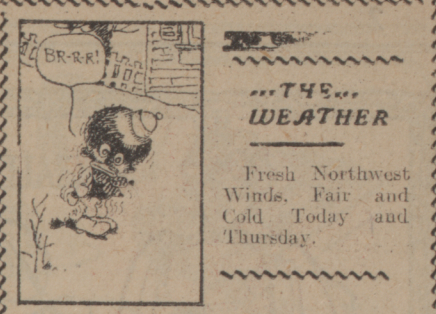




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URGES STREET RAILWAY EXTENSION TO THE PARK

G. S. Fisher Brings Matter up in Report to Horticultural Society

Much Effective Work Has Been Done in Rockwood Park and Gardens During the Year

The Annual Meeting of St. John Horticultural Society in the Board of Trade Rooms This Afternoon—Report of Treasurer

The annual meeting of the St. John Horticultural Society is being held this afternoon in the board of trade rooms, Prince William street. Reports of the various officers will be considered and officers elected for the present year. One of the most interesting reports is that submitted by G. S. Fisher, chairman of the park construction committee. It deals with the work done during the past year and advocates the need of the immediate extension of the street railway lines to the park. Following is a copy of the report:

To the President and Directors of the Horticultural Association:—

Gentlemen:—The report of your construction committee for work done at Rockwood Park is as follows:—

The number of men employed consisted of the two permanent men and three extra men the greater part of the season. The work of cutting away the remainder of the bluff on the eastern shore of Lily Lake was completed in the early spring very much improving the driveway at this point, and the driveway in front of the pavilion which was left incomplete the winter before was finished, and a railing extending from the foot of the lake past the pavilion and boathouse was completed.

The usual spring repairs to the drives and walks were attended to. A little north of the ice chute on the north lake drive, the drive was found to be a little on another property, that has been remedied and there is now a clear space of park land outside of the drive, and the grade is much improved.

The jail prisoners commenced work in the park June 1st, excavating an extension of lake No. 3 to the opposite side of Western drive. After completing this work they began excavating for a new or No. 5 lake, where they worked until Sept. 28. The making of this lake accomplishes the double purpose of covering an unsightly bog, and forcing the water to run where it is wanted, which would otherwise have been lost. The muck taken from these bogs has been spread over the rocks from which the earth was taken for constructing dams. In the spring grass and clover seed will be sown, transforming these barren places into beauty spots. Two floating masses of muck, taken from the lake near No. 1 and 2 lakes. White lilies have been planted in No. 2 and the extension of No. 3 lakes. Railings have been placed in a number of places which seemed to require some protection.

Some work was done on the drive in Highland Park. Thirty-two new signs for drives and walks were put in place of that number destroyed.

A policeman was employed four months of the summer season and a log lock-up was built for use for any arrests that might be made.

Lily Lake was thrown open for trout fishing in a limited way. The number caught was not large, the fish ran from one half to one and a half pounds.

A great deal has been done in cutting dead wood and clearing up and burning rubbish, especially along Western drive and Brookwood walk, also along North lake drive. An extensive growth of bushes on the marsh (or playground) along Gilbert's lane have been cut and will be burned in the spring. Two large rustic settees were added.

Gravel is now being delivered along Brookwood and Mountain walks to be spread in the spring.

The recent flood caused considerable damage. So much rain falling in so short a time on frozen ground that would not absorb any of it.

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RETIRE FROM FIELD OF STOCK SPECULATION

Chicago, Feb. 3.—Closely following the sudden retirement from business of Sidney G. Love and Company, comes the announcement that the firm of Walker & Co. also has decided to abandon the field of stock speculation. Edwin C. Walker, sole owner of the firm, has been in business in Chicago and New York for 22 years. He is a brother of J. Brant Walker, the New York plunger, who is credited with having made \$1,500,000 on the bear side of the stock market during the panic of October, 1907. Although Mr. Walker says his retirement will be for the purpose of seeking rest and recreation away from the cares of business, he charges that within the past month a confidential employee had disappeared with a large sum of money belonging to the firm. The reported defalcation is variously placed at figures ranging from \$3,000 to \$20,000, in the gossip of LaSalle street, but Mr. Walker says the man did not take more than \$3,000.

