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BENTLEY'S MAJORITY FIFTY IN THE COUNTY BY-ELECTION

The Declaration Day Proceedings Were Very Quiet—Mr. Mosher, Was Not Present—The Member-Elect Extended His Thanks to His Friends for Their Generous Support in the Campaign

The declaration day proceedings at the court house today were of a very formal character. Sheriff Ritchie opened his court at 11 o'clock, among those present being the successful candidate, A. F. Bentley, E. S. Carter, Liberal organizer, and Hon. F. J. Swaney, of Moncton. The sheriff read the returns from the different parishes, showing that Mr. Bentley was elected by a majority of 50 votes over Mr. Mosher.

Parish	Bentley	Mosher
St. Martin's, A to K	119	95
St. Martin's, L to Z	84	81
Simonds, (Black River)	84	81
Simonds, (Black River)	78	90
Simonds, (Little River)	58	70
A to L	58	70
Simonds, (Little River)	47	69
M to Z	74	60
St. John's No. 1	103	98
D to H	112	83
I to N	155	105
O to Z	129	137
St. John's No. 2	103	98
Musquash, No. 1	53	48
Musquash, No. 2	33	32
(Dipper Harbor)	19	32
Majority for Bentley	50	1025

THE STORM DID MUCH DAMAGE

Property Loss in Bay City, Texas, A Quarter of a Million—Crops Injured.

Bay City, Texas, July 23—The storm of Wednesday which spent its force upon the vicinity, cost the life of one infant, while several persons suffered painful injuries by flying glass or falling debris. The property loss will total \$250,000 which includes \$125,000 damage to public works. Estimates as to the crop damage are impossible, although it is contended that the damage to the rice crop which is located in places will not exceed ten per cent. For two hours the wind blew at the velocity of from 70 to 80 miles an hour, shifting from west to southwest and seeming to seek out successful; the weak points of buildings which had as their result its attacks.

STRIKING MINERS CAN CATCH FISH

Gloucester, July 23—(Special)—The scenes presented today around the colliery district show no evidence of disturbance. General business seems to be proceeding as usual. The crowds of men who appeared on the streets and thronged about the colliery gates, have melted away. The Coal Company claims an increase of 250 yesterday, with total output from mines and banks of ten thousand tons. The U. M. W. report that the company's statements of output are exaggerated. Large schools of big fat July herring have struck into the bays, and a striker can go down to the pier and buy a dozen fine fish for a quarter. The Luna are schooling in Mira Bay, and there is a chance for the gamiest fish sport in the world.

Mrs. John G. Schenk

Halifax, N. S., July 23—(Special)—Mrs. Schenk, wife of John G. Schenk, for many years in command of the cable ship Mackay-Bennett, died rather unexpectedly last night. She was the daughter of Col. Robert McDonald, of Sydney.

MONCTON TRANSCRIPT ON INTERCOLONIAL FINANCES.

It Doubts if the Commission Authorized the Report of Improved Finances, and Points Out That Snow Blockades in the Winter Must Be Reckoned With.

Moncton, July 23—(Special)—There is general elation in Moncton over the report that Intercolonial finances seem to be in excellent condition and that a surplus is looked for in the present fiscal year. The Transcript today remarks editorially: "It is doubtful if the Ottawa despatch in St. John papers was authorized by the commission, or any one entitled to speak for it directly or indirectly. Fiscal year on the I. C. R. commences on April 1st, the present year, and closes on 31st March of the succeeding year. While the general revenue of the I. C. R. at this season of the year is not quite equal to that of other periods, yet, notwithstanding it is a season when loss in operations from storms and otherwise in proportion to revenue is reduced to a minimum. There is a tendency always in the first few months of the new fiscal year to pile up a large surplus, unless there are heroic refusals towards all pressing and urgent demands. It is never possible to accurately determine or anticipate the size of the surplus on the I. C. R. until the winter months of January, February and March are heard from, and which close the fiscal year. One heavy snow storm extending over several hundred miles of railway can wipe out a respectable surplus, and therefore it is unfair to the commissioners to expect from them too much, because at the outset there is a substantial saving. There are those who profess to believe that the present I. C. R. management is

POLICEMAN SAYS CURREY HAD BEEN DRINKING

Witnesses Also Heard Wife Say She was Being Killed and Saw Shadow of Raised Hand—The Unsavory Evidence Given in the Divorce Court This Morning—Mrs. Currey Refused to Give Husband in Charge.

