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THE WEATHER.
Fresh northwest winds, fine and cool; Thursday, light to moderate winds, fine and a little warmer.

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ENQUIRY INTO HODGINS CHARGES TO BE DROPPED

Unlikely That Charges of Graft in G.T.P. Construction Will be Pushed—Final Decision However Adjourned Until Tomorrow.

Ottawa, Ont., June 17 (Special).—As was expected the enquiry into the Hodgins charges failed to go on this morning. The final decision as to the course to be pursued, however, has been deferred until tomorrow.

The first incident of the brief morning sitting was the announcement of Frank Hodgins, K.C., of his retirement from the case. He said that he had decided that it was not necessary for him to re-examine the major and that with his permission he would retire.

Mr. E. M. MacDonald suggested that the committee adjourn till tomorrow in order to give the members an opportunity to consider the situation. He would like to look up the authorities. It was possible that it might be found desirable to go further into the matter on certain lines.

Mr. Carvell objected. Before adjournment the members of the committee might state their positions he thought.

Mr. S. Barker who was unable to be present yesterday, thereupon remarked, "Before we have had time to make up our minds."

Mr. Houghton-Lennox, the other conservative member of the committee thought Mr. MacDonald's suggestion to adjourn was eminently proper.

Mr. Carvell was opposed to the eternal delay. It would seem he said as if all the members of the committee were in league to kill time.

Mr. Lennox characterized this as a highly improper remark. He had always been ready to go on with the enquiry, but a delay in view of the unexpected development was the only proper course.

Mr. Baker remarked that Mr. Carvell was so rapid that he could make up his mind before other members of the committee; as for himself he wanted time to consider. Chairman Geoffrion decided with the majority of the committee and an adjournment was taken till 3 p. m. Thursday.

FATHER KILLS HIS SON'S ASSAILANTS

Wealthy Wine Merchant in N.w Orleans Kills Three Men Who Attempted to Rob His Son.

New Orleans, June 17.—Petro Giacot, a wealthy wine merchant, killed three Italians who were attempting to force his son to give them a sum of money and his watch early today. The shooting occurred at the home of Giacot.

WILL START JUNE 30

Washington, June 16.—The battleship New Hampshire will leave New York June 30 for Quebec, where it is to be present during the tercentenary celebration of the founding of that city in July.

Lieut. Commander David F. Zellers, of the Bureau of Navigation, has been assigned as aide to Rear Admiral Cordes, who goes on the New Hampshire to Quebec to represent the United States navy. It will be Admiral Cordes' first and last service as an officer in the navy, as he retires in August.

Vice-President Fairbanks will go to Quebec on the vessel as the president's guest.

FIRE IN HARNESS STORE

Lewiston, Me., June 16.—Fire which started tonight in the basement of Fogg & Merrick's harness and leather goods dealer, did damage to the extent of \$18,000. There is partial insurance. Other losers were F. H. White and J. F. Boothby, who owned the building which was badly gutted; A. H. Mears, confectionery store, and Mrs. E. A. Skelton, boarding house. F. H. White's stock in his tailor shop was also considerably damaged. The fire is believed to have started from a defective gas jet.