PERSONALS

W. S. Fisher returned to the city on today's Boston train.

F. A. Barbour, C. E., and H. G. Hunter, C. E., returned from Fredericton at noon.

Chief Justice Barker came in on the Boston train at noon.

Mrs. T. C. MacNeil returned to the city on today's Boston train.

Edmund McPeck returned from Winnipeg on today's Montreal train.

DEVELOPMENT OF WESTMORLAND OIL FIELDS

Maritime Oil Fields Ltd. Will Work the Areas Under Lease to the N. B. Petroleum Co.,-- Will Commence Active Work in the Spring.

Moncton, N. B., Feb. 3.—(Special).—The adjourned meeting of the New Brunswick Petroleum Co., which was held on Monday, presented an agreement entered into with the Maritime Oil Fields, Ltd., which had already been ratified at a previous meeting. The agreement is for a working option, providing sufficient capital for the proper development of areas covered under the lease of the New Brunswick Petroleum Company. If during the time of their option they discover oil in commercial quantities, they have an option to purchase the property for \$750,000, part in stock and part in cash. The working option covers a period of six years from Jan. 12th just past. The first two years the syndicate have to expend a minimum of \$50,000 on the development of the property. There is no doubt, that the company will exceed this amount very much. They have taken over the plant and machinery of the parent company, and the Maritime Fields, Ltd., and preparing for an early spring operation. The board of directors elected, is as follows:—

F. W. Sumner, M. Lodge, J. C. Patterson, Thomas Williams, Jas. B. Pearson, and S. H. Deacon, P. Sherry, A. D. Richard, N. Curry, F. W. Sumner, was elected President; Hon. A. D. Richard, Vice President, and M. Lodge, Secretary.

COLLEGE MAN TOO MUCH FOR THE GRAFTERS

Princeton Graduate Recently Appointed Street Cleaning Commissioner, of New York, Has Nine Grafters Arrested.

New York, Feb. 3.—As a result of an investigation inaugurated by William H. Edwards, the Princeton University graduate, who was recently appointed street cleaning commissioner of New York city, eight employees of that department and a foreman of a private contractor were arrested in court early today on charges of grand larceny by the use of fraudulent tickets. These tickets were issued to drivers of snow wagons and attest to their receipt of a wagon load of snow from the city. The men arrested were held in jail for further hearing today. It is estimated that the frauds would have cost the city \$50,000 if the street cleaning commission had not detected them, but as some of the snow removal bills resulting from the last storm have been paid, it is believed the city has suffered no loss in this instance at least.

All the existing contracts for snow removal have been abandoned. Commissioner Edwards said that after the discovery of the frauds he sent an agent to Jacobs, the contractor, for men and purchased \$700 worth of tickets at 80 per cent. of their value. Jacobs offered \$10,000 worth of tickets ten per cent. from the drivers by redeeming their tickets more promptly than the city.

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THEY WERE MARRIED IN SPITE OF CHURCH

Chas. W. Moffitt, of New York, and Miss Slater, of Montreal, Wedded in Plattsburg Today.

Plattsburg, N. Y., Feb. 3.—In the rectory of the Catholic church of this city was celebrated yesterday the marriage of Miss Mabel A. Slater, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George M. Slater, of Montreal, and Charles W. Moffitt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. H. Moffitt, of New York. Mr. Slater is a wealthy shoe manufacturer, and the elder Mr. Moffitt is a real estate operator of New York city.

The bridegroom is a Protestant and the bride a Catholic. Failing to obtain a dispensation in Canada they brought the bridal party and a hundred guests over the line in a special train, and had the ceremony performed here. After the ceremony the train returned to Montreal, where a dinner reception and dance for three hundred guests were given by the parents of the bride in the Hotel Windsor.

SUCCESSFUL MONCTON MAN

(Moncton Transcript.)

The Kansas City Star of a recent date says:—"A flattering and worthy promotion for a deserving young man is the appointment of Walter W. Colpitts to succeed Minor P. Paret, chief engineer of the Kansas City, Mexico & Orient railway, resigned. Mr. Colpitts, who has had charge of a deepening young man in the construction work on the Orient, has shown himself to be amply equipped for his new position. Kansas City claims him and is proud of him."