The sitting of the divorce court was held in the equity court room this morning at 11 o'clock, Judge McKeown presiding. The case of Currey vs. Currey, which was begun at Fredericton, was resumed. Hon. C. N. Skinner, K. C., for Lemuel A. Currey and A. H. Hanington, K. C., and M. G. Teed, K. C., for Mrs. Eliza A. Currey. The evidence of two witnesses was taken. Patrolman Ira D. Perry, one of the police who was in the Currey household the morning of July 11th last year, and Mrs. Thomas Flood. The former was on the stand almost the entire morning. He told of what occurred the night in question and despite a vigorous cross-examination by Mr. Skinner his evidence as to the happenings of that night, was unshaken. The proceedings were made interesting at times by some sharp clashes between Perry and Mr. Skinner. The definition of drunkenness, too, seemed to play a part in the cross examination by Mr. Currey's counsel of the witness. A question by Mr. Hanington as to whether or not Perry had seen Mr. Currey intoxicated on other occasions, he having told that Mr. Currey was drunk the time that the police entered the house, was strongly objected to by Mr. Skinner and was allowed by his honor after hearing argument of counsel. The patrolman then told that on a number of occasions he had seen Mr. Currey intoxicated on the street. On one particular occasion he was talking to himself and was so drunk that he reeled off the sidewalk. He told of seeing a bruise on Mrs. Currey's head which she had said resulted from being pushed against the window casing by her husband. Mrs. Thomas Flood had taken Mrs. Currey to her home at one time in 1907. At that time she had met her in front of the Currey home, when she rushed out to the side walk followed by Mr. Currey.

Robert M. Magee, latter of this city, was the first witness. He told that in July or August of last year when passing the Currey home he heard some loud talk. Mr. Skinner objected as there should be some location. Judge McKeown: "He can answer, yes or no." Witness: "I heard a man's voice. I did not hear a woman's voice, he had been crying. The man was saying 'You're a liar,' Witness ascertained that it was the Currey home. He was near Vanwart's store at the time. 'I recognized a man's voice. I couldn't say whose it was.' Mr. Skinner objected to Mr. Hanington leading or strengthening the witness. Mr. Hanington: "Could you recognize the voice?" Mr. Skinner objected to the question. His honor ruled the question out and this finished Mr. Magee's evidence. Patrolman Ira D. Perry was the next witness. Telling of the episode of July 11th last he met Patrolman Belyea at that morning at Dufferin Hotel corner at one a. m. They went down to the Currey home.