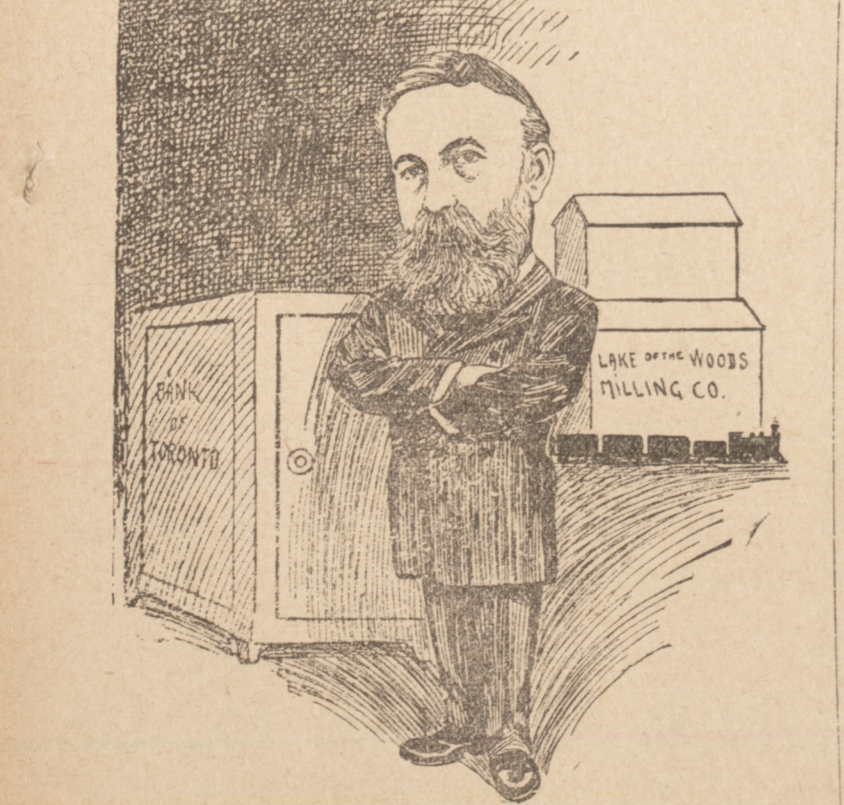
HONORS FOR TAFT'S DAUGHTER

Washington, June 16.—Secretary Taft received information today that his young daughter, Helen Heron Taft, who graduated early in June from the Baldwin school at Bryn Mawr, has won the Pennsylvania scholarship for the best entrance examination to Bryn Mawr college.

Miss Taft will enter Bryn Mawr next September.

PROMINENT CANADIANS PICTURED IN CARTOONS

(By the Canadian Newspaper Cartoonist Association)



Robert Meichen, President of the Lake of the Woods Milling Company, Director of the C. P. R. and a Prominent Canadian Business Man.

HOW MARINE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS WASTED MONEY; EXTRAVAGANCE AND GRAFT

Government Paid \$100,000 Too Much for Fog Signals—Silverware Bought From Government "Friends" and Then put in Storage—Important Statement From Judge Cassels.

Ottawa, June 17 (Special).—The grave situation brought in connection with the Marine Department dealings with the government drew an important statement from Judge Cassels in the resumption of the enquiry this morning. He said it had been shown that half a million had been spent on diaphones and silverware. The mechanism that cost \$700 for allowing for royalty and a 50 per cent profit, was sold for \$4,000.

Under the patent act, where excessive prices were charged, the patent could be voided or the government could itself

do the manufacturing and pay an allowance to the company on the basis of a 50 per cent profit. All the government should have paid was \$25,000. Instead of that it had paid \$125,000. The judge concluded by asking the counsel to continue the inquiry as soon as possible on this line, including the agreements with the Canadian Fog Signal Co.

Mr. Cassels said the books produced were muddled. He promised to follow the judge's suggestion.

B. H. Fraser, engineer of the department, was recalled and reaffirmed that while having to do with the buying of

diaphones the cost had not been considered. That, he argued, was for his superior. In his further examination it was shown that three pieces in Lake St. Peter built by the department had been swept away by reason of defective construction. B. H. Fraser then had to do with buying the fog signals and again deposed that he had not enquired into the price.

Auditor General Fraser gave evidence about contracts for supplies being awarded without tender and at retail prices. Silver ware for government steamers had been bought from people outside the business and then put away in a storehouse.

MR. FISHER INTRODUCES HIS CIVIL SERVICE BILL

If it Carries All Appointments to Canadian Civil Service Will be Made by Merit in Open Competitive Examination.

Ottawa, June 17 (Special).—Hon. Mr. Fisher today in the house introduced his civil service bill. It nominates a permanent commission of works and will fix the examination and salary as well as appoint upon increase of salary.

All appointments are to be by open competitive examination and in order of merit.

This bill will bring the Ottawa civil service permanently under the act. Any or all other outside services will be brought under the act from time to time by order in council.

Considerable change is made in the classification, the details of which have already been published. The old act will still apply to all the outside service until it is brought in part or whole under the new act. Thus the whole postal service for instance could be brought at once

under the operations of the act if deemed advisable.

