city council knows no shadow of change, but survives the shocks of time and circumstance. It is the same yesterday, today and forever. "It is better so," said Mr. Binks to the Times new reporter this morning. "I am not a lover of change. I would like to know that my grandchildren may play hide-and-seek in the same holes in the streets that sheltered my children and me. I have grown to love the streets with-

HIRAM'S EXPERIENCE

Mr. Hiram Hornbeam is suffering somewhat from a weak side this morning. He was in town yesterday and strolled round among the polling booths to see how a civic election was carried on. Somewhat to his surprise he found unexpected friends everywhere, who insisted on shaking hands and asking him for a vote. The warmth of the welcome he received everywhere might have affected his bump of self-esteem but for the cold wave that followed his announcement that he was not a voter in this town. On the whole, he had a very interesting day.