Mr. Hanington: "Did you hear any noises?" Mr. Skinner objected to Mr. Hanington making a suggestion to witness. They found the door locked and went into the alley. Witness started to tell what they heard, when in the alleyway. Mr. Skinner objected on the ground that what was seen or heard in the alleyway was not admissible. They could see in the window of the alley. Witness started to tell what was seen, but Mr. Skinner again objected. Question allowed. Saw shadow of a man's fist and heard a woman's voice say "My God! He's killing me." Then he and Belyea entered the house by climbing over a window. In the house they saw Mrs. Currey sitting on a couch crying, the children gathered about her. Mr. Currey was standing near by. Witness asked Mr. Currey what it meant. He (Currey) said that he was trying to find out about the serving of a writ against the little boy struck his mother. Mr. Currey denied striking Mrs. Currey. Mrs. Currey told that Mr. Currey had not struck her but had pushed her against the window casing. He noticed that Mrs. Currey's head was bruised. He asked Mrs. Currey if she wanted her husband arrested. She replied that she could not have him arrested, being the father of her children. Mr. Hanington asked witness if Mr. Currey had the appearance of having been drinking. Mr. Skinner objected, but the question was allowed, and witness said that Mr. Currey was under the influence of liquor. A question as to whether witness had seen Mr. Currey drunk on previous occasions was objected to by Mr. Skinner. In reply Mr. Hanington argued that as the label filed by counsel for Mr. Currey stated that Mr. Currey did not use to excess intoxicating liquors, the question was important and permissible. Mr. Teed, of length on this point. The evidence of Mr. Currey was read, wherein he had denied in a general way using to excess intoxicating liquor, and had not been intoxicated to any extent. Considerable time was taken in reading sections from Mr. Currey's libel. Mr. Hanington said that the question he was going to ask, was where and when witness saw Mr. Currey before. His honor said he would allow under certain conditions. Witness said that he had seen Mr. Currey one evening on Charlotte street. Mr. Currey was talking to himself and staggered off the sidewalk. He had seen Mr. Currey on other occasions under the influence of liquor. He had seen him in that condition about four times within three years. Cross-examined by Mr. Skinner, he said he saw Mr. Currey on the occasion referred to, near Robertson's bicycle shop. This would be in 1900 or 1907, the first occasion would be 1906.

A NEW BRUNSWICK GIRL AT THE PAGEANT IN BATH

Miss Brenda Taylor Is Received With Special Favor by the Duke and Duchess of Connaught—The English City—Canadian and United States—Take Part in Very Interesting Celebration.

London, July 23—At the opening of the Bath pageant, the Duke and Duchess of Connaught received with special cordiality, Miss Brenda Taylor, of Bath, Ont., who pays homage to the Mother City to the accompaniment of "O Canada."

Bath, England, July 23—One of the prettiest scenes in the historical pageant which is being held here this week and one which receives the greatest applause of the various tableaux, is that in which young lady representatives of eleven towns in the United States and Canada take part. It was a happy idea that suggested for the closing scene of the pageant an episode in which "Lady Bath" who personified the ancient city receives homage from the western world. At the conclusion each day of the pageant of events in the history of Bath "Lady Bath" accompanied by a sword-bearer and a retinue of pages robed in gold, enters and takes up her position as the steps of the temple. Following her in procession are silver-clad maiden envoys from the United States, in the dress of the status of liberty. They approach, led by heralds and pages carrying banners with the emblems of the states of Maine, New York, Illinois, New Hampshire, North Carolina, South Carolina, South Dakota, Ohio, Kentucky, Missouri, Pennsylvania and Michigan, and lay garlands at the feet of "Lady Bath."

SCHOOLS RE-OPEN ON AUGUST 26th

This is the News From Fredericton Today—Will Enforce Sunday Observance.

Fredericton, July 23—(Special)—The case against W. A. Lindsay, restaurant keeper, charged with selling beer on Sunday, was dismissed by Police Magistrate Marsh this morning, for want of evidence. His Honor stated the police had instructions to rigorously enforce the Lord's Day Act in future, and he intimated that offenders would be severely dealt with. He did not believe that cigars or soda water could be properly classed as drugs, and their sale on the Sabbath would be stopped. As to restaurants, they would in future only be permitted to serve meals on Sunday at certain hours. J. L. Howley, who has been on the staff of the Royal Bank here, has been transferred to St. John. Dr. Ramsden and N. W. Brown, lecturers for Canadian Government annuities system, were this morning entertained to a drive about the city by Mayor Chestnut. The public schools of the province, both city and county, will re-open on August 26.

A FEDERATION OF PROHIBITIONISTS

Thirty Counties Send Delegates to Conference in London This Week.

London, July 23—Delegates from thirty counties formed "The World's Prohibition Confederation" at the London Imperial Institute yesterday afternoon. The object is to unite for mutual help the organizations of the world which are working for the suppression of the liquor traffic. Guy Hayer, international chief temple, presided, while among the Americans present were Charles R. Jones, chairman of the National Committee of Prohibitionists; Edward P. Gaston and Dr. Wilbur F. Crafts.

