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Covers Prince Edward Island Like the Dew

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Victoria Hotel Destroyed By Fire on Saturday

Fire Discovered at Early Hour in the Morning. Insurance Was \$101,300 on Building and Furniture — Fire Marshal Estimates Loss at Over \$150,000.

Early Saturday morning, one of the worst fires which has been seen in Charlottetown broke out, as a result of which the Victoria Hotel, well and favorably known to it, is safe to say, many thousands of persons from all over the world who have visited our city and province, now lies a heap of smouldering ruins.

The existence of the fire first became known when John Murray, the night watchman, visited the furnace room about 5 o'clock. Here there was smoke and the crackling of flames from all over the roof, which were to be heard between the walls. At that time there was no sign of smoke or fire on the upper floors. He at once telephoned to the fire station, and went to rouse the guests so rapidly did the fire gain headway, however, that by this time smoke was penetrating the corridors, and even the rooms. Some of the guests being awakened from this cause, as were also the manager, Mr. Harry Brown and Mrs. Brown, who occupied a suite of rooms in the front of the building on the second floor.

The guests, however, as well as the staff all made their escape in safety, though some, especially members of the staff, lost many of their personal belongings.

The fire mounted rapidly to the upper stories by way of the elevator shaft. Here, about 5:30 a. m., it first burst through the roof, consuming the housing which covered the pulleys over which the cables actuating the elevator ran. This housing formed a sort of squat tower which stood some ten or twelve feet above the roof.

The firemen played several streams of water on this, and it was not long before the flames died down from this structure. Then it appeared that the only place that the firemen had to take under control and it began to be hoped that the building might be saved. But this was not to be. For about an hour, so it seemed to the spectators, the battle in the balance, but the fire, unseen by anyone, was working along the roof, and

between the walls. At 8 o'clock it burst out, at first toward the rear of the hotel, in the quarters of the staff. And then it was seen by all that the building was doomed. By 8:30 the fire had complete possession of this portion of the building, and was working its way through the upper stories toward the western and eastern ends.

At about this time, the roof of a building across the street, took fire from the cinders, which, rising thickly, were carried somewhat to the west. The roof of a dwelling on the opposite side of the street caught from one of these, but was quickly extinguished by a line of hose manned by the C. N. R. fire department whose help had been asked for earlier in the morning.

At about nine o'clock, the roof of the cupola at the corner of Great George and Water Street was seen to be in flames, and about the same time the middle section of the front—just above the main entrance—collapsed, revealing the interior of the building a seething cauldron of lurid flames. Half an hour later, the fire penetrated to the adjoining house, occupied by Messrs G. P. Strong and Company. This was connected with the hotel, and in fact, formed part of it. It too was destroyed, a mere skeleton being all that is now left standing.

About 11 a. m., the building here

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ANNOUNCEMENTS, COMING EVENTS, MEETINGS, ETC.

- ROBIN HOOD FLOUR is guaranteed to please you better.
- Dr. Cliff, M. D.—Start now home prevention cure, Purdy Station, Westchester Co., N.Y., U.S.A. 12-12-3mos.
- Buying hogs at Kensington forenoon Jan. 15th. Alden Mease. 3068-1-12-21
- Loading hogs at Haslebrook Wednesday, Jan. 16th. (Sgd.) Harry Jenkins. 3067-1-12-31
- Loading hogs at North Wiltshire Thursday forenoon on the 17th. (Sgd.) Harry Jenkins. 3068-1-12-31
- Notice—The annual meeting of the Pioneer (Shorthorn) Breeders Association, will be held in Long Creek Hall Jan. 17th, at 7 o'clock p. m. 3065-1-12-21
- The Annual Meeting of the Emerald Dairying Association will be held in Emerald Hall on Wednesday Jan. 16 inst. Emerald Dairying Association, P. F. Hughes Sec'y. 3072-1-12-21
- Buying hogs at Emerald Tuesday forenoon, Jan. 15th. Everett Haslam. 3062-1-12-21
- Cornwall Bank Monday, Wednesday and Saturday 8 to 10. Good ice, music, and plenty of teas, admission 2c. 3070-1-12-61
- P. J. Holman, agent for Corona Company, St. John, announces the arrival of Dorothy Kingston Handrolls, the latest and best in chocolates. 3078-1-12-21
- Highest quality, moderate price, pound packages of Dorothy Kingston Handrolls. 3078-1-12-21
- Dorothy Kingston Handrolls, delicious chocolates, manufactured by Corona Company. 3078-1-12-21
- Just arrived large shipment Dorothy Kingston Handroll chocolates. 3078-1-12-21
- Escaped from my ranch, Jan. 11th one medium silver male fox, for White, Social and Dance in Town Hall, Georgetown under auspices Phone Everett Haslam, Springfield. 3077-1-12-31

Death of Major Graham Bell

(Canadian Press)
OTTAWA, Jan. 13.—Major Graham A. Bell, deputy minister of railways and canals and the dominion government's representative on the board of directors of the Canadian National Railways, died here early today, having been in the hospital for nine weeks with a typhoid infection. He had not been in good health for some time previous to that, but had remained at his work until forced to bed. He was 54 years of age.

