ANOTHER BRITISH COLUMBIA TOWN IS DESTROYED BY FIRE

Michel at First Thought to be Out of Danger is Now Rcduced to Ashes---Coal Creek Apparently Escaped---Thrilling Tale of a Woman's Heroism.

Michel, Aug. 4.—A fierce gale of wind this afternoon fanned the slumbering embers in the forest west of the town into renewed fury causing them to burn worse than ever. They swept on towards the town at terrible speed and the fate of the new portion of the town was soon settled.

The flames invaded the railway yards where 100,000 feet of mine timber owned by the coal company was soon destroyed as was also considerable rolling stock. Train service will be blocked indefinitely. All of the Great Northern depot became a seething mass of flames.

Winnipeg, Aug. 4.—Despatches from Fernie today are of more cheerful character. Telegraph and railway communication with outside points has been established, and the work of identifying and burying the dead is being systematically carried out.

The problem caused by the presence of 7,000 homeless people is still pressing, and as most of them are destitute the committee has to look after their food and shelter. A patrol of mounted police is assisting the committee of public safety, numbering fifty members, in the work of restoring order and distributing relief.

The number of dead bodies recovered is twenty-two, and, while there are undoubtedly others, the death list is smaller than at first reported.

There are still more than 100 missing, but as people fled in all directions to escape the flames, most of them are expected to turn up in time. Some fugitives followed the streams into the interior and others went by railway tracks.

The British Columbia government will probably take action today to assume the cost of caring for the sufferers so far as may be necessary.

Telegrams have been received of money and offers of help of all kinds from all parts of England.

Winnipeg, Toronto, Montreal and Spokane wholesale merchants have offered to credit dealers burned out by the fire, and on every hand is witnessed heroic efforts to minimize the great disaster and rebuild a greater and fairer Fernie. Many merchants have lost all their books and papers, and even insurance policies went up in the flames, so their plight is serious, especially those who gave credit.

Fernie, B.C., Aug. 4.—Among the many heroic cases revealed is that of Mrs. Henry Morris, wife of a miner, caught in the edge of the brush with her five little children. Her husband had been caught in their burning home and perished. The woman carried and led her children, the youngest four years old, along a small stream into the interior, twelve miles, fighting for their lives every inch of the way. Frequently the whole family had to lie down in the stream to avoid suffocation. Their clothes were literally burnt from their bodies, their bodies being blistered and they were nearly thirty hours without food.

The heroic mother fought her way through the pall of smoke and flames, and finally reached the railway track where she was picked up with her children by a relief train. The whole family had been listed as dead.

The theory that Black Hands started the fires in revenge for the imprisonment of their members is being followed up by the mounted police, and while the story is not generally credited, it is to be sifted to the bottom. Relief trains have poured enormous quantities of supplies into Fernie and surrounding towns. It is largely now a question of organization. A committee of public safety proposes to make a list of those worthy of life savers' medals for heroic conduct during the great conflagration.

The quick response of American towns along the border has created the liveliest feeling of cordiality among all the towns of the Crows Nest Pass region.

Winnipeg, Aug. 4.—(Special.)—The following is a list of the dead at Fernie as far as known:

Walter Ford, sixty, miner; Mrs. Walter Ford, daughter, aged 8; son, aged 2, family living at West Fernie.

Lane, thirty, miner, but part of skeleton only found.

Lena Bell, colored, single.

Anderson, stationery engineer, Pacific Coal Co., suffocated.

Robt. Kern, aged man, body found on railroad track near Wardrops Mill.

Mrs. Turner, cripple, living in annex, whom friends tried to rescue, but forced to leave.

Two children and man, names unknown, in West Fernie.

One man unrecognized, found in the ruins of old Waldrop Hotel.

One man unrecognized on track near Sparwood.

Bodies of two unidentified men on track near Wardrops Mill, supposed to be lumber jacks.

Several were drowned trying to swim from Fernie over Elk river to the Islands, being swept away, but search has not yet been made for bodies.

In addition to the above "Scotty" Miller was burned near Michel and at least two deaths occurred there to railway men trying to save the Great Northern bridge.

John Cupek, a Hungarian engineer at Hosmer Mines was killed at his post.

