

Announcement

Owing to the Fire in the Victoria Hotel we Have Taken Offices in the REDDIN-BUILDING on Richmond Street, Immediately over Reddin's Drug Store and Shall be Ready to Conduct Business as Usual on Monday.

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HAD IMPORTANT CONFERENCES AT OTTAWA

Matters Connected With New Car Ferry, Potato Trade With Cuba, U. S. Potato Tariff, Insurance Business, etc., Discussed by Mr. J. O. Hyndman While at Capital.

Mr. J. O. Hyndman returned home from Ottawa, on Saturday night, where he attended the annual get-together of the branch managers of the Great West Life Assurance Co., from coast to coast, in conference with the Head Office Executive, including the President and General Manager.

This great Canadian organization has just closed the most successful and profitable year in its history. As evidence of its prestige and popularity with the insuring public the Branch Managers have set an objective for 1929 of one hundred millions of new insurance.

While in Ottawa Mr. Hyndman also had the pleasure of attending the annual convention of the Eastern Canada Fruit and Vegetable Jobbers' Association, the Island being represented by Mr. Frank Clarke. Among the many prominent speakers were His Excellency, the Governor General and Mr. Wm. Birks, President of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce. This organization has largely to do with the distribution and marketing of fruit and vegetables throughout the Dominion.

Car Ferry Discussed
Mr. Hyndman took advantage of the opportunity while in Ottawa to follow up the efforts already made by the Maritime Board of Trade as regards the new car ferry and as a result the Canadian Chamber of Commerce have been requested to deal with the subject from the national economic standpoint. This action was deemed advisable by the Maritime Board, so that no store would be left unattended as regards securing adequate ferry service to meet the Island's present and future requirements. Mr. Clark, the secretary of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce was in Ottawa and had a conference with Mr. Hyndman.

A regular steamship service between Saint John and Cuba as an outlet for potatoes and other Maritime products was another matter dealt with during Mr. Hyndman's visit. This was discussed by a joint delegation from the three provinces representing the Boards of Trade, shippers and potato growers. The

case was ably presented by Mr. Guy G. Porter of Perth, N. B., to Hon. James Malcolm, Minister of Trade and Commerce. The deputations were introduced by the Hon. P. J. Veniot, of New Brunswick. The case was favorably received and assurance given that the matter would receive full consideration as the Department were naturally desirous of developing foreign trade and in this case bringing much needed relief to the potato growers of the Maritime Provinces. The great difficulty at the present moment is in securing desirable class of boats suitable for the trade. Among those on the deputations were Hon. W. Lea and Mr. J. W. Bouter.

Mr. Hyndman also interviewed officials with regard to the probable increase in the United States duty on potatoes entering that market. Mr. Hyndman was assured that the matter was being very closely watched in Ottawa.

(Special to The Guardian)
WASHINGTON, Jan. 12—Senator Walsh of Massachusetts had read into the record today a communication from Frank S. Davis, manager of the Maritime Association of the Boston Chamber of Commerce, protesting the preferential duty of fifty cents a bunch imposed by Canada on bananas imported to Canada through United States ports.

"During the past session of the present Congress there was much discussion of the Senate with reference to the serious extent to which American ports were losing export business because of the difference in the methods of inspecting grain for export here and in Canada, the difference in rail and ocean freight rates and because of the preferential customs regulations being imposed by the Canadian Government," Senator Walsh said.

"I have a communication which very directly indicates the aggressive attitude of the Canadian Government increasing business at its ports and increasing injury of American port business by preferential customs or tariff regulations and I ask that this letter be printed in the Congressional record," said Walsh.

The letter said, "The Canadian Dominion Government has recently imposed a duty of fifty cents a bunch on bananas imported to Canada through United States ports. No such duty is imposed if the bananas are imported through Canadian ports. This is a diversion of a substantial volume of business that has previously been handled through the port of Boston by the United Fruit Company.

"The past record for the year 1928 indicates that 100,000 bunches were handled through Boston destined to points in Canada. This is another instance of preferential customs regulations imposed by Canada to force traffic through the ports of that country."

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LOST—A GOLD WRIST WATCH. Finder please notify Mrs. J. A. S. Bayer. Phone 626. Reward. 3091

THE FUNERAL of the late Mrs. Sophia Boyle takes place this afternoon from her late residence 140 Hillsboro St., service starting at 2 o'clock. Funeral leaving at 2:30. Interment People's Cemetery.