The body was taken today, by special train to Perth, Ontario, his home town where the funeral will be held on Tuesday at 2:30 p. m. Major Bell filled a big place in the railway management of this country. He entered the department 37 years ago, and steadily advanced until he became "comptroller" ten years ago when A. W. Campbell, then deputy minister, was placed in charge of good roads. Major Bell became deputy minister. During his years in the department Major Bell obtained a comprehensive insight into the financial standing and methods of Canadian railways.

He was a Major of the 43rd rifle regiment in this city and when the war broke out he was anxious to go overseas when so many of his brother officers were leaving. However, a number of Canadian railways were in critical financial situations and the government insisted that he stay on the job to look after this. He played an important part in straightening out the tangled due to financial difficulties of the Canadian Northern, the Grand Trunk. When the various lines were welded into the Canadian National Major Bell was made the connecting link between the government department of which he was deputy head and the publicly-owned railway system by being the G.N.R. board member's director on the C.N.R. board. (Word of Major Bell's death was received in the city yesterday by Mr. Nelson Rattenbury, C. N. R. director.)

Will Oppose High Council

(Special to The Guardian)
LONDON, Jan. 12.—A despatch to the Daily Herald from Southwold tonight said it was understood on good authority that General Bramwell Booth intended to fight to the last ditch against the high council's last ditch against the government. It is said that if the council decides to dismiss him he is prepared to take the matter to the law courts.

The annual meeting of Belfast Egg Circle will be held at Eldon Wednesday January 16th after the meeting of Federal Dairying Co. W. H. MacInnes, Secretary. 3089-1-14-21

Rink opens Hunter River Tuesday night, Hockey match, Wheatley River vs. Hunter River, Special skate after. 3082-1-14-21

Come to Morell Hall, Wednesday January 16th and see St. Peter's Dramatic Club, present "The Master of the Maules". Ladies with boxes free. If not fine come 18th. 3083-1-14-31

Reserve Tuesday, January 29th for White, Social and Dance in Town Hall, Georgetown under auspices Branch 275 C. M. B. A. 3088-1-14-31

King Passed Restful Night

(Canadian Press)
LONDON, Jan. 13.—The customary Sunday morning services at Buckingham Palace chapel were not held this morning because of the indisposition of the Queen following the long strain of the King's illness.

The customary bulletin on King George's condition was omitted by pre-arrangement of his physicians. There was no bulletin this evening, also.

It was said that Queen Mary was confined to her suite of rooms chiefly as a precautionary measure until she recovered from her cold. King George is said to have passed a restful night. The physicians, Lord Dawson of Penn, Sir Hugh Higgis, and Sir Stanley Hewett, conferred for an hour and a half this morning.

SATURDAY'S HOCKEY

At Pittsburgh—Ottawa 2; Pittsburg 1; at Montreal—Canadiens 3; Bruins 1; at Toronto—New York Americans 1; Toronto 0; at Boston—Boston 3; Detroit 2.

Magistrate's Appointment Under the Prohibition Act Is Assailed As Invailed

Following is a continuation of the argument, heard on Friday last in the Supreme Court before the full bench, in the case of Mann vs. Perry, which involves the important question of the constitutionality of the legislation appointing the Prohibition Magistrate, Mr. George J. Tweedy. An extended summary of the argument of Mr. Campbell on behalf of the respondent appears in Saturday's Guardian. He was followed by Mr. J. J. Johnston, K.C., for the appellant.

Mr. Johnston first dealt with the theories and reasons given by Mr. Campbell for his division of authority with regard to the administration of justice between the Dominion and the Provinces under the British North America Act. He disagreed with counsel for the prosecution that the appointment of superior and county court judges by the Dominion was made as a matter of convenience, and for financial reasons.

He submitted that the paramount reason for the appointment of superior court judges by the Dominion Government was the selection of competent, independent and able members of the bar by a general authority, uninfluenced by local interests, prejudices and political expediency—that the idea was to carry out traditions of the British judiciary, appointing the judges of the superior courts from those of recognized legal training and ability, where as the judicial officers appointed by the provinces, consisting chiefly of justices of the peace and magistrates were usually selected by expediency and political and other considerations.

Mr. Johnston then took up the question of the bias of the magistrate in this case, as one of the grounds for quashing the conviction, pointing out his contention, that the defendant did not obtain a fair trial. He contended that the Prohibition Act had taken away the presumption of innocence, with respect to a person charged with an offence under the act, that the magistrate was the sole arbiter of the guilt or innocence

DEPOSITS OF P. E. I. GRAVEL INVESTIGATED

Sufficient Quantity to Supply Large Part of Needs of Province, is Report.

