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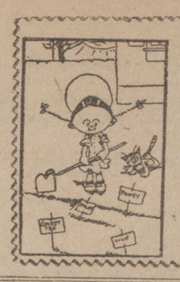

THE WEATHER

Light to moderate, variable winds, scattered showers, but partly fair.

BLACK HAND ASSASSINS CLAIM ANOTHER VICTIM

Italian Cigar Maker in New York Shot Dead as He Attempted to Enter His Home—Friendship for Martyred Police Officer Cause of His Death

New York, May 18—What the police believe may be another Blackhand assassination was perpetrated early today when Pioggio Puccio, 58 years old, a cigar maker, tried to enter his flat on the fourth floor of the apartment house at 321 East 58th street. As he fitted the key into the lock of his door, a man leaned over the balustrade of the fifth floor and sent a bullet through Puccio's body. Puccio dropped dead on the threshold as a member of his family opened the door. By the time the police arrived the assassin had escaped, presumably to the roof and down through an adjoining house. The police say that the man who shot the cigar maker had been lying in wait for him. Residents of the nith floor had observed a strange man earlier in the evening. A motive for the assassination was found by the police in the fact that Puccio was a close friend of Lieut. Jos. Petrosino, of the New York police department, who was assassinated in Palermo. Before going to Palermo, Petrosino frequently visited Pucio's home. When the body of the detective was brought to New York for burial, Puccio took an active part in the demonstrations in honor of Petrosino and for the funeral. The police are confident that Puccio was murdered because of his friendship for Petrosino.

EQUITY COURT OPENED TODAY

Judgement in Case of Robinson vs. McAlary, Delivered This Morning by Judge Barker.

At the May sitting of the equity court this morning Chief Justice Barker delivered judgment for the defendants in the suit of Robinson vs. McAlary and Estabrooks, proceedings instituted for deceiving Miss Robinson in a lease on her premises on Douglas Avenue, adjacent to the corner of Main street. His honor adjudged that although the plaintiff's bill stated that she was ignorant of business topics, she had frequently participated in transactions unaided. The only point in the plaintiff's bill that he would consider was that alleging fraud and as he adjudged that this had been entirely disproved, his honor dismissed the bill, and ordered the plaintiff to pay the costs. His honor referred to the pertinacity with which Miss Robinson adhered to her palpably incorrect statements under oath, and added that, however, he might be injustice to the woman if he said she was perjuring herself.

The application of A. A. Wilson and S. B. Bustin, counsel for Arthur Glasier, asking that the costs of Referee Campbell for stenographer's fees be reduced, was granted and the exact amount will be determined later. It was contended by the counsel that no stenographers were engaged for the litigation in which the referee and Mr. Campbell were parties.

E. T. C. Knowles, on behalf of Fred Coles, a farmer in the parish of Simonds, St. John county, petitioned for the right to adopt James Lyon, eight year old son of Frank and Alice Lyon, of St. John. Lyon is a longshoreman and was married in 1894. He is unable to earn enough to maintain the household, and since last autumn his wife has been employed as domestic in Clark's Hotel, on King Square. Both relinquish their title to the boy.

J. King Kelley, on behalf of George M. Reid, millwright, of Hillsboro, Albert County, petitioned for the right to dispose of a farm for $800 bequeathed to his children, Laura, aged 20 and Lena, aged 13, by his first wife. He desired to contribute the proceeds to the education of his daughters. The farm is now deteriorating and its revenue for four years has been only $32. Two other motions were read by D. Mullin K. C., and C. F. Inches.

MONTREAL Y.M.C.A. TO BE REMODELLED

Cost of Changes in the Building Will Reach $200,000—Two Branch Buildings to Be Built at Cost of $50,000

Montreal, May 18—(Special)—The announcement was made this morning by D. A. Budge, general secretary of the Y. M. C. A., that the Montreal building would be entirely remodelled at a cost of $200,000. The building is to be put in a most up-to-date condition. There will also be branches of the institution built at Westmount and the north end of the city at a cost of $50,000 each.

