

BIG MERGER OF GAS COMPANIES

Special to The Guardian. CHATHAM, Ont., June 22—A merger of four of the largest natural gas companies operating in the south-western Ontario, with the object of securing control of the entire field is in progress and is likely to be concluded within a few days.

HERALD VICTIMS WERE THIRTY-TWO

Special to The Guardian. MONTREAL, June 22—The last body from the Herald disaster has been identified positively as John Cunningham. This makes the known dead thirty-two.

CANADIAN NAVAL SHIP CANNOT BE BUILT ON LAKES

OTTAWA, June 21—The naval department is now co-operating with the British admiralty in preparing the plans and specifications for the first ten new vessels of the Canadian navy, and it is expected that in the course of a month or so the department will be ready to submit these plans to representatives of Canadian and British shipbuilding firms for private consideration on which to base tenders for construction.

Owing to the fact that designs of new warships are always kept as secret as possible, by the admiralty, which has always objected to making specifications public, the same practice will have to be observed in Canada. Consequently there will be no public call for tenders or advertisement of specifications, every reputable Canadian or British firm will, however, be given ample opportunity to privately tender, and the same procedure will obtain in Canada as has been the rule for many years in Great Britain.

Under an agreement with the United States which forbids the building of warships on the Great Lakes, the Toronto and Collingwood steel shipbuilding firms will not be able to tender for the construction of any of the new vessels at their present plants, but Hon. Mr. Brodeur points out that it would be comparatively easy for these firms to establish temporary yards at Montreal, or some other suitable place on the St. Lawrence or in the Maritime Province where the actual work of building the new war vessels could be carried on. Similarly British firms might establish, without much delay, branch plants in Canada for the assembling of parts into completed warships.

Admiral Kingsmill will leave for England a fortnight hence in connection with the construction designs to be secured from the admiralty. He will also formally take over from the admiralty the Niobe and the Rainbow now in drydock at Portsmouth.

AT THE MINES AMHERST, June 21—The enquiry into the death of William Stephens and Thomas Wood, who were killed in an explosion in Chignecto mines early on Monday morning, was held by Coroner Avard at Chignecto mines this morning. A number of witnesses were examined and the trend of the evidence went to show that every precaution had been taken to safeguard the lives of the employees.

John McKinnon, one of the examiners, testified that he had been examining the mines previously to the employees going to work for four months and had never detected the presence of gas or fire damp. It was also proven that Stephens and Wood took sixty lamps into the mine with them.

The verdict of the jury was to the effect that the deceased came to their deaths by explosion in the mines and that no blame could be attached to the officials or management.

CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN ST. JOHN. SACKVILLE, June 22—The Methodist conference prorogued today, after being in session seven days, will meet next year in the Centenary church at St. John on the Third Tuesday in June.

Minard's Liniment cures Burns, etc.

SKELETON FOUND SOLVES MYSTERY

Special to The Guardian. ST. JOHN, June 22—The mystery of sixteen years concerning the disappearance of Robert Horne was solved today by the discovery of the fragments of a skeleton on a farm near Black River. Horne went for a day's fishing in May, 1894, accompanied by his dog. His failure to return created a great sensation, large crowds searched the country and rewards being offered. But it is now learned that Horne changed his plans after leaving home and went to another fishing resort than first intended. This accounts for the failure of the searching parties.

McFADDEN HAS HIS PRELIMINARY HEARING

Special from Guardian Branch. SUMMERSIDE, June 22.—The preliminary hearing of a man named McFadden who was arrested on Friday last for breaking into the freight house at Tignish took place today before the Magistrate Wright at Summerside. The evidence of Mr. Matheson, Station Agent at Summerside, his assistant Lewis, Bradford M. Gough and two others named McFadden and Gallant were taken. The evidence did not appear very strong against the prisoner and his hearing was adjourned until Monday next for further evidence.

EASTERN STEAMSHIP CO. ARRANGE FINE SERVICE

ST. JOHN, June 21—Commencing yesterday, the Eastern Steamship Company inaugurated its summer service of six trips a week between St. John and Boston. There are three direct trips and three coastwise, and the steamers performing the service are the Calvin Austin, Governor Dingley and Governor Cobb. This is the best programme that has ever been announced for this delightful sea trip. The three steamers are fitted with wireless telegraph, so that they can keep in continually in touch with the stations along the coast. Following is the schedule: Coastwise route—Leave St. John at 9:00 a. m. Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays for Eastport, Lubec, returning leaves Union Wharf, Boston, Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays at 9:00 a. m. and Portland at 5:00 p. m. for Lubec, Eastport and St. John. Direct route—Leaves St. John at 9:00 a. m. Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays for Boston direct. Returning leaves Boston direct. Wharf, at 10:00 a. m. Sundays, Mondays and Thursdays for St. John direct.