The change in classification includes considerable change in salaries the statutory increase will be \$50 a year, which will in special cases be increased to \$100. All promotions and all increases of salary are upon certificates of the commissioners. These certificates will be based upon careful records of each clerk's work. Temporary clerks may not be employed for more than six months in one year.

No provision is made for superannuation and separate legislation will provide for this.

Mr. Borden said that while he could approve of the new bill he thought it a grave mistake that the outside service, by far the greater part of the service, was for the present left entirely outside its provisions. He also thought provision should have been made for some form of superannuation.

PASSENGERS LEFT BEHIND

More Than 1,000 Steerage Passengers Could not get Accommodation on European Steamer.

New York, June 17.—More than a thousand persons holding steerage tickets for European ports were left behind by the steamer Potsdam when she sailed today with her steerage accommodations filled to their capacity of 2,000. A thousand more who were unable to find accommodations on the ship were told that they would be taken on the next outgoing boat, but many of them made determined efforts to get on board the Potsdam. They were held in check by a large force of policemen which had been summoned to the pier, however, and the boat they got was a sight of the ship as with swarming decks she dropped out into the stream and started on her voyage.

MONCTON NEWS

Reported Wreck on Shippegan Coast—A Pretty Wedding—New Move in Imperial Coal Co. Affairs.

Moncton, N. B., June 17 (Special).—Word was received here yesterday of the wreck on the Shippegan Coast of the schooner O'Neil. Owing to the lack of communication no particulars could be obtained.

An interesting wedding event took place at one o'clock at St. George's Episcopal Church, when Miss Emma McLeod a former member of the Moncton school teaching staff, was married to Francis Stevens, maritime province representative of the Ontario Windmill and Pump Co. The bride wore a becoming gown of pearl white and carried a bouquet of roses. Miss Margaret Haines was flower girl. Rev. W. B. Sissam performed the ceremony.

Before leaving Moncton yesterday afternoon Henry O'Neill a New York merchant was served with a supreme court writ issued at the instance of the Imperial Coal Co., Ltd., which will claim damages from him. It is understood the claim for damages arose from the alleged refusal of O'Neill to perform his duties as president of the company and to deliver up the bonds of the company.

NEWS FROM FREDERICTON

Daughter of J. H. Crockett Married This Afternoon to William E. Trites.

Fredericton, June 17.—(Special).—Salmanna, the residence of J. H. Crockett, managing director of the Gleaner, Ltd., was the scene of a pretty wedding this afternoon when his eldest daughter, Elsie M., became the wife of William E. Trites, B.Sc., son of Contractor A. E. Trites, of Salsbury.

Rev. Willard MacDonald performed the ceremony in the presence of relatives and immediate friends.

The bride was given in marriage by her father and was unattended. She was becomingly attired in a blue cloth traveling suit with hat to match. At the conclusion of the ceremony, a wedding supper was served. The bride was the recipient of a number of valuable presents, including a diamond ring from the bridegroom.

The happy couple will leave this evening on a two months' trip to the Eastern States and Upper Canadian points. They will visit Atlantic City and will attend the Quebec tercentenary before proceeding to Salsbury to take up their abode.

At the Baptist parsonage yesterday afternoon Rev. J. H. MacDonald performed the ceremony of uniting in marriage Robert J. Wilson, of Littleton, Maine, and Mrs. Henrietta Plant, of Prince William.

Surgeon General Grimmer is here to attend a meeting of the government called for this evening.

Premier Hazen, accompanied by his son and daughter J. King Hazen and Miss Hazen and Surveyor General Grimmer and Mrs. Grimmer are to leave July 1st on a fishing and canoeing trip to the Tobique. They go as the guests of the New Brunswick Guides Association.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Hartt Boot and Shoe Company is to be held at four o'clock this afternoon.

The directors will report that the past year has been the most successful in the company's history. The output was \$270,000 and goods were sold in every province of Canada.

The directors will recommend the payment of a dividend on capital stock. The company was established nine years ago and has not previously paid dividends. The old board of directors will likely be re-elected.