The young man above referred to, is the son of Mr. Herbert H. Colpitts, of this city, whose friends in Moncton will be pleased to hear of his promotion.

The Young People's Association of Emmanuel street Methodist church will give a concert tomorrow evening in the Seamen's Institute. The quartette of the church will have charge of the programme. There will be exhibited during the evening the four pictures donated by the Art Union of London, through Col. E. T. Sturdee.

ANOTHER CHANCE FOR THESE BOYS

Police Magistrate Ritchie Exercises a Wise Discretion in the Case of John Nairn and George Guthro Charged With Stealing Coal.

Police Judge Ritchie suspended sentence on John Nairn, aged 16, and George Guthro, aged 14, this morning. Both confessed to stealing coal from scows in the York Point ship. In questioning the boys it was disclosed that Nairn was unable to read or write or even print his name, and his school days were exceedingly few.

Nairn's father asserted that the boy had evaded school since he was four years old, and as he was not under his surveillance, he was unable to provide him with education for a boy in order to become other than a laborer, and recounted in stances of respectably appearing young men, who, after depositing to statements under oath before him, are compelled to their depositions. It was a universal obligation for parents to provide their offspring with learning and no plea could be accepted for failure to comply with this from idleness.

Through two years his companion's junior, and considerably smaller, Guthro had acquired a rudimentary knowledge of writing and reading, and his honor pronounced a sample of his penmanship to be promising. The youngster has been absent from school for a period extending over seven months, to earn a pittance and practically support an indolent father, when he is not confined in jail. The father informed the judge during the proceedings that he is housekeeper of his family, consisting of himself, George, and a younger son. A four-year-old boy has been adopted by a man named Doyle, on Westmorland Road, and his two little daughters are in the St. Vincent's Orphanage on Cliff street. George has been employed by a tinsmith, and Nairn returned from Miss Pease a month ago. On condition that both lads report weekly to him, Judge Ritchie released them with their freedom. He gave each some wholesome advice on the proper course to pursue in future during their leisure hours, namely to practice penmanship until perfection is reached, commencing with their names, and to vary the penmanship by copying and continuing through the respective books of instruction in use in the schools. The value of the coal would be approximately one dollar and 88 cents and they were directed to the juvenile court to be placed under the supervision of the juvenile court, which they had not had time to prepare for the final presentation of their cases. The cases remaining undecided involve \$250.00.

MUST PAY LOSSES ON 'FRISCO FIRE

Judge Van Fleet Has Assessed Judgments Against Insurance Companies Which Would Not Pay Up.

San Francisco, Feb. 3.—Judge Van Fleet has assessed judgments aggregating more than \$900,000 against the insurance companies which refused to pay in full the insurance carried by their San Francisco policy holders, at the time of the big fire of 1906. In all 104 cases were on the calendar of the United States circuit court and 88 of them were decided adversely to the insurance companies. The other suits were allotted more time on the plea of the attorneys for the defendant companies that they had not had time to prepare for the final presentation of their cases. The cases remaining undecided involve \$250,000.

LOST LIFE AFTER DETERMINED STRUGGLE

Evidence Now Seems to Show That James Semple Perished in the Icy Waters of Spednik Lake.

It has now been ascertained that James Semple, of Fredericton, who had started from a lumber camp on Saturday to drive to Vanebo with a four-horse team, has been drowned in Spednik Lake, but not until he had made a determined struggle for his life. Semple was a teamster for Steen Bros. The tracks of the snow running in all directions showed that the man had striven to find a way to safety. Breaks in the ice had shown where driver and horses had a fearful struggle. Two horses were found drowned in one spot and the other was discovered some distance away. Search is still being made in the hope that Semple succeeded in reaching shore and found shelter, but it is felt all too probable that he has perished in the lake.

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OBSTRUCTIONIST PARTY ALREADY AT WORK

House Are Doing Their Best to Block the Work—Yesterday's Session Practically Wasted in Idle Talk.