Toronto, Aug. 4.—(Special.)—At the present time it is impossible for the insurance companies interested to give an accurate figure of their losses. The losses for the several companies is approximately as follows:

Western Assurance	$20,000
Sovereign Fire Ins.	20,000
Sun Fire Ins.	20,000
British American	20,000
Norwich Union	65,000
Anglo-American & Montreal, Canada	45,000
Equity	25,000
Traders Fire Ins.	10,000
Mercantile Fire Assurance Co.	27,000
London & Lancashire	50,000

At the local offices of the Crow's Nest Pass Company there is a feeling that reports of the big fire have been exaggerated and every means is being taken to enable the directors to get accurate information regarding losses at the earliest possible moment.

Vancouver has voted $10,000. Other places and people have responded as follows:

New Westminster	$1,350
Victoria	1,000
Hamilton	500
Kingston	500
Crow's Nest Pass Coal Co.	5,000
Calgary	3,000
Calgary Herald	500
Nelson	500
Lethbridge	1,000
Toronto	5,000
Winnipeg	5,000
The T. Eaton Co., Toronto	1,000

The director of the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Co. held a long conference this morning. They formally confirmed the action of the vice-president in sending $5,000 for relief purposes.

Medicine Hat has sent $500 worth of flour and rolled oats to aid the homeless and hungry. Port Arthur has sent $500. Regina has voted and sent $500 cash and will send more. The government of Saskatchewan has given $2,000.

Earlier despatches from the district indicating that Michel and Coal Creek had fallen or were likely to fall a prey to the flames have happily proved incorrect. A special despatch to Sir Henry M. Pellatt from G. G. S. Lindsey, president of the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Co., dated at Fernie last night conveys the intelligence that Michel and Coal Creek are safe from the flames, and work at these places will be started at once.

of the local Hungarian Society, was brought here last night for interment.

Ottawa, Aug. 4 (Special).—The federal government has come to no decision as yet in regard to the relief to be afforded to the Fernie fire sufferers. Late this afternoon the prime minister received a reply to his message to Premier McBride, who declined the offer of the Mounted Police, stating that provincial police had been sent to the scene of the disaster to superintend the work of relief.

The governor general has received the following cablegram from the colonial secretary:—

"London, Aug. 4, 1908.

"I have learned with very much regret of the disastrous fire in British Columbia, and earnestly trust that the loss of life and property may not prove to be as great as is now feared, I shall be glad to receive such information as your government has to hand.

(Signed) "Crewe."

PRINCE WILLIAM STREET FOR ARMORY

Major General Lake Says This Site Will be Chosen--Artillery Inspection Last Night.

Major-General P. H. N. Lake, of Ottawa, Inspector-General of the Canadian Militia, arrived in the city yesterday and last evening inspected the 3rd regiment C. A. The inspection by the artillery inspecting officer was made some weeks ago, but it is considered advisable that the inspector-general should see every corps on parade and the regiment was called together last evening for that purpose.

General Lake was asked last evening regarding the proposed St. John armory. "I am not a member of the militia council," he said, "and cannot speak with authority, but I was told by a member that the site had been settled for Prince William street and that construction work would not be long delayed."

General Lake also spoke of the military display at the Quebec celebration. He said that every one agreed that the troops of Canada had made a splendid showing. The transportation problem which threatened at first had proved no problem at all and everything had gone smoothly.

With regard to the local troops, General Lake said he could express no opinion until he had sent in his official report.

Lieut.-Col. J. B. M. Baxter was in command of the artillery last evening with Majors Harrison, Smith and McArthur in command of the respective companies.

On the arrival of the inspector-general at the barrack square at 8.30 o'clock, the general salute was given. The inspecting officer then passed through the ranks and made a thorough examination of the strength of the companies. This was followed by a march past in column and quarter column, after which there was an exhibition of gun drill.

The majors then put their companies separately through some evolutions and the regiment was reformed into quarter column for dismissal.

General Lake then examined their regimental books and papers and found all satisfactory.

This evening the inspector-general will inspect the 62nd and will proceed to Halifax tonight.

SUCCESSFUL PICNIC

The picnic of the Carleton Presbyterian church was held yesterday at Westfield Beach and proved very successful. Two special trains took about 900 people up the line and all spent an enjoyable day. The picnic was very successful from a financial standpoint.