ANOTHER RIVER STEAMER BURNED TO WATER'S EDGE

S. S. Aberdeen Burned at Her Wharf at Cole's Island Early this Morning—Crew of Eight Escaped—Loss Estimated at \$4,000.

Word was received this afternoon when the steamer Sincennes arrived at Indian-town that the steamer Aberdeen which runs between this city and Cole's Island, Washedemoak, was burned to the water's edge while at her wharf at Cole's Island about 1 o'clock this morning.

All the members of the crew got off the boat in safety, though the fire, coming as it did at midnight, caught the hands in bed and they escaped in great haste.

It is not known how the fire originated, but it was first noticed by James Hutchinson who saw smoke issuing from the bow of the steamer. He immediately gave the alarm and all escaped in safety, though they lost all their clothes and property.

There were eight people on the steamer at the time. They were: Capt. Perry, Mrs. McLeod, stewardess; Mrs. Cody, cook; Wm. Price, fireman; Jas. Hutchinson, engineer; and Thorne brothers, deckhands.

Hutchinson tells that the fires were out

so that the conflagration could not have started from the boilers, especially in view of the fact that the fire was first noticed away forward of the boilers.

Mrs. McLeod, the stewardess, had a very narrow squeak in getting off the steamer, she having to jump from the deck to the wharf, where she was caught by Hutchinson.

The steamer is a total loss.

It is somewhat of a coincidence that it was just about a year ago that the Crystal Stream was burned at the same place. She was burned on June 21. The new steamer Sincennes was lying alongside the Aberdeen when she was burning but hauled away in safety and was not injured.

It is understood that the Aberdeen was bought by her present owners for \$4,000. The owners are: Captain Perry, Capt. John E. Porter, Dr. Judson Hetherington, Mr. Stevens and others. The insurance is not known, but it is believed she was fairly well covered.

MR. DAVIS CLAIMS HE WAS TAKEN ILL

Fredericton Man Declares he Did Not Try to Leap From Suspension Bridge

R. P. Davis, who with James MacRae of Fredericton, was a caller at the Times office this morning, denied absolutely the recently published report that he attempted to jump from the suspension bridge and end his life. He also contradicted the report that he had borrowed \$75 from Mr. MacRae.

Mr. Davis says that he went to the suspension bridge, not having seen the falls for a number of years and having been overcome by a fit of dizziness, clung to the bridge for support. The next thing he knew, he was seized from behind and shortly afterwards arrested and charged with attempting suicide.

Mr. MacRae told the Times that Mr. Davis was a friend of his, and that on hearing he was incarcerated in jail he came here from Fredericton to assist him in any way that he could. He also denies having loaned Mr. Davis seventy-five dollars.

Mr. Davis, who since being discharged from custody, has been staying with James Lyons, of Milford, who is a relative, adds that he and Mr. MacRae will have for Fredericton, and want it understood that neither of them are "running away."

CIRCUIT COURT

Criminal Cases Taken up This Morning—Prisoners Guilty and Remanded for Sentence.

The case of the King vs. George and Mattie Lee, charged with stealing a pocket-book containing \$57 from Percy Barnett, was resumed in the circuit court before Judge White this morning and after hearing of evidence, both prisoners were convicted.

William Rogers, charged with obtaining goods under false pretences from D. J. Purdy, was also brought into court and pleaded guilty, but was not sentenced.

The case of the King vs. Agnes Cunningham, charged with stealing \$70 from Alexander Beaudreau, will probably be taken up on Friday.

HALIFAX AMATEURS COMING

Halifax, N. S., June 17 (Special).—The company of Halifax amateurs who gave such a fine performance of the "Bohemian Girl" here last week, are to go to St. John for performances on June 29th, 30th and July 1st. The production is a splendid one in every respect.

REPUBLICAN CONVENTION GETS DOWN TO BUSINESS

Chicago, June 17.—Down to business at last the Fourteenth Republican National Convention entered upon its second day with several important factors unsettled and with trouble enough in sight to make it practically certain that at least two days more must be consumed before nominations can be made and the work of the convention completed. There was a striking contrast last night between the gaiety of the crowds in the hotel corridors and idly strolling away from the time and the grim struggle in which the most important standing committees were engaged. The hotels were scenes of what might be called harmless riot, everywhere were the little groups of wisecracks laying down political law and gospel with that incomparable solemnity which is the unerring mark of the rear rank delegate at a political convention. Meanwhile the real questions immediately at issue were being thrashed out in the committees on resolutions and credentials. The proposed plank in the platform relating to the limitation of the use of court injunctions in labor controversies was one of the principal bones of contention. The committee referred the question to a sub-committee, and the sub-committee later in the evening adjourned until this morning.