A PETTY ROBBERY IN CHARLOTTETOWN

Thieves Entered Big Dry Goods Store By Rear Window and Stole Goods—An Election Trial

Charlottetown, May 18—(Special)—Many petty robberies have occurred in Charlottetown recently. The most recent was that in Prowse Bros. Ltd. large dry goods store, thieves broke in the plate glass window in the rear of the store, helping themselves to clothing, hats, etc. No clue yet to the perpretators has been found.

Today the trial of the election petition against Hon. J. H. Cummisky, commissioner of Public Works, came up before Justice Sullivan. The petitioner's counsel stated he would not proceed with the case not having sufficient evidence to show according to law that enough corrupt acts had been committed to influence a sufficient number of votes to affect the election, Mr. Cummiskys majority was 27, the case was therefore dismissed with costs.

A little boy, about four years old, was found wandering about on Union street at noon today, and taken to Central police station, where he awaits identification. He is dressed in blue.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Belyea and little daughter Georgia, of St. John west, are spending a few days at Bayswater.

AN HONEST FIRM RETURNED CASH

When They Found They Had Been Overpaid in Fire Insurance.

Galt, Ont., May 17—An interesting bit of fire insurance history has just come to light in the official records of the Gore District Company, of this town.

A. H. Lofft and Company, dry goods, St. Mary's, had a loss by fire, for which the adjusters allowed $6,250. At their next stock taking the firm became convinced they really had not lost more than $3,750. Having confirmed this by a second stock taking they immediately returned the fire insurance companies the $2,500 overpaid by them, the share of the Gore being $289.43.

An explanatory letter was ordered inscribed in the company's minutes in full and a resolution moved by R. S. Strong, seconded by W. K. McNaught, M. L. A., was passed expressing the appreciation of the high minded and honorable course pursued by Messrs. Lofft.

FOUND A PEARL IN CLAM SHELL

Moncton Liquor Vendor May Realize Almost Enough from the Find to Pay His Fine.

Moncton, N. B., May 18—(Special—Albert Girouard was not to unlucky as he thought when, last week, he was arrested charged with three different violations of the Scott Act, and sentenced to aggregate fines of one hundred and fifty dollars or nine months in jail. While in the local lock-up awaiting transportation to Dorchester, Girouard sent a policeman out to secure him some clams. As he opened one of bivalves, he discovered a large pearl, said to be valued at about one hundred dollars.

Claiming that he had walked from St. John to Campbellton, Albert Duguay, who escaped from the Industrial Home at St. John, was taken through the city from Campbellton this morning in charge of Chief of Police Crawford, of the North Shore town. Duguay says that during three days of his tramp from St. John to Campbellton, he had nothing to eat but orange peelings.

EXPOSITION IDEA A LITTLE OVERDONE

Laurier So Tells Delegation From Winnipeg—Will Not Promise a Grant

Ottawa, May 17—To a large and influential delegation of Winnipeg business men and western members of parliament, without distinction of politics, who waited on the prime minister to press upon the government the advisability of making a substantial grant towards the proposed Selkirk Centennial Exposition in 1912, Sir Wilfrid Laurier replied that anything which would tend to advertise Canada and the west appealed to him and promised a sympathetic consideration of the request.

He expressed some doubt as to an exhibition being the best medium of advertising. The exposition idea in recent years had been a little overdone. It was proper he agreed, that the historic coming of the Selkirks should be marked, but was not prepared to state the policy which would be pursued by the government at the present time.

ST. MAURICE RIVER BOOMS COLLAPSED

Grandes Piles, Que., May 18—(Special)—Owing to the high water in the St Maurice River, which is fully ten feet above the normal, the booms at Grandes Piles which held back four hundred thousand logs collapsed this morning with disastrous results to the Laurentide Paper Company of Grande Mere and to Three Rivers lumbermen. As the booms at Grand Mere are not strong enough to hold back the rush of logs it was decided to open them, but an attempt will be made by the government to stop them at Shawinigan Falls and Three Rivers. The loss will be heavy.

At the home of Mrs. John J. Bradley, Paddock street,, the members of the '07 Whist Club assembled and gave a very pleasant surprise to one of their members, Miss Edna McGowan, who is to be a principal in a coming June event. The surprise took the form of a linen shower. Refreshments were served and a most enjoyable evening spent.

BOY BURGLARS IN POLICE COURT AGAIN

The Burglary of C.B. Pidgeon's Store Was Probably Planned by Harry Akerly—Damaging Evidence Against Him.