WEDDING BELLS—A very pretty wedding took place at the home of the Rev. Mr. Turner, Montreal, on Dec. 12, 1928, of Mr. W. S. McLeure, formerly of Prince Edward Island and Miss Greta M. Gilroy of Stellarton, N. S. The bride looked charming in a gown of cut velvet carrying a bouquet of white roses. Only the bride's near relatives witnessed the marriage. The happy young couple will make their home in Montreal.

LAD TO REST—The funeral of the late Robert Pound took place from his late residence, Orlebar St., yesterday afternoon. Service at the house and grave was conducted by Rev. Ross C. Eaton. The pallbearers were—Gordon Leich, William Down, George Cudmore, Lambert Spencer, Charlie Ross, Walter Bourke. The funeral was under the auspices of the I.O.C.F., whose services at the grave were conducted by John Hearn and George McLeod. Interment People's Cemetery.

SHOPPING TOUR ENDS DISASTROUSLY—Last week a woman said to belong to Mount Stewart was rounded up by the police after she had visited and telephoned a number of city stores procuring goods to the approximate value of \$200.00. Moore and McLeod's, Prowse Bros., S. A. McDonald's, Brady Footwear and the Vogue were a number of the stores "patronized." At the latter store she received a fur coat worth about \$150 on "approval." On being apprehended it was noticed the woman was acting queerly. She was later given in charge of her brother for medical examination.

MAKES WONDERFUL RECOVERY—A correspondent writes: Mrs. McLeod of Long River, New London, P. E. I. has for the last four months been visiting her daughter, Mrs. A. D. Stirling of Pictou, N. S. When she went to Nova Scotia she was almost totally blind. Mrs. Stirling consulted Dr. Bell, New Glasgow and after treating her for some time he called in Dr. Cox and they decided to operate. Although the operation was a very delicate and difficult one, and the patient was eighty-seven years of age, it was altogether successful and she will return to her home seeing. Sometimes we think we have to go to New York or Montreal for such an operation when we have quite as good skill near at hand. Mrs. McLeod's husband passed away some forty years ago. He was the brother of Mr. Neil McLeod, K. C., of Summerside, and she was left with a family of little children and the farm not fully paid for. With dauntless courage and heroic faith and unflinching industry she took up her task and carried on and paid for the farm. That was no small task when eggs were 10 cents a dozen, potatoes 18 cents a bushel and oats 28 and butter 15 cents a lb. out through her careful management and energy she was successful and her son Mr. Murdoch McLeod occupies one of the finest properties in that part of P. E. I. Her friends trust that her last years may be peaceful and happy and that she may be spared many years and in the Eventide of life there may be light.

Approximately 11,000 more people are employed in the Irish Free State than before the latest tariff schedule was put into effect.

DEATH
RICHARDS—Entered into rest at his residence, Albany Plains, on January 12th, Thomas Richards, aged 78 years. Funeral today, Monday, at 1:30 p.m. (Patriot please copy).

PENDERGAST—At Hope River, Jan. 18th, William Pendergast. Funeral Tuesday morning leaving the house at 9 o'clock to St. Anne's Cemetery, Hope River.

MORSON—Passed away at Cardigan, Saturday, Jan. 12th, Edith Gertrude beloved wife of B. C. Morson, and daughter of the late Hon. Thos. G. Owen, Post-Master General, Charlottetown.

BATT—Suddenly on Sunday, Jan. 13th, 1929, Francis Charles Batt in his 70th year. Funeral from the residence of his brother 50 Water Street on Tuesday, Jan. 15th, 1929, leaving the house at 1:45 for St. Paul's Church for service at 2 o'clock. Leaving the church at 2:30. Interment People's Cemetery.

HARVEY—At 267 Fitzroy Street on Sunday, Jan. 13th, 1929, Mrs. Mary Harvey, aged 73 years. Funeral from the residence of her son Eli MacLean, 267 Fitzroy Street this Monday afternoon, service starting at 3:30. Funeral leaving the house at 4 o'clock. Interment People's Cemetery.