EARL GREY AND CANADA.

LONDON, June 22.—Earl Grey already has stirred England's business of Canada to the commercial possibilities of the Westminister Gazette says:—Earl Grey is back in England on a holiday of the School of Business viceroys. Hardly had he landed when he was preaching the possibilities of Canada.

THE CANADIAN NAVY.

OTTAWA, June 22.—The Naval Department, co-operating with the British Admiralty, is preparing plans for the first ten vessels of the Canadian Navy. In the course of a month the department will submit plans to shipbuilding firms for their private consideration.

EXHIBITION HOME RUSH FROM STATES.

ST. JOHN, June 21—Manager Good, of the Dominion Exhibition, received a communication Saturday morning from George E. Watson, secretary of the New England Passenger Association, to the effect that the transportation companies included in the association had agreed to sell tickets for St. John at one-way fare, for September 5, 7 and 8, good for return up to the 18th last. This indicates that there will be a big home-coming of the Maritime Province people in the New England States, as the rates will be remarkably low. This is a concession that the exhibition management have been trying hard to get and they are greatly pleased to learn that they have succeeded.

NORMAL SCHOOL CLOSING

The closing exercises of the Normal School were held yesterday. The following program was rendered and in each instance the performer or performers excelled themselves in their efforts and the juniors' pieces were especially appreciated. PROGRAM. 1 Chorus—The Harp that once thro' Tara's Hall. 2 Recitation—Good and Bad Children—Dorothy Winchester. 3 Song—Loch Lomond—Robert Messervy. 4 Recitation—Our Heroes—Edward Chandler. 5 Chorus—Blue Bells of Scotland. 6 Doll Drill—By Junior Girls. 7 Chorus—Hearts of Oak. 8 Recitation—Ten Years Old—Ethel Messervy. 9 Solo—If I Were a Violet—Edna Gordon. 10 Recitation—My Shadow—Eleanor Lowe. 11 Wind Song—By Primary Classes. 12 Recitation—Work a Day World—Frances Moore. 13 Chorus—Men of Harlech. 14 Parol Drill—Senior Girls. 15 Recitation—This Canada of Ours—Allison Beer. 16 Presentation of Diplomas. 17 Chorus—Dominion Hymn. 18 God Save the King.

CONFERENCE HAS COMPLETED WORK

SACKVILLE, N. B., June 21—The Methodist conference prorogued this afternoon at 5 o'clock after being in session for about seven days. It will meet next year in Centenary church at St. John the third Tuesday in June. A ministerial session of the conference was held this morning. The conference convened at 10 o'clock. The following resolution, moved by Dr. Allison, and seconded by Dr. Inch, was unanimously passed: Whereas, the general conference of the Methodist Church in 1906, and many of the annual conferences, had endorsed the action of the committee on union and have expressed their sympathy with the movement; and Whereas, the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, in recent session in the city of Halifax did, by a large majority, approve of the proposed basis of union and ordered that it be submitted to the lower church for their consideration and decision; therefore, Resolved, that the general conference be memorialized as its forthcoming session to take necessary steps to ascertain the opinion of the whole church upon the subject, heartily believing that the best interest of the church of Christ and throughout the world if the proposed union be consummated.

ANNUAL DISTRICT SCHOOL MEETING

The following additional schools have held their annual school meetings:—SOURIS WEST SCHOOL. The annual school meeting of the Souris West School, No. 33, was after due notice held at the school-house on June 21st. The trustees for the year are: James Kiekham, J. McDonald (chairman), Patrick McCarthy, P. J. Mullally, H. J. McDonald (secretary). J. W. McLean was the retiring trustee. The following sums were voted: For fuel, \$60.00 for supplement, \$35.00 for fuel and lighting fire, \$25.00 for school-house. Spring and fall vacations were adopted. MONTAGUE SCHOOL MEETING. Trustees: Wm. Lemon, John Hynes, John A. Stewart (nem.). G. S. Ingham, \$60. Two vice-principals, \$50 each; two primary teachers, \$35 each; total, \$230. Running expenses, \$31; increase, \$100.

MARGATE SCHOOL.

Margate School meeting No. 95. Meeting was well attended, replet with enthusiastic and showed good interest in their school. Frank Glyden acted as chairman, Wm. Howard acting secretary. The secretary, Alfred Mayhew, presented a very satisfactory report for the year. The sum of \$70 was voted for running expenses. Supplement, \$30, the principal, J. P. Profit, receiving \$20 increase, the assistant, Miss H. F. Wright, \$10 in the case of both teachers are remaining. Geo. Paynter was appointed new trustee, and Alfred Mayhew retiring. The other trustees are William Howard and Jacob Fyfe.

TYNE VALLEY.