The sports were keenly contested and some prize winners were: 100 yards dash, Roy Drynan; potatoe race and hop, step and jump, George Clark; air rifle, H. Northrup and F. Duffy; excelsior, H. Wilcox; babies on block, Wm. Ruddock.

The tug of war between a team from the Presbyterian church and a C. P. R. team was won by the church team after an exciting pull. Charles Amos was anchor man for the winners.

The picnic of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Fairville, was held at Kingsville yesterday afternoon. The picnickers went out in buckboards and thoroughly enjoyed the day's outing.

The commission appointed to enquire into the affairs of the Central Railway will resume sessions in St. John next week. It is understood that the statement, which was to be submitted giving details of certain accounts in connection with the N. B. Coal & Railway Company, has been completed.

AIRSHIP IS FASTER THAN MOTOR CAR

Aeronaut Farman Plays With a Speedy Automobile at Brighton Beach---He Made Three Successful Flights.

New York, N. Y., Aug. 4.—Henri Farman, the aviator, continued his successful flights with a machine heavier than air at the Brighton Beach Race Track this afternoon. For the first time since he began his trials here, Farman made an attempt to turn his machine. The huge bird-like apparatus answered the helm readily and gracefully, turning in a semi-circle and then flying clear across the race track, where the aviator had it alight. The 1,000 spectators cheered this exhibition heartily.

An attempt at the spectacular was made by Farman's manager today when they introduced a speedy automobile, driven by Joe Tracey, the daring Vanderbilt Cup driver, for the purpose of having a race between flying machine and motor car. The first attempt, made in the in-field, resulted in a failure as the automobile found soft ground and many obstacles. This plan was abandoned for the time, but later Tracey tried it again, this time using the race track. It was, however, no race at all, for the airship, as it easily left the motor car way in the rear.

After a flight of 800 yards Farman had the machine alight. Tracey and his automobile were at that time about 300 yards in the rear. Farman's three flights today were twice at 600 and finally at 800 yards. The machine did not in any of the flights rise more than twelve feet in the air.

OBITUARY

Florence Nightingale

Cox's Point, N. B., Aug. 1.—Suddenly, after two days' illness of appendicitis, Florence Nightengale, third daughter of Asa Nightengale, of Cox's Point, died today; father, mother and two sisters—Stella and Lillian—are left to mourn the loss of a bright and cheerful member of the family. She was fifteen years of age.

Mrs. Ellen McSweeney

Moncton, N. B., Aug. 4 (Special).—Miss Ellen McSweeney died this afternoon after quite a long illness. Miss McSweeney was a daughter of the late Peter McSweeney and sister of George McSweeney, manager of the Brunswick Hotel, and also Senator McSweeney. The surviving sisters are Mrs. Edgar Newhouse, of West Orange (N. J.); Mrs. Henry Young, of Florida; Mrs. J. J. Walker, Misses Johanna and Agnes, of Moncton, and Sister Aloysius, a Sister of Charity, of Dorchester (Mass.). Deceased resided in Moncton the most of her life.

The Scionda, flag ship of the R. K. Y. C., with commodore Thomson and a party of friends on board was at Bar Harbor on Sunday and left Monday morning for Boothbay. The yacht was expected to reach Marble Head today and would then proceed to Brier Island. From there the cruise will be continued to Cutler (Me.), where the Scionda is due to arrive on Saturday. The cruise has been attended with glorious weather and friends on board report a most enjoyable trip.

HEARTY WELCOME TO RECTOR OF ST. MARY'S

Archdeacon Raymond and His Wife Tendered a Reception by St. Mary's Congregation.

The congregation of St. Mary's church united last evening in extending an enthusiastic reception to their rector, Venerable Archdeacon Raymond, and Mrs. Raymond on their return home from England. The members of St. Mary's congregation united with the various societies of the church and St. Mary's Band in presenting to them a formal address of welcome.

The ceremony, which took place in the school [illegible], was attended by many. Rev. E. B. Hooper, of St. Paul's (Valley) church was in the chair.

J. N. Rogers, lay reader of the congregation, presented the following address:-

To the Venerable Archdeacon Raymond, LL.D., rector of St. Mary's church, St. John, N.B.