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PARTIES WISHING to donate candy for the Firemen's Big Benefit on Wednesday night please send same to Fire Station or phone Fire Station and it will be called for. 3096-1-14-21

ARRIVE SAFELY—A telegram received Saturday announced the safe arrival in England of Col. D. A. MacKinnon, D. S. O. and Mr. W. Chester S. McLeure, M. L. A.

PERSONALS
The many friends of Mr. James McDonald, for many years Water Commissioner in this city, will regret to learn of his illness in the P.E. I. Hospital.

Capt. T. G. Taylor has returned from Pictou, where he attended the funeral of his half-sister, Mrs. G. W. McDonald, who died last Monday evening.

Mrs. Mathieson, wife of Chief Justice Mathieson, is leaving tomorrow on a visit to her daughter, Mrs. Charman.

Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Rogers are spending a few days in Montreal and are guests at the Windsor Hotel during their stay.

MAE EDWARDS

"Self Defence" was the title of the play presented by the popular Mae Edwards Company at the Prince Edward Theatre Saturday evening. This play, a comedy drama in three acts was enthusiastically received by a fairly large audience.

Mr. Smith announced from the stage between the second and third act, that tonight "Laugh That Off" would be presented at bargain prices, that is, any person or persons presenting the coupon appearing in the local newspapers would be entitled to two reserved seat tickets for 75c. He further added that on Wednesday night a percentage of the receipts would be given to our local firemen to help defray their expenses at the tournament next summer. The firemen, of course, only share a percentage of the tickets sold by them.

The Mae Edwards Company are to be commended for their generosity toward our fire fighters and it is sincerely hoped that Wednesday night's play will be enjoyed by a capacity audience.

ZION CHURCH SERVICES
Rev. Ross C. Eaton delivered an excellent sermon yesterday morning on "Christian Civilization." His thoughts were based upon the parables of the Mustard Seed and the Leaven. The Pastor of the Baptist Church is always a welcome to Zion Church. Our Minister occupied Mr. Eaton's pulpit. In the evening Mr. Fulton made reference to two texts, John XXIV: 15 and John XI: 16. His theme was "Choosing and Being Chosen." He announced his intention of more fully developing the 2nd thought next Sabbath evening. This will be, "That great workers of the Bible did not elect themselves to their tasks, but were chosen for them. This will be illustrated from scripture, and also from literature, namely, John Ruskin in "Unto This Last," George Eliot's poem "Antonio Stradivari."

Mr. Fulton stated that at great pains to the Public Library staff especially Miss Jean Gill, he secured a copy of George Eliot's poems. "It is inevitable, the proper reward of the good workman to be chosen."

The choir in the morning rendered the anthem "The Lord is my Shepherd," by Simper. Mrs. L. McLean and Mr. Malcolm McKinnon sang the solo parts. The mixed quartet was sung by Mrs. McLean, Mrs. Mutch and Messrs Sutherland and McKinnon. The evening anthem was Miller's "Soldiers of Christ Arise." Zion male quartet also sang with fine effect the

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ing by this time been largely consumed, the fury of the flames began to diminish. The firemen just about this time, and indeed, for some time previously were devoting most of their attention to the residence of John Doyle, adjacent to the offices of G. P. Strong, which for some time was in great danger. The residence of Dr. Ledwell to the east of the hotel also needed, and received their care as the flames worked steadily towards the east end of the building.

At an early stage the residents in these buildings, and indeed in those adjoining as far north as King Street removed their furniture. The furniture and fixtures were removed from Strong's brokerage office about 7 a. m.

After 12 o'clock, the fire gradually died down, but the ruins were still smouldering vigorously at nightfall, ready to burst into flame, should the firemen have ceased to play water upon them.

At the time of the fire, there were twenty-five guests in the building, and a staff of about thirty, all of whom were in bed. It is a matter of congratulation that there were no casualties.

Some of the guests had rather an exciting time in getting out of the building. Most made their way out by the fire escape at the east end, but some were forced to choose other means of exit. A man occupying a year bedroom, seeing the flames coming up the elevator shaft, was taken down a ladder by the firemen.

Mr. Don MacAulay of St. John, when he left his room, forgot a sum of money, amounting to about \$350. The fireman placed a ladder to the window, and with the aid of a smoke mask which he borrowed from them, he returned and secured it.