TO CONSOLIDATE BELL COMPANIES

Important Move in a Big Merger That is to be Carried Out.

Pittsburg, Pa., July 23—Absolute control of the Central District Printing Telegraph Co., the local Bell Telephone concern, is to pass into the hands of the American Telephone and Telegraph Co., according to an official announcement last night. The directors of the local company have voted unanimously to accept the offer of the latter concern to exchange 15 shares of its stock for 16 shares of central district and Printing Telegraph Company's stocks. This is on the basis of \$135 for the local company's stock, and \$114 for that of the American company. In discussing the deal A. U. Buehler, general manager of the Bell Telephone Co., said last night: "This is the fourth deal in a movement which will eventually extend over the entire country. The local deal has been pending for some time, and is but a part of a movement on the part of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company to consolidate all the Bell companies in the United States under one head."

LOSS BY FIRE

New Bedford, Mass., July 23—The plant of the New Bedford Cordage Company was partially destroyed by fire today. All of the employees left the building without accident. The loss is estimated at between \$200,000 and \$300,000. Miss Wills Finley returned to St. Stephen from a pleasant visit in St. John.

HARVEST WILL BE LATE BUT WILL BE GOOD ONE

The Winnipeg Free Press Issues its Annual July Crop Report—Spring Wheat Cutting Will Begin About Aug. 15th—Fall Wheat Earlier.

Winnipeg, Man., July 23—(Special)—General Grain Agent Atcheson of the Canadian Pacific Railway who has just returned from a tour of inspection of the crops, says grain is about in the same stage of development as in other years and especially in Manitoba and the largest will be about same time as last year. He does not look for more than an average crop, which would mean yield of about one hundred million bushels of wheat. The fear of scarcity of farm labor this summer grows apace with favorable news from the agricultural districts. At the present time there are four hundred applications on file with the provincial government, and nearly seven hundred with the Dominion immigration officials, asking for men but no men are available. Winnipeg, July 23—The Manitoba Free Press publishes its annual July crop report in part as follows: "The prominent feature of all reports is that there has been no damage from frost or hail, and no serious damage from drought. A few sections to the north have had rather more rain than they needed, and with one or two light showers there is plenty of moisture to mature the whole crop. A careful reading of the reports shows that the harvest will be late. In a few sections the claim is made that the crop is up to last year, but these are very few. Some barley cutting will be done early in August, but there will be no wheat cutting even in Manitoba until

MARATHONS AND CLIPPERS

A Great Ball Game on the Every Day Club Grounds Tomorrow Afternoon.

The Marathons and Clippers will clash on the Every Day Club grounds tomorrow afternoon. The announcement that these teams will come together again will be good news to the hosts of fans that have been clamoring for another contest. As the result of games so far played between them, there would seem little to choose, as to which is the best team. On every occasion when the Greeks and Clippers meet at six o'clock this morning has resulted; on every occasion, and the world of excitement has reigned. Tomorrow both teams will line out strong. The line ups will be announced in the morning papers.

TRAGIC ENDING OF THE SESSION

An Australian Statesman Was Seized With Fit and Died Soon Afterwards.

Melbourne, July 23—An all night sitting of the Commonwealth parliament ended tragically at six o'clock this morning when Sir Frederick Holder, the speaker of the house of representatives, was seized with a fit. The house immediately adjourned. Sir Frederick, who was the first speaker of the Commonwealth parliament, died soon afterwards.

FORTY MILES IN HIS AEROPLANE

Chalon, France, July 23—Henry Zarnham, the aeroplane, today made a cross country flight from this city to Suippes at an average height of 1500 feet. The distance which, is about 40 miles, was covered in one hour and 55 minutes and 30 seconds.