Rev. and Dear Sir,—It is our privilege tonight to extend to you and to Mrs. Raymond our heartiest welcome home from your travels just ended. Although we could not but regret that your visit to the motherland would mean an absence of nearly three months from us, yet from our hearts did we feel, that after nearly a quarter of a century of faithful ministering among us, to no one was such an opportunity more deserving.

It need hardly be mentioned that your movements during the months past have been a matter of keen interest to us all. We have held you constantly in our thoughts and have remembered you in our prayers. Your pleasures and interests have been likewise ours, while the distinction with which you were marked throughout your sojourn in England has been a source of pride to us beyond we know what you yourself felt.

Among the great gatherings that you were privileged to attend we were indeed glad to know of your presence on the occasion of the presenting the Thank Offering in St. Paul's Cathedral. In that magnificent service we felt that as the mighty offering was placed upon the altar, your thoughts might turn to those far away, as you remembered that, insignificant as it might be, the effort of your people was included in that great service.

To all those people in England who showed such a kindly hospitality to you and to Mrs. Raymond, we feel sincerely grateful, and not only do we realize a feeling of gratitude to those of the motherland, but from what we have even now heard from you, we have felt there is indeed a bond between England and her colonies—certainly between England and Canada—to an extent we had not before realized.

Again, in conclusion, do we welcome you among us. Sincerely do we trust that the months just past have been a time of happiness and benefit to you. May God grant that for long years you may both be spared to us, and may His blessing rest upon all you may do.

Signed on behalf of:
Wardens, Vestry and Congregation—Samuel Willis and R. I. Carloss.
Sunday School Teachers—J. N. Rogers.
Men's Bible Class—H. W. Barton.
St. Andrew's Brotherhood—D. C. Fisher.
St. Mary's Band—R. Dooe, Sergt.
Ladies' Guild—Mrs. S. Willis.
Girls' Guild—Helen Evans.
G. P. A.—Elizabeth Patton.

In reply, Archdeacon Raymond referred to the fact that at the time of his taking up the rectorship of St. Mary's he was the youngest clergyman in the city. Now, since the resignation of Rev. Dr. Fotheringham, he said, he was the oldest in any denomination. He expressed the hope that his ministrations in the future might be more acceptable and faithful than in the past. If the time should ever come when he was not able to do the work the first intimation of it, he said, would come from him.

He thanked them for himself and Mrs. Raymond for the kindly feeling manifested towards them. The archdeacon then sketched the principal incidents of the Pan-Anglican conference in an interesting way. He described the places where he was in England and told many anecdotes illustrative of his experiences. The open hearted hospitality shown to the delegates by all classes of the English people was something, Dr. Raymond said, which would not easily be forgotten.

Following Archdeacon Raymond's reply to the address of welcome, St. Mary's Band played a number of selections and the ladies served refreshments.

THE C.P.R. MECHANICS' STRIKE WILL EFFECT THE WHOLE LINE

Eight Thousand Men Threaten to go Out Today Because of Dissatisfaction Over Award of the Conciliation Board Appointed at Their Request--Whole System Affected.

Winnipeg, Aug. 4.—Eight thousand employes of the Canadian Pacific mechanical department will go on strike, including all the men between St. John and Vancouver, tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock, according to a statement of J. H. McVeity, who has been acting for the men of the mechanical department.

The position taken is that the men demand the acceptance by the company of the minority report signed by their representative after the recent conciliation meetings, and as the company has refused to depart from its ground, after having declared its willingness to stand by the majority report, a strike appears inevitable. Railway officials have nothing to say.

It is one of the most critical moments in the history of the Canadian West, with the vast traffic in sight, a big crop being harvested and fuel supplies being rushed forward from the lakes over the territory covering 2,000 miles, which requires this coal to go through winter.

Montreal, Aug. 4.—(Special.)—Eight thousand members of the mechanical unions of the Canadian Pacific Railway will go on strike tomorrow, as a result of the long-standing disputes between the company and the men regarding classification of work and the pay therefor, as well as a number of other points which have been dragged into the dispute.

This decision was reached today and word was telegraphed all over the system that the members of the unions must quit work at 10 a.m. tomorrow in order to enforce their demands. At just what hour the men will lay down their tools is as yet a secret, but President Bell Hardy, who has been representing the unions in Montreal for some time past, stated tonight that the decision to strike had been definitely reached, and every arrangement was made to carry it out. The programme he stated was for the men to report for duty as usual in the morning, and later, at a time already fixed, to drop their work and "take a holiday," which is the latest method of describing a strike.