The annual meeting of Tyne Valley School, District No. 46—Trustees for the coming year: Hubert Phillips, Burns McAusland, J. M. Nicholson. Trustee retired, J. Boates. Supplement, \$30. Running expenses, \$70. Teachers: Miss Donoherty, \$30; Miss Cooke, assistant. Joseph Boates, secretary.

YORK SCHOOL.

At the York school meeting a supplement of fifty dollars was voted. Isaac Holman is the new trustee and A. West secretary.

TIGNISH SCHOOL.

The annual meeting of the Tignish Grammar School, District No. 115, was held Tuesday at four o'clock. Fidele I. Bernier, chairman; A. J. Gaudet, secretary; Joseph I. Arsenault, trustee, retiring; Fidele I. Bernier appointed in his place. The following sums were voted, viz: Supplement to principal, \$50 if less than more than two years' experience in teaching; if more than two years, \$75, and \$30 to assistant; fuel, etc., \$85; repairs, \$50.

CLINTON SCHOOL.

The Clinton annual school meeting on Tuesday was well attended. The following are the trustees this year: James Pickering, Thomas Sullivan, George Woodside, John D. Smith retiring, James Pickering was appointed in his place. The supplement for teachers voted was \$60 and for expenses, \$78, making a total of \$138. The spring and fall vacations were adopted. John D. Smith is the secretary. Both teachers retire.

ST. NICHOLAS SCHOOL.

The St. Nicholas meeting passed off successfully. Clovis Arsenault retiring from the trustee board and Amos Richard was appointed in his place. The following sums were voted: For teachers' supplement, \$30 for fuel, \$25 for repairs, \$25. The teachers: Miss Lena Arsenault and Miss Emma Arsenault.

FINE.

Special to The Guardian. TORONTO, June 23—Light variable winds; fair today.

CHICAGO MARKETS.

CHICAGO, June 22—(Special).—July Wheat 96 September Wheat 59 1/2 July Corn 59 September Corn 60 July Pork 22 3/4

TERIFFIC WIND FOLLOWS HEAT

Special to The Guardian. WINNIPEG, June 22—Temperatures over 100 were recorded at a number of Manitoba points today, 105 being the top notch. A heavy downpour of rain, preceded by a terrific wind and dust storm gave temporary relief to the intense heat which has prevailed for three or four days. It is feared, the strong, parching south winds which have been prevalent at St. John have damaged the crop on the lighter lands.

HORSE RACES AT JOHNSTON'S RIVER

The horse races in Johnston's River yesterday were highly successful from every point of view. The attendance was large, about six hundred being present, the weather was all that could be desired, the track was in good condition, the management was in capable hands and everything went off smoothly and without a hitch. There were two classes, the three minute and the free-for-all, and in each of these classes there was a good field of starters and competition was keen. A match race for a ten dollar purse between Jerry Kelly and Oakley Oakes provided considerable amusement. Jerry Kelly proved himself a superior foot jangler and won each of the three heats.

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ASQUITH MEETS SUFFRAGETTES

Special to The Guardian. LONDON, June 22—Today deputations from the Suffragettes and anti-Suffragettes waited on Premier Asquith. Replying to the former's request that the Government grant the second reading of the suffrage, condonation bills, Mr. Asquith said the pros and cons of the bill passing were exceedingly remote. He had listened most sympathetically to their arguments and would have pleasure in submitting the matter to his colleagues. Addressing the anti-Suffrage deputations, Mr. Asquith said, speaking for himself, he was not converted to woman suffrage and was not sure the proceedings of the past two years had not strengthened his views on the subject.

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GONDON, June 21—Ten thousand suffragettes marched to Albert hall, where the leaders made speeches, in which they pledged their support to the woman's suffrage condonation bill and petitioned parliament to pass the bill at the present session. The demonstration marked the reunion of the various suffrage organizations in the support of the measure. A feature of the procession was 500 women graduates wearing university robes, escorted by a group of Cambridge university men in their academic dress, who relieve in woman suffrage. Hunger-strikers carried four hundred suffragettes who had refused to eat while in prison. Six hundred and seventeen of the marchers wore uniforms like those they wore while imprisoned.

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The following are the summaries: 3.00 CLASS (Purse \$50) Lulu B. (Wood) 1 1 1 Queen Brazilian (H. Wood) 4 2 2 Ginger (McKenna) 5 3 3 Frenchy (Brown) 3 4 5 Tony Swift (Hooper) 2 5 6 Litha M. (Mason) 6 7 4 Best time—2:59. FREE FOR ALL (Purse \$50.) Meadowdale (Bailey) 1 1 1 Baby Boy (Hooper) 2 2 4 Longboat (Kelly) 3 4 2 Hilda S. (Stewart) 4 3 3 Best time—2:30. The judges were George Macdonald, City, (Stewart), Alex. Kennedy Southport, and John Curtis, Peake's.

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ROD MILL MAY NOT BE BUILT

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