The continuation of the preliminary examination of Harry Akerley, aged 15, and Daniel Morrison, aged 18, for breaking and entering the premises of Pidgeon's clothing store and the Star Line warehouse at Indiantown, was productive this morning of very damaging testimony against Akerley in the repetition of his confession to the police. According to him, Morrison is not implicated in the Pidgeon burglary and probably was not aware that he contemplated the robbery.

Detective Killen, in his evidence, stated that he learned of the theft in Pidgeon's on the 10th inst, and on Tuesday evening, accompanied by Deputy Chief Jenkins, he located Morrison and Akerley in a boarding house on Union street. Articles of apparel were found in the room they occupied. He searched Morrison and recovered a jack-knife and $12, which Morrison said he received from Ackerley. Morrison said he was given $15 or $16 in all by Akerley, and the knife. After the deputy chief had warned the boys that any admissions from them would be used against them on trial, the officials proceeded to query their prisoners.

The deputy chief spoke to Akerley, who told them that he went into Pidgeon's store alone and stole money and clothes. The clothes on him were also stolen. He said he took about $53. Both said they entered the Star Line warehouse with Scott Scribner, another boy. Akerley informed them at police headquarters of his old clothes being in the cellar of Pidgeon's store. He found a coat, vest, blue sweater and cap in the cellar. Morrison said he had a shirt in Doyle's boarding house on Pond street, where they were accommodated for the night. Akerley told them of a parcel he left at Hall's book-store on King street and he obtained it. The bundle contained shirts, neckties, garters, vest, a rubber collar and pair of hose.

Deputy Chief Jenkins was next sworn. He stated that he and Killen arrested the prisoners in the Eldon House on Union street. When questioned, Akerley was reticent to discuss the robbery, but subsequently admitted that he burglarized Pidgeon's on Sunday. He said he was aware that when he was employed in the store, the cellar window was insecurely fastened, and as he and Morrison had arrived in St. John on Saturday, May 8, on a freight train from Boston, with only a few coppers, he entered the store at half-past five o'clock on the morning of Sunday, May 9. He pilfered the suit he wore among other clothing, and gave a nickel watch and trousers to Morrison. Prior to returning to the street from the cellar, he discarded the suit he was attired in when he reached the city. He said Morrison was on the street when he entered. He had instructed his companion to await his return from the interior of the building. He further said he did not know whether he informed Morrison that he intended to commit the burglary. When he returned he told Morrison that he had obtained some money and gave him some. They proceeded to Mrs Doyle's where, after a rough computation, he estimated the money at approximately $35. He said that Morrison, Scribner and himself entered the Star Line warehouse and partook of a lunch.

Morrison, in his statement, said he knew Akerley a month and a half. He was penniless when he reached here with Akerley. On the night of the 8th inst., the day of their arrival, they slept in a barn in the north end. After they awoke they walked for some distance until they reached a point where Akerley paused and said. "Wait here a few minutes." Akerley appeared in an hour and a half carrying abundle and attired in different apparel. In their room at Mrs. Doyle's, Akerley presented him with the clothes and money. Two packages of cigarettes were taken from Akerley. A cap and suit of clothes were removed from Morrison's person.

With reference to Akerley's record, it was ascertaint that on Aug. 18 that he was arrested for stealing a cash box from a street car, containing $1.75, and burying it near the Shamrock grounds. He was suffering from the mumps at the time and sentence was suspended. Shortly afterward his family removed to Boston, where he met Morrison, whose home is in Cambridge. The prisoners were formally remanded for three days and when brought before the magistrate again will be given an opportunity to make statements.

PROBATE COURT

Estate of Catherine E. Cheney, married woman, boarding house keeper. Petition of Charles E. Cheney, husband of the deceased, who lives in Portland, Maine, and John A. Sinclair of St. John, barrister-at-law, setting forth that deceased died intestate. Her property consisted of certain household furniture in the boarding house which she kept at 41 King Square, which is subject to a mortgage of $650, the value of which over and above the mortgage is for the purpose of obtaining administration valued at $200. Evidence being taken that it is in the interests of the estate that administration be granted without waiting the usual lapse of time, John A. Sinclair is appointed administrator. Kenneth J. MacRae, proctor.