While the matters in dispute have been discussed for months past the immediate cause of the strike seems to be the ancient story of labor men demanding a board of conciliation and then refusing to accept any finding which does not coincide with their views.

The company started the trouble early this spring by posting notices at Winnipeg that they would abrogate their agreements with the unions for a flat rate of pay, and instead institute a system of paying men what their work was worth. This the men objected to as opposed to the very spirit of unionism, and they at once set about organizing the various unions all over the system so as to prepare for a struggle.

In the meantime, they applied for a board of conciliation under the Lemieux act which was granted. In the upshot, two reports were made, the majority by the chairman, appointed by the government, and the C.P.R. representative, while the representative of the unions, Mr. Somerville, submitted a minority report, which recommended everything that the men had demanded.

A vote of the union men was then taken all over the system as to whether the report of the majority of the arbitration board, which they had demanded, should be accepted or not, and the result was an almost unanimous vote to reject it, over 97 per cent. voting against it.

The C.P.R., however, having reluctantly accepted the reference of the dispute to the board, accepted the finding of the majority, and at once proceeded to put it into effect. This it is which has produced the present crisis.

KILPATRICK AND KILLEN

These Officers Named Yesterday as Provincial Constables.

At the meeting of the provincial government yesterday afternoon, Detective P. F. Killen and Police-Sergeant H. W. Kilpatrick, of the city police force, were appointed provincial constables on the recommendation of the chief of police. The appointments will enable them to make arrests in any part of the province, a privilege which St. John has not previously enjoyed. They will also be able to serve process in both civil and criminal cases.

The mayor, representing the common council, and R. B. Emerson, chairman of the school board, waited on the government to ask permission to issue bonds for $13,000 to cover the cost of giving the school buildings better protection in case of fire. The government granted the application.

A delegation representing the Grand Manan S.S. Company, were heard with reference to the proposed reduction of $1,000 in the subsidy. They urged that the present subsidy be continued and if possible increased so that an improved service might be given. With an increased subsidy, it was claimed the company would be able to place a larger steamer than the Aurora on the route and give a daily mail service in summer and three trips a week in winter.

The government gave no decision, but will take the matter into consideration.

Thomas Bell, representing the Perth Lumber Company, was heard by a subcommittee consisting of Messrs. Flemming, Grimmer, and McLeod with reference to the lease of the Blue Bell track being continued for lumbering operations.

It is expected that the sub-committee will report to the government today.

Last evening Premier Hazen entertained the members of the government at dinner at the Cliff Club.

A POLICE MIXUP AT FREDERICTON

Aldermen Stay Away From a Meeting to Block the Police Commission.

Fredericton, N. B., Aug. 4.—The civic deadlock over police commission matters is becoming acute but is likely to reach a climax before long. The monthly meeting of the council was called for this evening but there was not a quorum present, consequently no business was transacted. Those who put in an appearance were Mayor Chestnut and Ald. Weddall, Mitchell, Clark and Crowe, all of whom are favorable to the police commission. The absentees were Ald. Winslow, Farrell, Kitchen, Jewett, Hooper and Walkrell, Kitchen, Jewett. Hooper and Walker, the two last being out of town. Six aldermen and the mayor constitute a quorum. After waiting fifteen minutes for the absentees to appear Mayor Chestnut took the chair and declared the meeting off.

Last evening the council in committee refused to pass the accounts incurred by the police commission. The citizens are getting tired of this squabbling over police matters and look to the council to settle the matter in some way. In the absence of several aldermen it is scarcely likely that another attempt will be made to hold a meeting this week. In the meantime the employes of the city must do without their money.

PYTHIAN CAMP LOOTED BY BOSTON PICKPOCKETS; STOBBART IS INDIGNANT

(Continued from page 1).

Boston, Mass., Aug. 4.—There were two receptions tonight to end one of the most memorable days in the history of Pythian conventions, made so by the grand spectacle of 10,000 marching knights of the uniform rank who received a grand ovation all along the line as they passed through the heart of the city this afternoon.

At the Hotel Somerset a reception was tendered to the members of the Supreme Lodge and their ladies. At the same time a reception was being tendered the supreme temple of the Pythian Sisters at the Hotel Brunswick.