Charlottetown, P. E. I., Feb. 3.—(Special).—The opposition in the provincial legislature, emboldened by the fact that they have this year a baker's dozen in a house of thirty, instead of a smaller representation, as has generally been the case with them for the past sixteen years, began the first session of the new parliament yesterday with a war of words over the appointment of committees, which usually went through in a few minutes, moving amendments after amendments, which were voted down. They kept on talking till the house adjourned last evening with only half of the committees struck, and prospects of a prolonged discussion today.

The first division was sixteen to twelve, with Speaker Smith in the chair, and one Conservative abstention from the province. There are seven election petitions against the Liberals and six against the Conservatives, but no trials yet were heard, and all the members are present. The chief bone of contention yesterday was over the constitution of the public accounts committee. The Conservatives demanding more representatives, thereon and rehashing campaign arguments. The government speakers took little part in the discussion. The session promises to be prolonged.

At St. George's last night a new residence, owned by Miss Katherine McDonald, and built for the accommodation of American tourists, was destroyed by fire. The loss is \$5,000. The building was nearing completion. The owner is absent in Boston.

THIS DOG WELL WORTH OWNING

Israel Corber's Dog Prevents Bad Fire by Display of Al-most Human Intelligence.

What might have proved a disastrous fire with a possible loss of life was prevented by the intelligence of a dog at the home of Israel B. Corber, 692 Main street, north end, on Monday night. Although this particular canine is but a mongrel, Miss Corber says that he would not take \$100 for him. The Corber home is in the second floor of a tenement and as the fire caught after midnight, when all the occupants of the house were asleep, the result could not have been other than serious. The blaze was in the wood-work under the chimney in the sitting room, where there is a small stove. Lying in front of the stove was the dog. At the appearance of the small tongues of fire that licked the woodwork under the stove pipe, the animal set up a loud barking. Adjoining the sitting room is the bedroom of Mr. Corber's 14-year-old daughter, Dora. Running from the sitting room to the bedside of Miss Corber the dog continued barking. Finding that no heed was paid him, the intelligent brute tugged at the bed clothes until Miss Corber had to get up.

Going into the sitting room she discovered the fire and awakened her mother and after some little work the fire was extinguished. On a former occasion the dog performed a feat that Mr. Corber believes saved the life of his three-year-old daughter. It was during last summer. The work of placing new pavement on Main street was in progress and the child was playing in the sand when a double team came almost upon the little tot, but the dog jumped out in front of the horses and the driver pulled up just in time.

BILL SQUIRES BEATEN

"Bill" Lang Defeated Him Today in Seventeen Rounds for Championship of Australia.

Sydney, N. S. W., Feb. 3.—"Bill" Lang today defeated "Bill" Squires for the heavy weight championship of Australia. The contestants staved for 17 rounds. Lang was defeated by Burns in Melbourne last September.

One of the course lectures of the Ladies' Association of the Natural History Society will be given in their rooms, Union street, on Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock. The subject will be "Schools of Dickens," by Mrs. R. Chipman Skinner.

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FREDERICTON ALDERMEN HAD LENGTHY SESSION

OTTAWA CALLS IT "HOT AIR"

Toronto World's Story That Borden Will Resign Conservative Leadership Denied at the Capital.

Ottawa, Ont., Feb. 3.—(Special).—A Toronto World story today to the effect that Mr. Borden is resigning the leadership of the Conservative party is denied, and designated as "Hot Air."

The St. John deputation, headed by Mayor Bullock, has an appointment with Hon. Mr. Pugsley this afternoon to discuss harbor improvements.

The railway commission has reduced to 20 cents a day the stop over charges made for grain shipment awaiting orders as to destination. This rate is for the first two days, after that the 81 per day, regular demurrage, will apply.

ALFRED SIMPSON VERY BADLY HURT

Advices from the Hospital Are That if He Recovers He May be Maimed for Life.

Alfred P. Simpson, the brakeman on the I. C. R., who was injured in the yard early on Monday morning, may not recover, according to late advices from the hospital today. Originally it was believed that he would be confined for not more than a week, but the injuries to his head will probably prove fatal or incapacitate him for the remainder of his life. He is now reported to have lost his sight.