MONTREAL STOCKS

Montreal, Que., May 18 —(Special) — Stocks continued active and strong today with slight reactions in a few cases. Penmans, which gained five points yesterday, sold at 56 3-4 to 55 3-4, but Pfd touched a new high level at 93. Textile sold at 68 3-4, and at 106, while Converters sold at 45 1-2, and Colored Cotton at 53. Other features were Steel 64 3-4, Pfo 116. Quebec Ry 52 1-2. Power 119 3-4. Illinois 95 1-2. Rubber bonds 98 flat. Porto Rico 48 3-4. Winnipeg St. 179, Ogilvie 124.

The tug Flushing left for the Springhill raft at noon. She had the loading scow of the Log Driving Company in tow, and will leave it at Lincoln.

ENTERTAINED AUSTRALIAN JOURNALISTS

Antipodean Newspaper Men on Their Way to the Imperial Press Conference, Were Tendered a Banquet in Toronto.

Toronto, May 18—(Special)—A banquet was given by the Board of Trade, the Toronto daily press and the Canadian Manufacturers' Association at the National Club last night to eleven Australian newspaper men who arrived on Sunday on their way to attend the Imperial Press conference.

Hon. J. M. Gibson, the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, officiated as chairman of the evening. J. S. Willison of the Toronto News proposed the health of the guests, welcoming them in the name of his colleagues. E. S. Cunningham, in reply spoke in the highest terms of the hospitality accorded to the Australian party since landing in Canada.

George Fenwick of the Otoga Daily Times, speaking of the development of trade, said there was little use in endeavoring to establish a freight line from Vancouver to Australia on account of the long overland haul, but he strongly favored a government subsidy to a steamship line from Quebec and Halifax to the Antipodes. The concluding speech was made by W. J. Gage vice-president of the Board of Trade who appealed to his hearers to do all in their power to further inter-imperial relations.

HE SKIPPED WITH THE BORDERS' CLOTHES

Young Man Employed in Windsor Hall, at Fredericton, Robbed the Guests and Took French Leave — He Was Caught.

Fredericton, N. B., May 18—(Special)—A dwelling house on Brunswick street, occupied by Dr. Steeves and owned by the Fenety estate, was sold at auction here this morning. There was lively bidding and it was finaly knocked down to Mrs. Fenety for $2,500.

The Fredericton choral society at a meeting last evening elected T. B. Kidner president, J. M. Lemont secretary-treasurer, A. W. Coombes, librarian and F. W. Harrison and Miss Bessie Everett conductors.

John Doran returned last night from Lepreaux lakes, bringing with him a fine string of trout. Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Chestnut started this morning on a fishing and canoeing trip down the Musquash River.

Mrs. Mary Ann Davis, widow of the late Michael Davis, died at her home here last night after a brief illnes from pneumonia. She was sixty-six years old, and leaves one son, Elbridge, and two daughters, Mrs. Logue, wife of Fred Logue, C. P. R. conductor, and Mrs. Keenan, wife of Peter Keenan, brakeman on the Intercolonial.

A young man named Frank Wilson, employed at the Windsor Hall, skipped out yesterday morning and is supposed to have taken with him a well filled valise belonging to the boarders. It was thought he had taken the boat for St. John, and Chief Clark was notified to be on the watch for him. It was learned later, however, that he had stopped off at Gagetown, and acting on instructions from the local police, Sheriff Williams placed him under arrest. He will be brought to Fredericton tomorrow morning.

Brigadier General Drury, accompanied by Colonel White, D. O. C., and Lieutenant Colonel Wadmore, this morning inspected No. 3 Regimental depot. The troops were exercised in company and physical drill, and made an excellent showing. An inspection was made of the barracks, premises and mess-room, and Col. Chinic was complimented on their clean appearance.

The water in the river here fell about two inches last night.

DESERTED BABIES FOUND IN A TRAIN

Three Little Tots From Kansas Found in a Bunk in an Express Train at Emerson, Sask.

