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...WHIST PARTY—The whist party and dance which was held in the Town Hall, Georgetown, on Monday, April 30th, was a decided success. Whist was played from eight until eleven. The ladies prize was won by Mrs. P. J. Solomon, and the gentleman's prize was won by Mr. Jack Gordon. A delicious lunch was served by Mrs. P. J. Solomon. Mrs. Fairchild, Mrs. Moon, Mrs. M. E. Jenkins, Miss Elizabeth Skinner and Miss Ethel Morricey. Excellent music was furnished by Mr. James Condon. Mrs. Fairchild and Miss Kathleen Fairchild. The dances consisted of dances, waltzes, gavottes, one step and fox trots. The dance closed at 1 a. m., everyone pleased with the evening's entertainment.

PERSONALS

...Mr. Joseph Kiggins, teacher, Georgetown High School, spent the week end in Charlottetown.
...Mr. J. Gordon, Georgetown, is visiting Charlottetown.

King of Sweden Opens Gothenburg Exposition

GOETHENBURG, Sweden, May 9.—The Tercentennial Jubilee Exposition in Gothenburg will open tomorrow with gala festivities which the King of Sweden and other members of the royal family are expected to attend. This exposition, which celebrates the three hundredth anniversary of the founding of the city of Gothenburg by the famous warrior-king, Gustavus Adolphus, has been in preparation for a number of years. It will present exhibits of Swedish development in industry, commerce, science and education, art and literature.

The first note in the festival opening tomorrow will be sounded by the church bells chiming throughout the city at seven in the morning. The royal train from Stockholm is expected to arrive at seven-thirty. Two hours later there will be the Te Deum service in all the churches, the cathedral being reserved for the royal party and invited guests. At eleven o'clock the royal procession arrives at Gustaf Adolf's Square, where special commemorative services will be held, including the rendition of the first part of the Jubilee Cantata, composed for the occasion, and the placing of a huge wreath at the foot of the Gustavus Adolphus statue.

The gates to the exposition grounds will be ceremoniously opened for the entrance of the king at one o'clock, after which the royal procession passes through the piazzas and avenues of the exposition to Memorial Hall, one of the most strikingly beautiful buildings of the fair. Here will be given a special reception, including the rendition of the second part of the Jubilee Cantata by a chorus of one thousand school children. At the close of these ceremonies the king signs his name in the memorial register, and the exhibits are declared open to the public. The day's festivities close with a historical pageant and parade through the streets of Gothenburg. The exposition closes September 30th.

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HON. MR. LEA: I know nothing of that. It is not true.
MR. KENNEDY: Don't you know that conditions today are worse?
HON. MR. LEA: How are they?
MR. KENNEDY: You ought to know, you are the Commissioner of Agriculture.

MR. KENNEDY: The Commissioner accuses me of not knowing that there were any seed fairs at the present time and then he explained that the seed fairs are not seed fairs now but field competitions. He takes great credit for being able to sell seed oats at 35 cents less than the merchants, when as a matter of fact he bought \$12,000 worth and lost \$800 on the transaction which the people of this Province have to pay.

HON. MR. LEA: It was not all lost.

MR. McLEAN: Do your books show that?

MR. STEWART: Is there any mention of oats on hand in the books?

HON. MR. LEA: There is no mention but there might be accounts receivable.

MR. STEWART: Why is it not put in the books?
HON. MR. LEA: He said the reports were carried out as they always had been. He had never spoken about any disease being found at Falconwood Farm and it might be hard to detect and it might be there for years. This year for the first time a clear record has been reported. Concrete floors had to be put in the stables and concrete root houses built. This year 14,000 bushels of roots were produced and the farmers were given their oats 35 cents a bushel cheaper.

MR. KENNEDY: You poisoned the country with weeds.

HON. MR. LEA: No, we inquired carefully all over the country and got the cheapest prices and lower freight rates and delivered it to the farmers at cost. We saved them at least \$10,000 in that thing alone. The farmers can purchase co-operatively in large quantities. We arranged with the railway department and got a reclassification on fertilizer.

MR. KENNEDY:—Does the Commissioner say that the Department has received a lower rate than anybody else in the Province?

HON. MR. LEA: We don't claim the Department has a special rate, but we claim that we got a special rate. Previous to last year there was a rate on nitrate of soda of 37 cents per 100 lbs. The other fertilizer came at 19 cents per 100 lbs. It was recognized that if there was any percentage of nitrate of soda in the shipment the higher rate was put in operation and the whole car was charged at 37 cents. I met the railway board at St. John and asked for a re-classification. We got it fixed so that now if no more than 25 per cent. of nitrate of soda goes to the shipment, the rate is 19 cents per 100 lbs.

MR. KENNEDY: I think I can teach my hon. friend a little lesson in regard to the freight rates. Those fertilizers are for farm purposes—for the land. There was a half rate secured two years before he became Commissioner at all, arranged by the Conservative Government. Has he got a further rate increase? No. Did he ever ask for one? No. That rate is still in operation. There has been no change. Why didn't you go to Moncton if you were trying to get the rate reduced? There is no head office at St. John.

HON. MR. LEA maintained the fertilizer rate had been classified and Mr. Kennedy maintained there was no reduction. The Agricultural Items passed.

The Boards of Health Items (\$700) carried.

CORONERS' INQUESTS (\$500)

Mr. Stewart referred to the McGee case, mentioned in the Public Accounts. There were three items, for \$68; \$25 and \$25 respectively. He wished to know when these were incurred.

PREMIER BELL said it was some time during the year.

MR. STEWART: The death of this man was about Christmas, 1920. How was the Coroner's inquest delayed for over a year after that?

