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DEATH OF HON. A. L. SIFTON SECRETARY OF STATE

Passed Away at his Apartments, Chateau Laurier, Ottawa Yesterday Morning.

(Special to The Guardian.)
OTTAWA, Jan. 21.—Hon. A. L. Sifton, Secretary of State for Canada, died at 8.30 this morning at his apartment at the Chateau Laurier. A short time before, Mr. Sifton passed into unconsciousness. With him when he died were his son and Senator W. J. Marmor who was a close friend. On the day after a consultation of specialists his hope was expressed for the recovery of Mr. Sifton, who suffered from Arterio Sclerosis, hardening of the arteries, but another relapse early this morning ended fatally. The deceased cabinet minister had been ill for some weeks. On January 19 he suffered a relapse and specialists from Toronto were called in. Then it was announced that he had passed away.

Relatives of the late Mr. Sifton stated today that the place and date of the funeral would not be settled until some time tomorrow.

Hon. Arthur Lewis Sifton, K. C., M. A., L. B., D. C., L., was born in Middlesex, Ontario, October 26, 1859. He was educated in Wesley College and Victoria University. He was called to the bar in 1883 and practised law in Brandon from 1883 to 1889. In May, 1890 he became premier of Alberta. In 1898 he was appointed Minister of Customs in Sir Robert Borden's cabinet. In 1919 he was appointed Minister of Public Works and in December 1919 was appointed Secretary of State. In 1920 he was appointed a member of the Privy Council.

TELEPHONE'S APPLICATION FOR INCREASED RATES

Eliciting Much Interest. Board of Railway Commissioners is Hearing Evidence in the Case.

(Special to The Guardian.)
OTTAWA, Jan. 21.—That the Board of Railway Commissioners must face a grave responsibility in giving its decision into the telephone rates case, was the assertion made by ex-Judge Phippen in closing his address on behalf of the Bell Telephone Co.'s application for higher rates before that body this morning. The entire credit of the company, he said, was in the hands of the Board. The company was not asking that it be put into the position to earn higher profits; all it asked was to be given opportunity to take care of its necessary expenses. The company was willing to mortgage its property to give a good telephone service. It was proposed to spend ten million dollars during the present year. The larger part of this money would be spent in Canada.

WORKING STAFF OF C. P. R. REDUCED IN NEW BRUNSWICK

Reduction Will be Less Than Fifty Per Cent and Will Depend Upon Amount of Business Done in Each Section.

(Special to The Guardian.)
ST. JOHN, N. B., Jan. 21.—The commencement of a gradual reduction in the working staff of the Canadian Pacific Railway over all the New Brunswick district was announced by J. M. Woodman, General Superintendent of this district this morning. He did not say to what proportions the staff would be reduced as it differed in each section. The extent of being governed by the amount of business being transacted provided that business conditions remained as at present. However the reduction would be less than fifty per cent on the whole. A shortening of the working time in the shops at McAdam was also reported.

IMPORTANT LIQUOR LAWS ENACTED IN QUEBEC

Liquors Will be Sold Without Prescription Retailers Being Licensed and Profits Going to Government.

(Special to The Guardian.)
MONTREAL, Jan. 21.—Quebec legislators today state the new liquor legislation the Provincial Government are to introduce will provide for: (1) Every kind of spirituous liquors and wine being sold retail, without prescription in Quebec; (2) Appointment of Commission consisting of three or five members who will be paid at least \$10,000 per annum; (3) Through the Commission the government will control the sale of liquor, wholesale and retail and will get all profits from retail sales; (4) Present wholesalers will not be affected, they being permitted to sell retail agents in Quebec only. Retail agents are to be directly appointed by the Commission. Outlets of the Province business retailers are not to be affected.

(5) Retailers to be paid salaries of \$4,000 per annum. There will be one hundred of them. (6) All liquor sold by the Government must be sold at a price which must be one standard price fixed. (7) Hotels, restaurants and grocers to be licensed only for sale of beer with exceptions of hotels with more than fifty rooms will be granted a special license for sale of wine to their guests registered at hotel. (8) Manufacture of temperance beer will be totally prohibited, all night clubs will be abolished.