In the camp of the uniform rank on Franklin Field, a vaudeville performance, similar to that given last night, proved an interesting and attractive feature and thousands of citizens swelled the number of knights who witnessed the performance.

Tomorrow will be marked by the parade of the subordinate lodges and Pythian Sisters, which is expected to be fully as interesting, if not as martial, as the parade today. Many beautiful floats are expected to take part and other unique features are promised. During the day there will be drill competitions in Camp Joseph H. Lyons, band concerts and vaudeville features in the evening. The usual business sessions of the various branches of the order will be held and in the evening a reception by the supreme lodge to the membership of the order at Mechaic's Building.

Boston, Aug. 4.—The Maritime Provine delegation made a good appearance in the parade of ten thousand members of Uniform Rank Knights of Pythias today. The New Brunswick men were under command of Alfred Dodge and were headed by the Artillery band. Col. Jas. Moulson and Col. F. A. Godsoe were aides. Victoria company, Capt. H. Kinnear; Moncton Co., Capt. Palmer; Frontier Co., Capt. Harry Broad; Cygnet Co., Capt. R. B. Patchell; Fowler Co., Capt. R. Gray.

The delegation carried the Union Jack and attracted much attention. They received applause at various points.

Last night some of the St. John knights were entertained by Capt. Hall, K. O. P., Roxbury. P. C. Kinnear delivered an address. The weather is excellent.

Edmund Breese left last evening for Worcester (Mass.)

Common With All Women

Invariably they suffer from constipation and should use Dr. Hamilton's Pills because they cleanse the system, regulate the stomach and bowels, bring strong, ruddy health. Try a 25c. box of Dr. Hamilton's Pills.

BRONSON HOWARD DRAMATIST DEAD

Successful Dramatic Author Died at Avon-by-the-Sea, N. J.

New York, Aug. 4.—Bronson Howard, dramatist and author, writer of several plays which stand as landmarks in the American dramatic field, died today of heart failure at Avon-by-the-Sea, N.J., after an illness of about a year. Mr. Howard, who went to the coast resort on June 25, in the hope that the sea air might benefit him, improved in health for a time, but in the last two weeks failed rapidly. Mrs. Howard and several near relatives were with him as he died. His funeral will take place at Avon, Thursday afternoon, and shortly afterward the body will be removed for interment to Detroit, where Mr. Howard was born, sixty-eight years ago.

Bronson Howard began his journalistic career in 1859, when he came to this city, where he was connected at various times with the Tribune and the Evening Mail and the Evening Post. He practically retired from newspaper work in 1872, devoting himself largely thereafter to dramatic work. As a dramatist, Mr. Howard was best known by reason of the successes of "Saratoga," "The Banker's Daughter," "Old Love Letters," "Young Mrs. Winthrop," "The Henrietta," "Shenandoah," and "Aristocracy." From 1870, the date of "Saratoga," to 1906, when he published "Kate," he was engaged primarily with characters essentially American.

In 1880, Mr. Howard married Miss Wyndham, a sister of Sir Charles Wyndham, the English comedian.

Dr. Albert E. Jones, of Kansas City, is in the city visiting his uncle, Dr. G. A. Hetherington.

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Why not use Polson's Nerviline? This trusty liniment cures toothache and earache almost instantly. Safe and soothing, yet five times stronger than ordinary remedies. Test a 25c. bottle of Nerviline.

OPENING OF THE NEW BAND STAND

The First Concert in King Square Stand Will be Given Tomorrow Night.

The City Cornet Band are preparing a programme of music for the opening of the new band stand in King square tomorrow evening. This is not intended to be a formal opening as the stand is not yet decorated and lighted, but the public will be given an opportunity to see the stand in use for the first time. Mayor Bullock will give a short address from the stand during the evening.

The members of the band feel encouraged over the completion of the stand, which has cost about $2,000, and they wish to thank heartily all those who subscribed. They also ask the co-operation of the public in protecting the grass plots and flower beds in King square.

Yesterday at the Bishop's picnic, the bandsmen appeared with new uniforms and new helmets. The uniforms were purchased from W. J. Higgins & Co., and the helmets from J. Bardsley, both members of the band. They make a fine appearance.