CIVIC PAY DAY

The regular fortnightly pay roll for city laborers was disbursed today, as follows: Ferry..... \$101.37 Water..... 2,870.38 Public Works..... 3,419.22 \$6,301.97

FRANK WALLACE WAS REMANDED

Evidence Heard in the Police Court This Morning—Several Witnesses Told Their Story.

The case of Frank Wallace, who was arrested by Deputy Chief Jenkins and Detective Killen, on Wednesday last, and attempting to pass a bogus cheque with which he sought to obtain some goods, came before Magistrate Ritchie this morning. Wm. Beatty, of the firm of Beatty & Johnson, north end, identified the prisoner as the man who came into his store on Wednesday morning about 9:30, and presented a cheque for \$80 in payment for a suit of clothes and a raincoat valued at a total of \$90. Mr. Beatty would not accept the cheque, as he thought it had been tampered with, and he had read in the Telegraph that morning of a traveler trying to pass a false cheque. Evidence to the effect that Wallace went through a similar proceeding in Oak Hall's store on Tuesday. Frank C. Smith, sec-treas. for Scovill Bros., also told of the incident, and with the former two witnesses recognized the cheque produced in court as the one in possession of the prisoner on Tuesday. He gave his reasons for not accepting the paper. Chief Clark told of the visit of Wallace to the police station on Tuesday. He concluded the evidence this morning, and the defendant was remanded for three days, pending the arrival of witnesses from Moncton.

THE CIVIC BOARDS

The regular monthly meeting of the various civic boards and committees will be held next week. The safety board meets at 3 p.m. Monday; the board of public works at 3 p.m., and the harbor board at 4, on Tuesday; water and sewerage board at 3 Wednesday, and the treasury board at the same hour on Thursday. The regular council meeting will be held on Monday, August 2, at 3 p.m., in the council chamber, of the court house.

A VISITING KNIGHT

Col. Pearley M. Hunt, chief of staff of the Massachusetts Brigade of the Uniformed Rank, Knights of Pythias, who will be remembered by St. John knights who visited Boston at the time of the big convention last fall, as one of the most energetic entertainers at that time, arrived in the city today on a visit to Alderman F. L. Potts, captain of Cygnets (Co. No. 1, K. P. of this city. The colonel will spend several days here.

RIGOROUS CENSORSHIP

Spanish Government Closes Republican Clubs and Confiscates a Newspaper.

Madrid, via Badajoz on the Portuguese frontier, July 23—The Spanish authorities are exercising a rigorous censorship over the publication of news regarding the war between the Spaniards and the Kabyle tribesmen on the Rif Coast of Morocco. Nothing except official despatches is allowed to be printed and communication by telephone to the provincial newspapers has been stopped. The government has considered these measures justified on the ground of military necessity and because of the patriotic campaign being conducted by the federal and republican press. The entire edition of the El Pais was confiscated today and all the republican clubs closed. The persons arrested yesterday in connection with the demonstration against the departure of the troops will be charged with sedition and tried by military court martial. The outside world should understand however, the government officials declare, that the Liberals and Republicans are exploiting the unpopularity of the war for political purposes.

WAS AFTER MONEY IN CORPSE'S MOUTH

New York, July 23—Michael Murphy, an East Side character, was interrupted Tuesday night in the cheerful operation of prying open the mouth of a corpse, and thereby hangs a mystery. Murphy is held by the police. When discovered in an undertaking establishment fumbling with the man's body, who he says was a friend of his, Murphy admitted that he was looking for money. Examination thereupon revealed three \$5 bills in the dead man's mouth. They had been there since Sunday last when Andrew Erickson, whose blue lips were closed over the currency, met his death in Jamaica Bay. To the police Murphy told a weird story. He said he and Erickson had lured a drunken sailor to a boat and had robbed him. Then the other o'oke, says Murphy, and Erickson, stuffing part of the money in his mouth to keep it dry, jumped overboard after it. He sank, says Murphy, but the police think there may have been a struggle, for Erickson's head bears a deep gash.

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