BACK AGAIN FROM BONNIE SCOTLAND

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Hunter and family are being welcomed back to Charlottetown after their three months visit to the Old Country. It is pleasing to note that Mr. Hunter is feeling greatly improved in health since his trip, most of which was spent at his native place in Strathgairn, Scotland.

Mr. and Mrs. Hunter while in Scotland had ample opportunity to visit many places of historic interest such as Edinburgh and Stirling and also the famous places of England, such as St. Paul's Cathedral, Westminster Abbey, the Tower of London, etc. He also saw the captured German warships in the river Forth and was in London during that notable event—the burial of the unknown soldier.

Mr. Hunter states that times in England are not good; unemployment is very prevalent and the strike fever is raging. There is a great need for more production of all lines but workmen are satisfied to earn only a certain amount, and that sufficient to keep them from being subject to the income tax. The housing problem in England as in all countries at present is very acute and any kind of a house commands a high rental, which with the still prevailing high cost of the necessities of life makes it especially hard for poor people to live with any sort of comfort.

Mr. Hunter said that butter in the Old Country as compared with here in Charlottetown, is costing \$1.50 per pound and eggs \$1.25 per dozen. Sugar which had been selling at 30 cents per pound, after the slump was bringing 20 cents; bread is higher than in Charlottetown, a loaf of the same size retailing as high as 70 cents a pound and bacon at 80 cents a Canadian pound.

Canadian footwear was found to be a common article in the boot and shoe stores and selling cheaper than the English-made article.

A new issue of coins has recently been made in England and it has not got the luster of the old coin being an alloy and worth exactly its face value. The silver coins were of pure silver and from the standpoint of the amount of silver they contained were worth more than their face value.

Mr. Hunter states that they had a very rough passage to Canada. They came out on the Minnedosa and were 12 1/2 days on the high seas—some of them being very high indeed. The steamer called at Havre, France en route, where two days were spent and the passengers had opportunity to go ashore and see this important seaport. The Minnedosa's fastest run for a day during the trip was 367 miles and the slowest 200 miles.

Canadian Firm Deals With Russia

(Special to The Guardian.)
LONDON, Jan. 21.—A Canadian firm of timber operators and contractors in which General Alex. MacDougall and Gerald B. R. Hepburn, late of the Canadian Forestry Corps, are partners, has been awarded one of the biggest timber concessions in the world by the Soviet Government of Russia. A recent despatch from Russia mentioned a contract which had been given to a Canadian firm, and General Hepburn told your correspondent today that it was his company which was thus indicated. The concession is one of the biggest, if not the biggest, on record, and if it were in any other country but Russia, it would be worth many millions, but under the circumstances it is only a speculation. No attempt will be made, said General Hepburn, to work it until more stable conditions are established.

Large areas of timber lands have also been bought by the firm in Latvia. After the sum of thirty thousand pounds had been paid down, the Latvian Government stepped in and confiscated the money, but after prolonged negotiations the Government has been induced to reconsider its action.

General Hepburn also stated that his firm had a contract with the Soviet Russian Government to sell seventy-five million standards of Russian timber in the event of a trade agreement being concluded between the Allies and Russia. His firm's dealings, he added, have no connection with the Vanderlip concessions.

ABEGWEITS VICTORIOUS OVER SUSSEX TEAM

In a Hard Fought Game The Abbies Defeated The Sussex Aggregation by a Score of 7 to 5.

In a hard fought contest from start to finish with both teams playing the heads off, the first game of the Abegweits won their first game on the mainland last night defeating Sussex by the close score of 7 to 5.

The game started on time on a good sheet of ice, with the rink packed to its capacity.

"Sussex" Gordon the whirl wind winger was the first to score on a rebound off Finnigan's pads, in two minutes.

Radcliffe was the next to score for Sussex on a pass, thereby tying the score for the home team.

"Chick" Williams was the next to bag the twine on the "Abeg" in the lead in ten minutes, but this lead wasn't long lived when LeClair, the fast centre of the Sussex aggregation bagging the cotton tying the score in three minutes. The first period ending, Abbies 2, Sussex 2.