Mr. Stratford of the Imperial Oil Company, a guest occupying a room in the front of the building knotted bed sheets together, climbed down as far as they would take him, and dropped to the pavement. In doing so, he injured his ankle slightly, but was able to leave the city on the morning train.

On man, who was in the north wing of the building, was sleeping with his door bolted. The door had to be broken down before he could be awakened.

A guest provided a source of some innocent merriment. He appeared at one of the windows—that favorite old song "The Church in the Wildwood."

This will be Zion's busiest week of the Church Year.

The annual meetings of Sabbath School and Church will be held respectively on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Preparatory services on Wednesday and Friday. Attendance at Church Services and Sabbath School is improving. Many reported sick are improving, others are able to be out again.

Branch Line Building Program in Northwest is Cause of Contentment.

(Canadian Press)
TORONTO, Ont., Jan. 12.—In a special despatch from Ottawa the Mail and Empire today says: Lines are being drawn for what looks like a battle of the transportation giants at the forthcoming session of parliament for railroad rights in the development of the northwest. The giants at issue are the Canadian Pacific and the Canadian National Railways and the bone of their contention is the branch line building programme of each company.

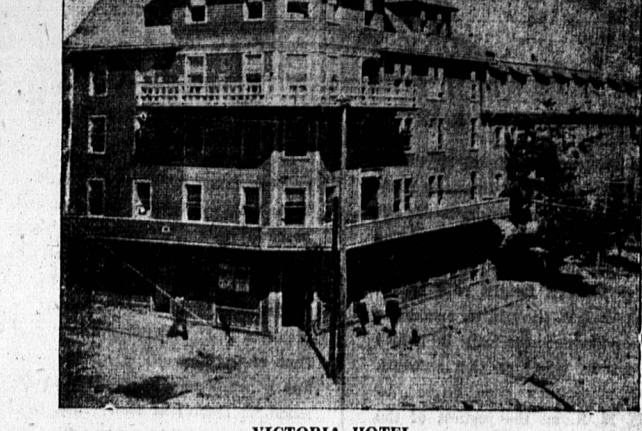
"Following hard upon the heels of the announcement of the Canadian Pacific branch lines programme in Western Canada, Sir Henry Thornton last night issued a measured statement pointing out that the companies have been unable to agree on several issues that must be fought out before the railway committee of parliament.

"In his statement he charges in effect that the Canadian Pacific is seeking to invade territory developed and colonized by the Canadian National and its predecessors and to duplicate or parallel the branch lines planned or in course of construction by the Canadian National.

"The struggle has been looming for some time. Last July the Canadian Pacific secured a ruling from the board of railway commissioners for Canada authorizing construction of a branch line known as the Willingdon line running between Willingdon and Edmonton. Charging that this was an unwarranted duplication and parallel of C. N. R. lines, the National system lodged an appeal with the Supreme Court of Canada, at the same time warning the C. P. R. that if it proceeded to build the line before the appeal was decided it would do so at its risk. This warning was disregarded and the line completed.

"It is indicated that the branch lines contention involving several western constituencies including that of the Prime Minister himself, caused great uneasiness and that Hon. C. A. Dunning moved the officials of the two companies to compose their differences and that meanwhile the issue should not be fought before the public or in the press.

"The statement issued by Sir Henry therefore indicates that the possibility of agreement is remote and that the situation is to be one of the major issues of politics in the approaching session."



VICTORIA HOTEL

of his bathroom—attired in overcoat and pyjamas, with slippers on his feet. In his arms were a suitcase, a bundle of clothes and other personal belongings. The suitcase, and some of these he dropped to the pavement with a crash. Then he went to the window where the fireman had the ladder and started down. Evidently he took something dropped. Then, for some reason, or other, he seemed to kick off his slippers and made the rest of his descent without them.

The hotel, which has been considerably enlarged and improved since it was built, was some 225 feet long, 60 feet wide and 45 feet high. The insurance on the building came to \$101,300. The value of the building and premises is stated by the directors to be \$250,000.

The Fire Marshal estimates it at some \$150,000. The total insured value of the property was \$110,000, the \$8,700 additional being on radio equipment, owned by Mr. Keith Rogers, and on property owned by Messrs G. P. Strong.

Messrs G. P. Strong announce that they will be ready for business today in their new offices on Richmond St.