PREMIER BELL: The payments were delivered. There was some difficulty about adjustment.

MR. STEWART: Who was the Coroner?

PREMIER BELL: Coroner Dr. Allen. The other bills are bills of persons associated with him in making this inquest. Some questions of difficulty arose in regard to charges.

MR. STEWART: Has the Coroner been paid?

PREMIER BELL: I am not sure. He was either paid or else an amount was tendered to him.

MR. HESSIAN: He was paid and returned the money.
MR. STEWART: Might I ask why?
MR. HESSIAN: I will explain why.
MR. STEWART: Are you the Attorney General?
MR. HESSIAN: No, I am not the Attorney General, but I acted as a representative should act in that matter down there. The meeting was held in my office and the Coroner was paid according to the Act. There is no question about it, the Act should be amended. The fees are not at all proportionate. Dr. McGuigan from Charlottetown got caught in a snow storm and was down there three days. Every precaution was taken at that inquest by the Attorney General. If there is any outstanding bill in

connection with this unfortunate case it should be paid. The doctors performed an autopsy under very trying conditions. I had to go out and buy hatchets and chisels to perform that operation. I think they made me go out and get a gimlet.

MR. STEWART: You did not perform the operation, did you?
MR. HESSIAN said no. Continuing, he described the circumstances of the death of Mr. McGee and the splendid work done by Drs. Allen, McGuigan, Grant and McMillen. They had to travel twelve miles through snowbanks, and they had to make three visits. Dr. Allen had not yet received a dollar of compensation. The Government should pay him his legitimate charge.

HON. MR. JOHNSTON explained the action he had taken when informed of the man's death. The body was discovered in a barn twenty miles from the nearest doctor. Foul play was feared. It was ten or twelve below zero and the roads were in a terrible condition. One doctor found death to be due to natural causes. The family was dissatisfied and called in another doctor, who said the man's neck was broken. The Attorney General ordered an independent investigation, at which two additional doctors, as well as the two who had examined the body, were present. They signed a document to the effect that death was due to natural causes. He referred particularly to the work of Dr. Allen. He understood he had been offered \$4 or \$5 as compensation, which he refused to accept.

MR. STEWART: This is another instance of the "penny wise, pound foolish" policy of this Government. We have had the whole story now, which I tried to draw from the Premier. I quite understand just what Dr. Allen had to go through. I know he always does his best and I can quite believe his report. I cannot understand where mean, small little savings of this kind are helpful. They are causing a great deal of trouble and are holding up the province to disrepute.

PREMIER BELL: The law regarding the holding of inquests is rather antiquated. It provides that the fee of the Coroner shall be the fees of the Coroner. As to the money tendered to Dr. Allen, I don't know what it was, but I am pretty sure it was not anything like the amount stated. At any rate it was tendered. The law should be amended in the same way the jury fees have been raised. But until it is amended we are obliged to conform to the provisions.

MR. STEWART: Upon whom does the duty devolve of amending the law when it is not right? Is it not the Leader of the Government? This is where we get off after so much talk and so little action. My hon. friend knew that the law needed to be amended in order to provide that man with compensation, and here nothing whatever has been done.

The item carried. Elections, (\$7,500) carried.

Executive Council (\$3,950)

MR. KENNEDY: The Premier receives \$2,000, and his clerk \$800, and a clerk to write letters for him, \$500. Here we have mileage of members, \$350. What does that mean?

PREMIER BELL: There are members of the Executive Council who live outside the city.

MR. KENNEDY: Under our government no such a thing took



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place, simply because there was no mileage allowed. In another place the Commissioner of Agriculture is down for \$450 travelling expenses, where it does not cost him four dollars and a half, besides his little salary of \$2,000.
HON. MR. HUGHES: I have not received anything for my services.
MR. KENNEDY: Because you never were worth anything. (Laughter.)
MR. DEWAR: There is only one member of the Executive living outside the city.
The item carried.

EDUCATION (\$270,000)

MR. HIGGS said \$800 was hardly a fair wage for the teacher of treacher drawing at Prince of Wales College. It should be the same amount as the salary of the teacher of Domestic Science (\$1,600.)

MR. STEWART said he knew the young lady referred to was well qualified and capable. One new teacher has been added to the College. He would ask the Premier what were his duties.

PREMIER BELL said there had been no increase. One teacher had got married and another had taken the place.

MR. STEWART: What is the average size of the classes, for instance, in the first year?

PREMIER BELL: That is more than I can tell.

MR. STEWART: Your knowledge of this department is not very extensive, apparently.

MR. HIGGS: The general principle should be adopted that a new teacher should not be started at the maximum salary. It should be increased gradually according to length of service.
PREMIER BELL: We will con-

sider the matter of the drawing teacher.
MR. STEWART: You have taken a great deal of credit for teachers' training. Which of the members of the staff of the College as mentioned here gives attention to that subject?

PREMIER BELL: All I can say is the Government have felt the importance of teachers' training and they have co-operated with the superintendent so as to give more time to it than heretofore and to supply more teachers for the purpose of conducting the teachers' training. There must be three or four times the work done as heretofore. I am not able to give very much more detail than that. I simply had the assurance from the Superintendent that the matter was being given very much greater attention.

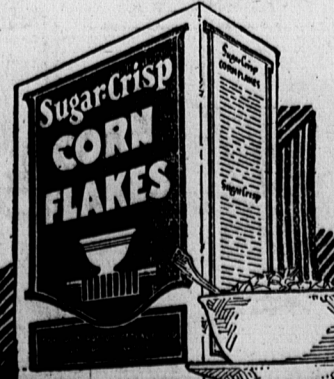
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