Mr. Simpson, who was invariably very careful in the performance of his duties, was only recently transferred from the roundhouse to the railway yard.

Emily Dallas is gradually improving, and will probably leave the hospital this week. Frank Corb, a youth, injured while playing hockey on Lily Lake, has been removed to the institution from his home, owing to the development of acute poisoning in his leg. In following the puck he was struck by a stick, entering the young man's ankle.

LONDON TO HAVE A CHURCH PAGEANT

London, Feb. 1.—Details of the episode which will be illustrated at the English church pageant in the beautiful grounds of Fulham palace next June (from the 10th to the 18th) were officially communicated yesterday. The pageant will be the most picturesque and impressive of all such pageants, with scene effects and ornate costumes making a picture distinguished by color and beauty.

The prelude, "Founders of the Church," will gather together persons representing many of the saints and fathers of the early church.

Each episode will be allotted to a different district or parish.

The publication of the edict of Constantine in the fourth century, which gave protection to Christians throughout the Roman empire, will be the first episode set in a Roman-British town. The foundation of Iona by Columba will show the peasant life of the middle of the sixth century. Augustine's arrival in Britain, marking the closing years of the same century, is to portray a great royal procession, woven into a literary dramatic framework.

So on, through the early seventh, the tenth, the eleventh and the twelfth centuries to the memorable event in the thirteenth century of the granting of Magna Charta, which will be most elaborate.

A miracle play, and pilgrimage of the fourteenth century, crowning the major part of the extensive palace grounds, will close the "morning performance," or first part of the pageant.

The second part will be in the evening presenting the trial of Wycliffe, the funeral procession of Henry V., the founding of King's College Cambridge, the coronation procession of Edward VI., and the execution, the acquittal of the seven boys and other episodes.

Nearly all the 4,000 performers will join in the finale, singing, with the massed bands, a specially composed Te Deum.

The grandstand will hold 6,500 spectators.

FIRE NEAR MONTREAL

Montreal, Feb. 3.—(Special).—A serious fire threatened the village of Back River, a few miles distant from Montreal, this morning. Two dwellings and the hotel Berthelot were destroyed before the fire was got under control. The loss is placed at \$20,000.

HARRY DOVE BALLANTINE

Word has been received here of the death in Everett, Mass., on Sunday, January 31, of Harry Dove Ballantine, a former resident of this city.

Many of the older citizens will remember Mr. Ballantine as having conducted a boot and shoe store on King street, about 40 years ago, where the Royal Hotel now stands. He was a clerk for some time with John Dove Frost, also a shoe dealer, and succeeded to the business on his death about 1882. His father was James B. Ballantine, of the dry goods firm of Ballantine & Bowman, and for a time an alderman of the city.

Mr. Ballantine married a Miss Wilson, of Paradise Row, and she, with several children, survive.

Walter H. Bolding, who was recently operated upon in Toronto general hospital for mastoid, has returned to his place of residence but will be unable to resume work for some time yet. The operation proved to be a very serious one, but he is steadily progressing.

JUDGE HANINGTON'S CONDITION TODAY

Judge Hanington was reported to be very weak at 2 o'clock this afternoon. In the morning he seemed somewhat improved. His brother, Dr. James P. Hanington, arrived from Montreal this morning, and is holding a consultation this afternoon with Dr. Case, the attending physician.

MONTREAL STOCKS

Montreal, Feb. 3.—(Special).—Stocks were quiet but mostly firm today. Toronto railway continued its advance to 117. Other strong spots being Dominion Steel 21, Rio 93 1/4, Quebec 116 1/2, Pacific 173 1/2, Pover 115, Convertibles 36, Dominion Coal 62. Scotia was off slightly after yesterday's advance.

PROBATE COURT

Passing of the accounts in the estate of the late James R. Murphy was resumed in the probate court this morning, and continued this afternoon.

The agricultural commission will hold a session in the board of trade rooms this afternoon. It is expected that the St. John Agricultural Society, the Exhibition Association and the Board of Trade will be represented by speakers.



FIRST STAFF KILLER SEEN IN SALONICA. (APRIL 1918) (REUTERS)