Premier Briand Presents Program

(Special to The Guardian.)
PARIS, Jan. 21.—Premier Aristide Briand presented the proposed programme of his Ministry to the Chamber of Deputies and Senate today. The program contains four outstanding points, namely: Germany must disarm, France has force to compel respect for engagements made with her and would be able to use it if necessary, but it is in peace she wants to bring Germany to fulfill obligations.

Peace with Turkey must be made effective on account of being taken in new circumstances. France will not intervene in the internal affairs of Russia, but cannot admit that the Soviet armies shall cross the Russian frontiers to attack the allies of France.

Confidence is expressed that Britain will aid all she can to arrive at an understanding between the Allies, which it is said is the prime necessity to a settlement of all questions concerning peace now in suspense.

Many Arrested In South Armagh

(Special to The Guardian.)
DUBLIN, Jan. 21.—An official proclamation has been issued in Tipperary forbidding all fairs, markets, and public assemblies in the Tipperary, Cashel and Killymaule districts, owing to the murders and attacks on police barracks.

An extensive raid was made today in the fork hills district, South Armagh. Twenty arrests were made including a lieutenant in the Republican army.

Arthur Griffith, founder of the Sinn Fein organization, who was arrested in his home here on the morning of January 26, will be court martialled if the present plans of the authorities are carried out.

The date of the court martial, however, has not yet been set.

DUBLIN, Jan. 21.—A motor car with eleven auxiliaries, which left Galway this morning, was ambushed at Killoe, according to a statement given out by Dublin Castle. Thirty men attacked the auxiliaries with guns and bombs from the woods on both sides of the road. The auxiliaries returned the fire until the attacking party fled. The auxiliaries had one seriously and five slightly wounded.

To Determine Value Of G. T. R. Shares

(Special to The Guardian.)
OTTAWA, Jan. 21.—The Board of Arbitration to determine the value of the Grand Trunk shares taken over by the Dominion Government to sell seventy-five million standards of Russian timber in the event of a trade agreement being concluded between the Allies and Russia. His firm's dealings, he added, have no connection with the Vanderlip concessions.

Supreme Court

The case of the Island Cold Storage Co. Ltd., vs W. A. Mutch continued all yesterday before the Supreme Court elicited considerable interest. The case is being tried before Justice Hazard and a jury. It is an action for breach of contract in the delivery of 16 carcasses of veal.

The plaintiff claims a return of the money \$711 on three grounds: first that defendant did not deliver the goods bargained for; secondly, that the goods were not of the quality warranted. Thirdly, misrepresentation on the part of the defendant.

The defendant denies these allegations and states that the goods were inspected when received.

The case is being argued by D. A. McKinnon, Johnson, K. C., for defendant.

The case was made in January 1919, and the carcasses have been lying in cold storage ever since they were hauled from the company's warehouse to the Court House where they were inspected for the jury. This case is expected to be of considerable interest and the point now at issue will be raised as to when the flesh of an animal ceases to be veal and becomes beef.

The witnesses examined yesterday include employees of the Island Cold Storage Company and Dr. Bousfield, Inspector of Saunders & Co., W. J. Drake and Stephen Brown. The witnesses were all asked if the carcasses in question were veal and they replied in the negative. Several said they would call their young cattle.

Dr. Bousfield said that the regulations state that after three months the meat of cattle is no longer veal. The first two witnesses were subjected to a lengthy cross-examination by Mr. Bentley Counsel for the defence. The examination of the witnesses was mainly with regard to the classification of the meat. The age at which cattle reach puberty, and similar matters. Dr. Bousfield said that he did not inspect this meat because the regulations did not require it. Messrs Saunders and Drake said that the weight of a carcass of veal runs from 60 to 100 pounds; in some rare cases it reaches 150 pounds. Mr. Brown on cross examination said that the meat, on the whole, was of good quality. Mr. Saunders said that any business relations which he had with the defendant were satisfactory.