The directors of the Charlottetown Hotel Co., acting as to their intentions in regard to the rebuilding of the hotel, say that they have no statement to make at the present time.

The directors of the Charlottetown Hotel Company have wired the various papers stating that all transients would be taken care of at the Queen Hotel.

Col. D. A. MacKinnon and W. K. Rogers, directors, the former of whom has arrived in England, while the latter was en route there, were sent messages as follows: "Hotel Victoria completely burned today. No casualties."

The firemen wish to express their thanks to Mr. John F. Leightizer, master mechanic of the C. N. R. and his fire fighting squad for the valuable assistance they rendered in fighting the conflagration. They also wish to thank the directors of the Charlottetown Hotel Company, the management of the Queen Hotel and Mr. and Mrs. Brown for meals so kindly served them. They also wish to thank the many residents in the neighborhood who extended similar kindness.

In the course of the fire, twelve streams were kept on the building for over eight hours; seven streams during the whole of Saturday night; six all day Sunday, and two during last night. The pumping station was equal to the heavy demand, and the pressure was kept up splendidly.

The firemen state that while the pressure was well up to standard, greater pressure than the pumping station can give would be desirable. This might be secured by means of a motor fire truck equipped with a pump.

Three or four of their ladders were destroyed when the front of the building fell out on them.

Two tall chimneys were left standing among the smoking debris. Yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock the taller of the two, and the one nearest the street was pulled down, as it was considered dangerous to passers-by.

The collection of enlarged photographs of Island scenery (donated by the late Mr. W. S. Louson), which adorned the walls of the reading room, was destroyed.

The Rotary Club, which has been meeting in the Willingdon dining-room, will have no session today. Members will register at the office of Mr. J. M. Murley in the Anglo-American Telegraph Office.

In the Dorion home in the Victoria Hotel block two ladies were ill, Miss Hannah and Miss Beatrice. The former was taken to the Charlottetown Hospital and the latter to the home of Mrs. W. H. Batt.

Mr. and Mrs. Brown, immediately after they were awakened, made it their first duty to see that all the guests and staff got out of the burning building safely. As a consequence, though some of their personal belongings were saved, much was destroyed.

to Victoria Hotel and trust it will soon be restored. Please also express our regrets to Col. MacKinnon and others interested.

QUEEN HOTEL,
A. S. Sampson,
Manager

St. John, N. B., Jan. 12, 1929

H. C. Brown,
Victoria Hotel,
Charlottetown, P. E. I.
Sincere sympathy for your loss. Hope everybody is well.

H. J. LYONS,
Royal Hotel, St. John

Truro, N. S., Jan. 12, 1929

Harry C. Brown,
Victoria Hotel,
Charlottetown, P. E. I.
Harry, awfully sorry to hear of your loss. If I can be of any service write me.

RUSSELL DAVISON,
New Scotia Hotel, Truro

Halifax, N. S., Jan. 12, 1929

Harry Brown,
Victoria Hotel,
Charlottetown, P. E. I.
Sincere sympathy in your personal loss and your hotel.

C. N. S. STRICKLAND,
P. O. SOULIS.

Montreal, Jan. 12, 1929

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Brown,
Charlottetown, P. E. I.
Just learned of your great loss to selves and province. Sincere sympathy.

C. C. THOMPSON.

Halifax, N. S., Jan. 12, 1929

Harry Brown,
Victoria Hotel,
Charlottetown, P. E. I.
Very sorry to learn of loss. Will gladly loan any equipment you may need in meantime.

PEARL O. SOULIS.

St. John, N. B., Jan. 12, 1929

H. C. Brown,
Victoria Hotel,
Charlottetown, P. E. I.
Grieved to read of terrible fire. Please convey to Mrs. Brown and accept for yourself my sincere regrets.

F. G. SPENCER.

Montreal, Jan. 12, 1929

Harry Brown,
Victoria Hotel,
Charlottetown, P. E. I.
Exceedingly regret to hear of disaster. Would be pleased if I could be of any assistance. Trust everything will work out well.

J. DAVIDSON,
Manager Windsor Hotel

Halifax, N. S., Jan. 12, 1929

Harry C. Brown,
Victoria Hotel,
Charlottetown, P. E. I.
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E. L. MACDONALD,
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