Winnipeg, Man., May 14—(Special)—Immigration authorities discovered a sad case of desertion of children yesterday morning when the express from the south was being examined at Emerson. Three little tots were found in a bunk and when the inspector asked their destination, they replied they were going to Star City, Saskatchewan. Their tickets expired at Boundary, and it was further found they had only thirty cents among them. The children had come all the way from Kansas, where their parents had deserted them and they had been sent to Star City where their grandparents now reside. Unless it is found that the latter are in position to keep them the children will be sent back to Kansas.

A concert under the auspices of the J. Y. M. B. C. will be held in the Charlotte street United Baptist church, west end, tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock. An excellent programme has been prepared, and an enjoyable evening is assured for all who atend.

The water at Indiantown continues high, being about the Street Car tracks today.

NEW DOG LICENSE LAW HAS GOOD EFFECT

More Citizens Have Taken Out Licenses This Year Than Was the Case Last Year at the Same Date.

The new by-law relating to dog licenses has had the effect of inducing many more citizens to take out licenses up to the present time than was the case up to the same date last year. This morning there had been nearly 550 licenses issued, whereas at this date last year, only about 100 had complied with the law. It is thought that the provision fixing the license fee at double the rate after July 1, has spurred the owners of the canines to get their licenses in good time.

SATISFACTORY CROP REPORTS

Nearly All the Western Wheat is in and None of the Farmers Have Suffered From Bad Weather.

Winnipeg, May 18—(Special)—A highly satisfactory crop report has been issued by the Canadian Northern Railway. It states that almost all the wheat is in and the farmers have made considerable progress with coarse grains. No district has suffered from backward weather to any appreciable degree. The weather has been uniformly fair throughout the spring wheat belt during the past week and the first stage of the crop of the present year has nearly passed.

WALKS 1,200 MILES TO FIND WORK

Elderly Man's Trip From Near Kenora to Ottawa — Journey Took Two Months.

Ottawa, May 14—An elderly man, with clothes and shoes somewhat the worse for wear, appeared yesterday at the city hall having walked 1,200 miles in search of work. He started from a point 65 miles above Kenora early in March. He had been working on the National Transcontinental Railway, and lost his job there. He walked every step of the way, the journey taking him over two months to accomplish. When he found that he could obtain no suitable work along the way he headed for Ottawa. In the early part of his journey he had to walk up to his knees in snow. One day he walked 30 miles with only a small crust of bread to eat. He had $15 when he started, but this was soon spent for food. Then he sold his watch, and every other article of any value he possessed. He claims to be a bookkeeper and stenographer.

BRUISERS MEET TOMORROW NIGHT

Johnson and O'Brien in Good Fettle for Their Six Round Go at Philadelphia

Philadelphia, May 18—Interest increases as the time approaches for the six-round fight at the National Athletic Club in this city between Jack Johnson and Jack O'Brien. Both men ended their hard training today and will indulge in nothing more than light exercise tomorrow. They will enter the ring about 10.30 o'clock tomorrow night. Of the two fighters, O'Brien has been doing more consciencious work. He has been in training at King of Prussia, Pa., near this city, for nearly a month, and he claims to be in better condition than at any other time in his life. He says there is more power behind his punches and that his eye for distance is as accurate as ever. Except when he has been entertained by members of his race in this city, Johnson has been making his final preparations for the fight at George Goles' training quarters at Merchantville, N. J. The world's champion also claims to be in first class shape for the bout. He has taken on some flesh, but in his workouts this does not seem to have caused him any inconvenience.

There is very little betting in this city on the fight and it is not expected that any very great amount of money will change hands. This is probably due more anything else to the fact that local laws forbids decisions being given in boxing bouts. The Pennsylvania law prohibits prize fights but permits boxing bouts limited to six rounds. The house has been practically sold for the event. The club management claims that the receipts will be $22,000, the largest ever taken in this country for a six-round fight. Johnson has a guarantee of $5,000, while O'Brien will receive 30 per cent of the gross receipts. If the receipts reach the amount predicted by the management, O'Brien's share will be larger than Johnson's.

WORKED 70 YEARS AT ANVIL.

S. E. Chamberlin, of Enfield, has the honor of being the Bay State's oldest blacksmith. For seventy years this veteran, now white haired at the age of 84, has stood at the anvil, and during that time he has shod more than 12,000 pairs of oxen and 60,000 horses.

He can set a pace today that is strenuous for a man much younger.