(Special to The Guardian)
OTTAWA, Jan. 12 (Special)—In a recent dispatch to The Guardian on the natural resources of Prince Edward Island reference was made in a memorandum supplied to its representative by the Mines Department to an investigation (first had been made by one of its engineers of road materials last year. Upon request Mr. Howells Fréchette, who made the survey, furnished The Guardian with a further memorandum dealing with that subject, which will have a special interest for those seeking the development of the Island as a tourist resort. Its chief points may be summarized as follows:

Cheap road transportation for farm and industrial products depends largely on good roads, properly drained and surfaced with material which insures a very smooth traction surface in all kinds of weather. The establishment and maintenance of good roads leads not only to lower haulage costs but greater comfort and safety in motoring.

In a province, such as Prince Edward Island, where tourist traffic is desirable for much money is spent locally for lodgings, meals, supplies and in the purchasing of souvenirs of the trip. This province has many attractions to tempt the motor tourist, but the roads can hardly be included as such.

During the past few years—a beginning has been made on the improvement of the main highways and the present programme of work is quite extensive.

An officer of the Mines Branch of the Federal Department of Mines and technical examination of the resources of materials suitable for road work on the Island. The survey which was commenced late in 1927 was completed last year. It is understood that his report will show that there are a number of deposits of good gravel in sufficient quantity to supply a large part of the needs of the province.

Some of these deposits would only serve local requirements by truck haulage but others are so situated that the gravel could be shipped by rail or water to any part of the province.

MONTREAL MAN GIVEN HIGH HONOR

Hon. Herbert Marler Appointed Canadian Minister to Japan.

OTTAWA, Jan. 12.—The Prime Minister announced this evening that the Canadian government proposed recommending to His Majesty the appointment of Hon. Herbert Marler of Montreal, as envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary of the Dominion of Canada to Tokio.

Mr. Marler is a member of the Privy Council of Canada, having been a member of the Cabinet in 1926. He belongs to a family which has lived in Canada continuously since 1768. He was educated at McGill University from which he graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Civil Law with first class honors. He is by profession a notary of the Province of Quebec and is the son of D. M. Marler, D. C. L., L. L. D. of Montreal, who was for many years a professor of the law of real estate in McGill University, and who founded the firm of W. De M. Marler and Co., of Montreal, in which he and his son have been associated for over thirty years. In 1902 Mr. Marler married Beatrice Isabel Allan, a granddaughter of the late Andrew Allan, one of the founders of the Allan Line and of the late Matthew Henry Gaul.

In addition to his extensive professional and business experience, Mr. Marler has a long record of activity in the public life of Canada. For many years he was a member of the Council of Education of the Province of Quebec, and in 1917-18 held the post of first administrator of that province. In 1921 he was elected to the House of Commons of Canada for the constituency of St. Lawrence-St. George (Montreal). In 1922 he was chairman of the parliamentary committee on soldiers' pensions and civil re-establishment. In 1925 he served as chairman of the committee on transportation on the negotiations which resulted in the trade agreement between Canada and the British West Indies. Mr. Marler took an active part in the late revision of the Bank Act, and made several extensive speeches as regards tariff questions. In 1925 he was sworn in the Privy Council of Canada and called to the cabinet of Rt. Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, but was defeated in the general election of that year, and resigned from the cabinet. In 1927 he was national treasurer and chairman of the finance committee of the national committee for the celebration of the Diamond Jubilee of Confederation.

The appointment of the first Canadian minister in the Orient, is considered of special importance at this juncture in view of the increasing significance of the Pacific in international relations and the possibilities of rapid growth in Canadian trade with Japan.

Canada now has representation at London, Paris, Washington and Tokio. In London, the Dominion is represented by Hon. P. C. Larkin, Canadian High Commissioner. In Paris, Hon. Philippe Roy is the Canadian minister. In Tokio, Vincent Massey represents the Dominion, as minister at Washington and Mr. Marler will occupy the same position at Tokio. It will probably be some time before Mr. Marler can leave Canada for Japan.

The Prime Minister this evening expressed the greatest satisfaction that Mr. Marler had agreed to accept the post. His acceptance, said Mr. King, involved a sacrifice on the part of Mr. Marler.

To Negotiate With Hearst

(Special to The Guardian)
MONTREAL, Jan. 12.—A number of pulp and paper men from Quebec and Ontario have gone to New York to continue negotiations with W. R. Hearst and others in the United States with regard to the efforts that have been made recently toward the stabilization of the paper industry, according to Hon. L. A. Taschereau, premier of Quebec.