Until that time surface indications pointed to a long and bitter struggle. Late in the night, however, it became known that a compromise was likely. That efforts were making to get together on an injunction plank fairly acceptable to all the various elements in the subject.

All night the committee on credentials ploughed through the long line of contestants and few were much surprised to find that all of the decisions confirmed

THEY DROVE TOO FAST

Wm. H. Coleman Fined \$8 for Furious Driving on Suspension Bridge—Another Case Set Aside.

William H. Coleman of the White House lunch wagon, appeared in the police court this morning when he was fined \$8 for furious driving on the suspension bridge on Sunday last. When called upon to answer the charge, Mr. Coleman said that the horse became unmanageable. His honor observed that according to law the fine for driving on the bridge faster than a walk was forty shillings and pointed out that a recent addition to the regulations provided that no automobile must pass over the bridge at a speed greater than a mile in fifteen minutes.

Carl Peters and George Lavigne were before the court for furious driving between the one mile house and Keirstead's corner. Both young men said it was customary to have a little "brush" on that part of the road and had no idea that they were breaking the law. The case was set aside for the present.

HE CHOKED SEGT. ROSS

And Now William Waugh Must Answer for his Fun in the Police Court.

William Waugh, aged 23 years, was this morning arrested on a charge of assaulting Sergeant Jacob Ross by seizing him by the throat and choking him, on Monday of this week.

It seems that the sergeant went into a West End house to adjust some difficulty and encountered with Waugh, who attacked him. The case will probably come up for hearing this afternoon.

WILL DISCUSS QUESTION OF HARBOR COMMISSION

Common Council Will Take It Up Tomorrow Afternoon.

To-morrow afternoon the common council will meet to receive the report of the harbor facilities committee regarding the placing of the west end wharves in the harbor. It was expected that from Pugsley would bring the matter before the council at Ottawa and had no idea that they were breaking the law. The case was set aside for the present.

WELL KNOWN LAWYER DEAD

New York, June 17.—John Marsden Scribner, a well-known lawyer, who was a third cousin of Daniel Webster, died at his home yesterday of a complication of diseases, aged 69.

THE TIMES NEW REPORTER

LILACS AND APPLE BLOOM.

Mr. Hiram Hornbeam, laden with lilac bloom and apple blossoms, made the Times new reporter's den this morning a bower of beauty filled with perfume, that lured the young man's thoughts away to the green meadows and the breezy hillside, where Nature, rejoicing in sunshine after the rain, smiled upon his weariness and gently smoothed from his brow the furrows of care.

"Come out," said Hiram. "Come out to the Settlement. The country never looked better. It'll do you good. Throw up

everything for a week or two and be a boy again."

The new reporter smiled wistfully at the suggestion. It brought to him the old scenes, the old friends, the old dreams—ah—the dreams!

"I don't see how you kin live in town, all the time," went on Hiram. "I callate I'd have fits if I never got out where I could see somethin' more'n a crowd'n' house. I s'pose you git so's you hardly ever know the's a star in the sky?—he?"

"The stars?" said the new reporter absently. "Oh! We see them at the theatre. There are no others to be seen in the city. We keep our eyes on the pavement."

"Just what I thought," said Hiram. "Come out—come out with me an' git acquainted with the real stars again."

The new reporter saw them even then, piercing the cool darkness of boyhood nights with friendly ray, as he had seen them on many a summer night before the dust of the city streets obscured his vision.

"Old friend," he said, "I wish I could go with you. But if wishes were horses beggars might ride. I'm sorry, but I can't. I must stay here."

"Well," said Hiram. "I s'pose you know your own business best—but the lads—string 'out, young man. Don't forget that."

After Hiram had gone the new reporter buried his face in the lilac bloom, and for a time forgot even the children of the alleys, who never knew the beauty of the countryside, and who even cry in vain for an open space in which to play their childish games in peace.