When he was 50 years old he frequently shod seven pairs of horses each working day, making the nails and shoes himself. He can turn a good shoe even now and he retains the old hammer he used more than half a century ago.—Northampton Gazette.

The members of the 62nd Band will meet tomorrow, (Wednesday) evening for pay and practice at 8 p. m. sharp.

CAPTAIN HAINS WAS TAKEN TO SING SING PRISON TODAY

He Will Begin a Term of at Least Eight Years Unless His Counsel's Appeal Results in a New Trial Being Secured

Board of Works 30jun09

New York, May 18—Captain William C. Hains, Jr., was taken from the Queens County jail today to Sing Sing prison to begin what will be a term of at least eight years unless an appeal taken by his counsel results in a new trial. No effort was made to prevent his transfer to Sing Sing. Eugene N. Young, one of the attorneys said no application would be made for a certificate of reasonable doubt, but that an appeal in the captain's behalf would be taken to the higher courts in the regular way. Mr. Young went to the jail today, and notified Sheriff Harvey of the decision of Hains' counsel to offer no opposition to his transfer to prison. The sheriff immediately made preparation to send the Captain to Sing Sing. Captain Hains left the jail in custody of a keeper. His bearing was not materially changed from his first appearance in the court room. He walked beside the keeper in a dazed manner and showed no evidence of emotion. On the way to the Grand Central station, he neither recognized nor spoke to anyone. None of his relatives were at the jail when he departed.

At the Grand Central Station the Captain and his keeper boarded a train for Ossining.

MINERS BURIED IN COPPER MINE

Two Miners Killed in Terrible Accident in a Michigan Copper Mine.

Negaunee, Mich., May 18—(Special)—A horrible accident occurred at the Mary Charlotte copper mine here yesterday afternoon, the victims being two miners, Victor Lord and Edward Yammen. Both men were literally buried alive when several tons of earth fell and engulfed them, while they were at work many hundreds of feet below the surface. The alarm was given immediately, and all the workmen organized into a rescue party, but many hours passed before the diggers were able to reach the bodies.

RIVER STEAMERS IN A COLLISION

The Victoria and May Queen Slightly Damaged Yesterday Afternoon

There was a lot of excitement among those on board of the steamers Victoria and May Queen yesterday afternoon as the boats raced down the reach to Indiantown. As the result of coming too close together a collision occurred, damaging their guards. As the steamers entered the reach it was at once apparent that a contest was on. Fires were stoked and the passenger boats ploughed through the water at a high rate of speed. Gradually they came near each other. So that the passengers could shake hands, all the time churning the water into foam. Finally there was a crash and a crunching and the pair collided damaging guards.

The Victoria, however, soon pulled away from the old Queen and arrived at Indiantown about twenty minutes ahead of her.

MRS. TAFT IS ILL

President's Wife Reported to Be Suffering From a Nervous Breakdown

Washington, May 18—Mrs. Taft, who suffered a nervous breakdown yesterday, was much improved today. After the call of Dr. Delaney, the attending physician, at the White House, this morning, it was announced that the president's wife had rested comfortably and was much better. Mrs. Taft became ill yesterday while on a trip down the Potomac River with the president and a small party of friends. The excitement, heat and exertion as the president himself expressed it, were too much for her. She slept well last night, however, and when Dr. Delaney called this morning he was satisfied with the progress Mrs. Taft was making in recovering from the nervous collapse.

PERSONALS

Mrs. William Gibons is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tho. Souther, of Bayswater.

Holly Bridges, manager of the Bridges' Tow Boat Company, Gagetown, came to the city yesterday on the steamer Victoria.

Henry Burns, the lumberman, of Fredericton, came in on the Victoria yesterday.

C. N. Flewelling passed through the city at noon to Hampton.

L. Brayley came in on the Boston train at noon.

Col. McLean, M. P., was a passenger to the city on the Montreal train at noon.

Ven. Archdeacon Newham, of St. Stephen, passed through the city at noon

Norman R. Burrows, who has been appointed manager of the Havana, Cuba, branch of the Royal Bank of Canada, arrived in the city this morning from Halifax, and will spend a few days here before leaving for his new post.