MANY VISITORS IN TOWN

The tourist travel generally reaches high water mark during the present month. Yesterday the city was full of strangers. The hotels were filled and every form of conveyance did a prosperous business.

The Eastern S. S. Company brought 726 passengers to the city yesterday. On the Calvin Austin, which arrived in the morning direct from Boston, came 539, and the Camden, making the coastwise trip, brought 187 last evening. Between Boston and St. John, that is including those who got on board or left at Portland, Lubec and Eastport, the Camden yesterday handled 1,025 passengers, which is a big day.

Besides the great number who came here by the steamers the trains brought many yesterday. In all it was a busy time for the transportation companies.

Mrs. C. J. Hargraves, of Norfolk (Va.) arrived yesterday on a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Courtenay, 173 Douglas avenue.

THE SHADY TRICKS OF THE ILLEGAL LIQUOR SELLERS

Methods of "Blind Pigs"--Ingenuity Displayed in Cobalt Resorts--The Mysterious Panel--Cubby Holes in Wall and Hollow Canes Helped Out the Hippocket Method.

Cobalt, August 4.—It is now a month since the historical raid has taken place on the "blind pigs" in Cobalt, immediately subsequent to which was the advent of Mr. Eudo Saunders, of the Liquor License Department, who dealt with the offenders one by one, and before his departure made the "ultimatum" of imprisonment should the parties implicated ever appear before him again on a similar charge, and have registered against them another conviction. If the profession of "blind-pigging" is still in vogue, the modus operandi must be carried on with a remarkable degree of stealth, and the "pig" must have at least one eye open.

SOME INTERESTING METHODS.

Now that an apparent death-blow has been dealt to the illegal traffic, it is interesting to reflect on the methods employed by numerous "traders" in importing their stuff by the wholesale, and getting rid of it by the glass. It must be remembered that Cobalt, being under prohibition, and, as a consequence, under the watchful eye of the police and license officials, the liquor dealer has a two-fold job, that of selling the red-eye and that of playing hide-and-seek with the authorities. Needless to say, the latter was a thousandfold more difficult than the former.

A GUARD OUTSIDE.

The "hip-pocket" game is an old one, and known to nearly all frequenters. This usually requires the boss "pigger" to have an assistant, who stands at the door with a bottle in his hip-pocket, thus performing the duel duty of wine-clerk and guard. A couple of thirsty birds come along, and, if familiar with the place, they give him a sign. If he of the outer roost sees that the coast is clear, there is a responsive sign. The visitors are ushered into an ante-room, out comes the bottle, and the drinks are served. On busy nights and special occasions, when it is whispered that the police are around, an extra guard and sometimes two are put at the door to give, if necessary, the danger signal.

The caterer on such gala occasions remains inside and looks after his parched customers.

THE MYSTERIOUS PANEL.

The mysterious panel is another invention to which the liquor law has given birth. A man sets up in business, and, apparently from his fixtures and the display in his front window, his place of exchange is a grocery store, but the tell-tale mark of suspicion is that most of his wares are in the window. He stands behind his counter, and in come men whom he knows, and who give him the "high-ball." If there is in that particular crowd one whom he does not know, or any place in the establishment a "suspicious" party, a slight shake of the head means that all is off till the danger is removed. After that he turns to the wall, and—presto!—places his hand on a knob, which is painted like the remainder of the wainscoating and flush with it in order to be the more deceptive. This knob is turned, and down falls a lid exposing a "cubby-hole" secreting, as a rule, from four to a dozen bottles. Inspector Blackwell is not a wizard. He is only a man, and our wiley "grocer" knows it.

USED AS A DUMB-WAITER.

A growth of the "cubby-hole" and at the same time a comfortable improvement is the minute elevator shaft or blank chimney space inside the wall to the second storey, where the boss has a confederate in charge of every consignment. He stands in his accustomed place and gives a certain number of raps—indicating the brand of beverage desired—when it is immediately let down on a small elevator. One well-known boozologist declared that there were at least a dozen of these in the town. It might be mentioned that, if there is one stranger in a gang of visitors, a formal introduction to the proprietor will put that "worthy" at his ease.

LIQUOR IN A CANE.

A novel method was introduced some time ago here by a man who is said to have done time in other parts for illegal booze-trafficking. To this fellow belongs the credit for inventing the hollow cane with an inviting mouth-piece at the end of the handle. Several of these were kept hidden by him and constantly filled and presented to the knowing ones as they arrived.