CONDENSED SPECIALS

- *JNO. ALFRED McDONALD Land Surveyor, Hermanville.
- *LOST.—A WILD GOOSE. Any one knowing its whereabouts please notify Fred Groom, Gaytown.
- *WANTED.—TEACHER FOR Johnston's River School. Supplement \$85. Apply to Wm. H. McDonald, Johnston's River.
- *WANTED.—GIRL FOR GENERAL housework. Apply Mrs. F. W. Hyndman, 281 Kent St.
- *WANTED A MAID FOR GENERAL housework in family of three good wages. Apply at Guardian Office.
- *MAID WANTED for general housework. Apply 5 Spring St.
- *MINKS WANTED.—I want to buy 2 male and one female mink, Island stock. Please communicate with Box 147, Charlottetown.
- *MAID WANTED for general housework in family of three. Good home. References required. Apply 257 Richmond St.
- *STRAYED FROM OWNERS PREMISES on January 10th, one sow pig, 9 months old. Kindly notify Donald Melnick, Hartsville, Fredericton, N. B.
- *WANTED.—FOR "SALVATION Army rummage sale" old boots, clothing, furniture, stoves, carpets and dishes, etc. Phone 823. Team calls January 24, 25, 26 and 27.
- *WANTED.—SECOND CLASS Teacher for Valley School for balance of school year. Supplement \$75 for year. Apply to Bernard McTaggart, Secy., Iona.
- *FURS WANTED.—WANTED some good muskrat and mink. Am paying highest prices in Canada for these articles. Ship by express or parcel post. Prompt return.—E. H. Rysor, Summerside.
- *GENTLEMAN CAN BE ACCOMMODATED with rooms and board in private home with all modern conveniences. Central location. Apply "J. E. C." care of Guardian.

O'Callaghan Must Leave The States

Ordered to Surrender His Parole and Go Away As a Seaman.
NORFOLK, Va., Jan. 20.—Lord Mayor O'Callaghan of Cork, was notified today by his counsel, Judge Jos. T. Lawless, to report here as quickly as possible to cancel the parole under which he was released after his arrival as a stow away at Newport News. He is expected within the next two days when he will be surrendered to J. J. Hurley, special immigration inspector for this district. O'Callaghan will not be summarily deported, Mr. Hurley declared tonight, but will be treated in exactly the same manner as any other seaman arriving in the United States.

Mayor Elect Has Brother in Ch'Town

On the retirement of Dr. Morin as Mayor of Compton Village, who had held the office for the past two years, Mr. A. L. Pomeroy and Mr. Edward Poulin were both nominated for the vacancy.

Pomeroy was declared and voting took place all day yesterday. It proved to be a contest of unusual interest and seventy-six voters, seven of whom were ladies, journeyed to the poll, which was held in the Council room of the Town Building. At six o'clock the contest was closed and Mr. Pomeroy was elected with a majority of fourteen votes. Mayor Pomeroy not only received the loyal support of his own people, but he is to be congratulated on the heavy French vote which he received.—Sherbrooke, Ont. Record.

(Mayor Pomeroy above referred to is a brother of Mr. A. A. Pomeroy, of this city.)

New York Fur Market on Decline

(Special to The Guardian.)
NEW YORK, N. Y., Jan. 21.—Declines ranging from 45 per cent on Mink to 75 per cent on Marmoset were registered by the average prices paid for the skins sold at the fur sale in the Masonic Hall here today, the comparison being made with the average prices brought by the same furs at the April sale of the New York Fur Auction Sales Corporation.

Even the humble house cat lost cast to the tune of 55 per cent. Stone Martin, Bumm Marten and Jananese Mink, also brought prices 55 per cent below the spring sale figures. Japanese Marten was 50 per cent lower, and a pair of Seals declines 60 per cent, the drop in many skins reached 70 per cent.

Maritime Provinces Telegraphic News

(Special to The Guardian.)
CANADIAN G. W. V. A. REPRESENTATIVE LEAVES FOR SOUTH AFRICA.
(Special to The Guardian.)
ST. JOHN, Jan. 21.—The Dominion President of the G. W. V. A., R. B. Maxwell, arrived in the city today from Montreal and is the dinner guest of Mayor Schofield at the Union Club this evening. He leaves by the S. S. Minnedosa, tomorrow enroute to South Africa to attend a conference of ex-service men of the British Empire.

GAME WARDEN LEAVES FOR NEW YORK.
FREDERICTON, Jan. 21.—Chief Game Warden, L. A. Gagnon, left this evening for New York to attend a conference on game preservation. Mr. Gagnon will have a meeting introduced at the next session of the House to secure the revision and consolidation of the Provincial Game Laws.