DIED IN MASSACHUSETTS

Harriet B. Adams, wife of Allen H. Adams, formerly of St. John, died at Somerville, Mass., on Saturday, and was buried this afternooon. She is a daughter-in-law of Thomas Adams, of the public works department in this city, and was 35 years old. She was formerly a Miss Hall.

Mrs. Elizabeth McCartney, wife of Timothy McCartney, a former St. John resident, died in Charlestown, Mass., on Saturday, and the funeral was held this morning. Before her marriage she was Miss Doherty, and was in her 6st year.

A sub-committee of the treasury board will meet representatives of the St. John Railway Company this afternoon to discuss the matter of the railway company's assessment.

JEFFRIES TIPS BEAM AT 243

Heavyweight Pugilist Shows He is Not as Heavy as Many Suppose.

Chicago, May 18—James J. Jeffries has jumped on the scales in public for the first time since he came out of retirement and in the presence of a few interested persons tipped the beam at 243 pounds. Jeffries announced he would weigh again before he left the city and would show whether or not he was reducing his weight. He said his best fighting weight is 220. "I don't see where I am asking much for delay in training," said Jeffries. 'I simply want to be in the best possible shape when I enter the ring. When Sullivan and Corbett signed up in 1892 it was in March. They met in September. How long did Fitzsimmons and Corbett have for training? It was a matter of months I know."

Chicago, May 18—As part of his daily exercise yesterday at the Chicago American League Ball Park, Jim Jeffries frolicked with the players, especialy with Smith. At one time the piano mover had pugilistic aspirations, and thought it a grand opportunity to test his fighting qualities. Smith could not penetrate Jeffries' guard and never came close to touching the champion. On the other hand Jeffries hit the pitcher where and when he pleased and Smith soon realized that he had better stick to baseball. A suit has been laid aside for the champion, but it is too small for Jeffries' large frame, and he contents himself with wearing a pair of street trousers and an ordinary pair of shoes.

SPREADING THE HOLY SCRIPTURES

Rev. Dr. G. M. Campbell Receives Interesting Reports from British and Foreign Bible Society

Rev. Dr. G. M. Campbell superintendent for this district for the Canadian Bible Society has just returned from a tour of his district which is known as No. 1, taking in the Maritime Provinces and Newfoundland. He has been re-organizing the field in preparation for the summer campaign.

Dr. Campbell says the 105th annual meeting of the British and Foreign Bible Society, of which the Canadian Society is an auxiliary, was held in the Queen's Hall, London, England, May 7th. The meeting was largely attended and among the distinguished speakers was Sir Andrew Frazer who made such an impression at the recent Laymens' Missionary Congress at Toronto.

The report showed that the society has completed the Bible in 105 languages, New Testaments in 102 and in 211 other languages some portion of the Bible has been printed, making a total of 418 languages in which the society has promoted the translation, printing and distribution of the Holy Scripture. This means that in 6 fresh languages the work of translation was completed in 1908. In publishing the new versions the society serves various branches of the Christian church. The Kanauri version will be used by Moravian missionaries; the Rabha, by the American Baptist church, the Ora by the Anglican church, and the Ndau served the American Congregationalists and South African General Missions. In addition the society is devoting money and pains without stint in producing versions acceptable to the Jews. This work is under the direction of the learned Orientalist Dr. C. G. Ginsburg.

Archdeacon Mackay's revised version of the Cree Bible, to which he has devoted his life, has been published for use in Canada.

The Canadian Auxiliary employs 40 colporteurs of its own among the swarm of Polyglot immigrants and settlers scattered over the prairies. They visit camps where lumbermen, cattlemen, miners and railway navvies live, remote from the churches and schools. These camps are estimated to contain 250,000 men.

The report refers to the Canadian work in the most complimentary terms, naming it "our great Canadian auxiliary." The society for use in Canada, has increased numerous Diglot editions by publishing Matthew in Yiddish and English, and the whole New Testament in Ruthenian and English. The society has published in 31 languages the scriptures for the blind. It issued in 1908, 5,934,711 volumes, of these 884,195 were bibles, 1,116,574 New Testaments, and 3,933,842 portions of scriptures. The society's total expenses for 1908 was £237,041 sterling, and total receipts for year £238,040 sterling, leaving a net balance of £999. Since it was organized in 1804 the society has issued 215,500,000 copies of scriptures.