To a woman who kept a restaurant here is accredited the most original method of all, which, nevertheless, possesses a certain kind of risk not so predominent in the others. Her bottles were stored upstairs in her back garret—each one closeted in the leg of an old rusty stove-pipe, the top of which was veiled with cob-web mesh. The story goes that she had three brands. The old and heavy cob-webs denoted the stove-pipe wherein was housed the best, while the lighter meshes denoted an inferior grade. This woman always held the argument that if ever the place were raided it would be only one chance in a million that the stove-pipes as they stood, in all their innocence in one corner of the attic, would be removed, as the cobwebs would throw the officials off the scent.

The initial artifice employed in importing the stuff was perhaps common for the most part to all dealers. It usually came in lots under the label or another article such as soap, cheese, pickles, and one fellow is said to have imported several dozens of cases in a piano box.

ENGLISH FIRM BRING ACTION IN COURT HERE

In the circuit court yesterday before Mr. Justice Landry, the suit Robert Jones & Co., of Liverpool (England), against Geo. S. Cushing, was begun, and will be resumed this morning at 10 o'clock.

The suit is for breach of contract, the plaintiffs claiming that they held in 1902 an option on the plaintiff for large quantities of box shooks, which option they claim to have exercised in due time, but they allege the defendant neglected and refused to supply the shooks.

The defendant contends that the option was not exercised in time, that the plaintiffs were too late in accepting.

The damages claimed are between $4,000 and $5,000. Yesterday forenoon was occupied with reading evidence, taken by commission in England, and with putting in documentary evidence. In the afternoon T. Williams Jones, one of the plaintiffs, was examined. His examination will be continued today.

H. A. Powell, K.C., and F. R. Taylor represent the plaintiffs, and M. G. Teed, K.C., and W. A. Ewing, represent the defendants.

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D. W. Clinch, secretary of the New Brunswick Fish, Forest and Game Protection Association, returned last evening from Ottawa and Montreal, where he was in the interests of the organization.

In Ottawa he spent some time at the government fish hatcheries and the officials there promised to supply trout fry for New Brunswick streams during next season and to send an inspector to report on the dams of the Big Salmon River and Mispec stream. The dam at St. George will also be inspected.

Mr. Clinch also had interviews with Hon. George P. Graham and Hon. William Pugsley and found both ministers favorable to the movement.

L. O. Armstrong, advertising manager of the C. P. R., was seen at Montreal and supplied with two dozen photographs of the beauty spots in New Brunswick. He promised to advertise the province in the system's advertising matter.

The Quebec Association will send a representative to the meeting of the Provincial Association this autumn.

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St. John Man Now Head of the Canadian Dental Association.

Ottawa, Aug. 4.—The Canadian Dental Association opened its fourth biennial meeting here today. From east and west, from Manitoba, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, Ontario and Quebec, the delegates came. A large number of American dentists are in attendance, having come to the city directly from Boston, where the National Dentists Association of the United States, has just finished its yearly session.

The business on the slate was undertaken promptly. Resolutions of sympathy at the death of W. S. McInnis, the president of the association, were passed, and Jas. M. Magee, D.D.S., of St. John (N. B.), was elected as his successor for the ensuing year. The opening paper was read by Dr. George K. Thompson, of Halifax, who discussed the question of the dental education of the public and school children. A number of important papers were presented at the afternoon and evening sittings.

TORONTO NEWS SOLD TO A NEW COMPANY

Toronto, Aug. 4.—The Toronto News tonight announces the sale by J. W. Flavelle, chief owner, of his shares to a new company, of which J. S. Willison, the present editor, is president. The policy, etc., of the paper will remain unchanged according to the announcement, but the Liberals here think it is a move to get control of the News by the Conservatives and make it a party organ.

The buildings committee of the school board met yesterday afternoon with Architect H. H. Mott to consider the tenders for the new Winter street annex. The matter was gone into and the committee will bring in a recommendation to the meeting of the board next Monday evening. The matter of the fire improvements was not mentioned.

S. C. Keith, proprietor of the Whitehall Hotel, Newton (Pa.), is in the city after visiting his old home at Havelock, Kings county. After a tour of Nova Scotia he will return home.