M. K. ELLIS PRESIDENT FRUIT GROWERS.
WINDSOR, N. S., Jan. 21.—M. K. Ellis was elected president of the Nova Scotia Fruit Growers at their annual convention here today.

RESIDENCE BURNED IN DARTMOUTH.
HALIFAX, Jan. 21.—The house and shop of Charles Debuy, Dartmouth, was destroyed by fire today at a loss of \$4,000.

HON. L. A. DUGAL ON POWER COMMISSION.
EDMUNSTON, N. B., Jan. 21.—The Hon. L. A. Dugal is receiving congratulations from his friends on his appointment to the New Brunswick Electric Power Commission. His appointment was confirmed by Premier Foster at Fredericton yesterday.

Smoked In Bed Two Are Dead

(Special to The Guardian.)
BOSTON, Jan. 21.—William H. Morton was burned to death and his twenty-year-old son John, a soldier at Fort Banks, died of suffocation when fire damaged the Morton home in the rear of 35 Cedar street, Mattapan.

A pipe which the elder Morton was smoking in bed was believed to have been responsible for the blaze. The fire was discovered by Carol Nelson, a neighbor, who saw smoke and flames coming from the window of the room occupied by the elder Morton.

Nelson rushed to the house and found the father lying in bed with the entire room a mass of flames. He made an attempt to rescue, but flames drove him out of the house. Firemen discovered the body of young Morton in full uniform on a mattress in a room above that where the father had been burned to death. He was rushed to the office of Dr. A. L. Draper, but was dead on arrival there.

Canadian Cotton Mills Reduce Wages 12 1/2-2 p.c.

(Special to The Guardian.)
FREDERICTON, N. B. Jan. 21.—Employees of the Canadian Cotton Mills, Ltd., at Marysville have been notified that, effective Monday, Jan. 24, there will be a reduction of 12 1/2 per cent in all wages. Individual notices have been sent to each of the 650 employees at the mill. The reduction, it is understood, is being made general at all of the Company's mills from St. John to Hamilton, Ont., affecting approximately 2,500 employees.

ATTEMPT TO ASSASSINATE PREMIER LENINE RECENTLY
COPENHAGEN, Jan. 20.—An attempt was made recently to assassinate Vladimir I. Lenin, Premier of Russia. It is said, according to the newspaper Izvestia, of Moscow.

Lenine was proceeding to Moscow to attend the eighth Soviet Congress when a bomb was thrown at his machine, killing eight guardsmen and three civilians and wounding twenty others. The man who threw the bomb escaped arrest, it is said.

Telephone Enquiry Before Board

(Special to The Guardian.)
OTTAWA, Jan. 21.—A strenuous effort was to be made to bring the telephone rates inquiry before the Board of Railway Commissioners to close by noon Saturday. If the indications on Friday afternoon are that this will not be possible, an adjournment will likely be taken until next week.

Much Drunkenness In New York City

(Special to The Guardian.)
NEW YORK, Jan. 21.—More persons were arraigned on a charge of drunkenness in New York City during the eleven and one-half months of prohibition in 1920 than in the whole year of 1919, according to statistics issued by Chief Magistrate McAdoo.

Poles Get Ready For New Drive

LONDON, Jan. 21.—Trains are arriving daily in Danzig, loaded with artillery supplies, bomb-throwers and ammunition for the Polish army, says a wireless message from Danzig. The Polish army, the despatch adds, is hurriedly being organized under the direction of French officers.

SOLDIERS BLOW UP CORK HOUSES
CORK, Jan. 21.—The first official destruction for attacks on crown forces in Cork city since martial law was enforced in this area was carried out this morning when two houses in Washington Street, where two members of the Royal Irish Constabulary were attacked on Saturday last, were destroyed by military forces.

The military authorities assert crown forces were fired on Saturday from six houses in Washington Street and that "the two worst" were selected for destruction.



THE WEATHER,
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High tide this morning at 9.40 and tomorrow at 10.32; it will be high tonight at 8.56 and tomorrow at 9.56.
Sun sets this afternoon at 4.50 and tomorrow at 4.51; it rises tomorrow morning and Monday at 7.31.
Full moon Sunday, January 23rd, 7.08 p. m.