The question is so intricate, so complicated, that it is difficult to make any statement while the negotiations are in progress, the premier said. "But I understand from the men in the industry that they are satisfied with the progress of negotiations and that they are hoping to reach a favorable solution of their problems."

Trade which was done in this instance, Council next dealt with the con-

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Review of The Ottawa Situation

Comprehensive Outline of Some of the Matters Likely to be Dis- cussed at the Coming Session of Parliament.

(Special to The Guardian)
OTTAWA, Jan. 12.—The opening of the third session of the sixteenth Parliament of Canada, set for February 7, is affording a good deal of speculation for political circles as to the political programme to be presented. A representative of the Guardian has been canvassing the situation and without being in the confidence of the leaders of either party, has been able to get a fairly good picture of the political situation.

Whether it is to be a long or a short session is beyond the ken and power of the leaders to determine. Practically, at the commencement of every session it is predicted as likely to be a short one, but almost invariably it strings along until the dog days of summer drive the members away by oppressive heat. Unexpected situations always arise, which occasion protracted debates. Last year it was confidently anticipated that the changing of the rules would, by limiting to forty minutes duration the speeches of members—with the exception of the two leaders or the movers of an amendment to the Throne, or the budget—materially shorten the session, and, incidentally, save a lot of money in printing Hansard; but it had no such results. The only effect was to greatly increase the number who spoke, and the pages of Hansard, particularly in debating the Speech from the Throne and the budget, were considerably in excess of normal sessions, and by "normal" is meant those sessions not immediately preceding an election. As a matter of fact, although the rules were amended without much open opposition, the approval was far from being unanimous. Certain members were irritated at being shut off from what was their usual wont as from Tommy Church, Toronto, Henri Bourassa, Labelle, A. W. Neill, Comox-Alberni, the Laborites and certain of the Progressives, and the effort was, by circumlocutory methods, to lengthen rather than shorten debates.

FURTHER REVISION

And talking of the rules, there will be a further revision this year, but what exact extent is not known; but certainly in respect of private bills, several of which, irrespective of merits, were talked out by virtue of the time limit set for their consideration on certain days.

It is conceded by a large majority on both sides that the merits of a bill should be determined by a vote of the House, and that private bills should not be at the mercy of the grudges or prejudices or ulterior motives of captious members.

While it was comparatively easy for the leaders of two old parties to control their followers, or at least, to keep them within moderate limits, it is quite different now with independent back-benchers, some of whom have been referred to. The independents, the Progressives, the Liberal-Progressives can always be depended upon to support the Government on crucial issues, but often run with on minor issues which do not count politically outside of their own constituencies. Sir Edwin Arnold once said that the Japanese were a nation about whose future it was impossible to predict, and similarly, therefore, the coming session will be one about which it will be useless to prophesy as to length or nature. There are too many uncertain elements to take into consideration.

RIDING THE WAVE

The supposed "unprecedented prosperity" of the country, on the wave of which the government is riding with supreme confidence, but respecting which it has had as much to do as the changes of the moon on the weather, will be the high note of the Address from the Throne, and the dominant topic of the Budget Speech.

Finance Minister Robb, who, by the

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Situation is Still Serious

(Special to The Guardian)
PESHAWAR, India, Jan. 12.—Rebel forces under Bachal Bakao were defeated today, but continuing successful in skirmishes with troops of King Amanullah of Afghanistan. Some of the King's troops were evidently deserting to the rebels, despite concessions made by the King regarding recent reforms. The situation remains serious.

SUDDEN DEATH YESTERDAY

MR. FRANCIS CHARLES BATT DIES WHILE ATTENDING FUN- ERAL OF LATE MR. POUND.

The many friends of Mr. Francis Charles Batt will regret to learn of his sudden death which occurred yesterday afternoon in this city, while attending the funeral of the late Mr. Pound.

The deceased while walking in the funeral procession was seen to suddenly collapse. He was immediately conveyed by car to the Prince Edward Island Hospital where it was found that life was already extinct.

The late Mr. Batt was born in 1859, the son of Samuel Batt, a native of Newfoundland, and Jane Scantlebury of England. He was at one time, junior member of the firm of Goff Bros. At the time of his death he was engineer on the C. G. S. "Evan", was engineer on the present on his way to work, and one brother George E. Batt in this city. The Guardian tenders sincerest sympathy to the bereaved.



TORONTO, Jan. 13.—Maritime, fresh west to northwest wind, mostly fair and decidedly cold with snow flurries.

Montreal, clear	12-3
Quebec, snow	6-6
Charlottetown, clear	29-10
Halifax, snow	38-20
St. John, snow	22-10
Boston, cloudy	34-30
New York, clear	38-28

High tide this afternoon at 1:49 and tomorrow morning at 1:01.
Sun sets this afternoon at 4:41 and rises tomorrow morning at 7:38.
First quarter moon Friday, January 18th at 10:51 a. m.
Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

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