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ISLAND SUMMER STEAM SERVICE

Discussed Yesterday in the Commons—Better Boat Wanted for Pictou Route—Island and Newfoundland Steam Service Also Considered—Many Steamship Subsidies Passed as Usual.

OTTAWA, Feb. 13.—(Special.)—The House held rather a dull session today, most of the time being spent in discussing the estimates and subsidies under the item of \$12,500 for the summer service between P. E. Island and the mainland.

Mr. Martin endorsed by Mr. McDonald of Pictou made complaint against the inadequacy of the Pictou-Charlottetown service. They asked the Government be fore renewing the contract to see that better and more commodious boats were put on and Mr. McDonald also insisted on a daily return service to Pictou.

and subsidies for the South African line and Australian service and for communication between Cape Breton, P. E. I. and Newfoundland were stored, pending an examination into the use of the several services.

On this point Mr. Foster suggested that the Government should investigate the value of all subsidized lines and have a report ready before the subsidies were passed next year.

During the afternoon the usual subsidies were passed for services between various ports, including Pictou and Georgetown.

FOUND OYAMA WELL PREPARED

Both Armies Prepared for Offensive Movements at Nearly Same Time—A Russian Report.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 13.—(Special.)—Russian Manchurian headquarters has captured documents belonging to a Japanese regiment which reveal the fact that Oyama had ordered an offensive movement to be begun three days later than that ordered by Kuropatkin on Oct. 8th, and thus when the Russian troops advanced they marched right into a fully prepared Japanese army and the battle of Sakhe resulted.

THE WEATHER

TORONTO, Feb. 14.—(Special.)—Strong westerly winds, fair and much colder.

The mild weather that prevailed throughout yesterday changed greatly last night when the thermometer which had been above freezing point during the afternoon fell rapidly and early this morning registered 12 above with prospect of till further cold.

Snaps In Footwear

- Men's Rubbers 90c now 55c. Women's Rubbers 65c now 45c. Girls' Buckle Overshoes \$1.40 now \$1.00. Child's Buckle Overshoes \$1.20 now 85c. Child's Cloth Leg-gins 65c now 45c. Girls' Cloth Leg-gins 80c now 50c. Come early and get a good choice at

Goff Bros.

PREMIER PARENT GOES OUT TODAY

But will be Appointed a Railway Commissioner—Had an Interview with Laurier.

OTTAWA, Feb. 13.—(Special.)—Premier Parent had another secret interview with Sir Wilfrid Laurier this morning and left for Quebec where another caucus of his supporters will be held tomorrow.

It is said an arrangement has been made under the conditions of which Mr. Parent is to resign tomorrow afternoon when Hon. Mr. Gouin will be called upon to form a government.

Mr. Parent, according to this agreement will be appointed to the Transcontinental Railway Commission in place of Hon. Mr. Brunet who is credited with a desire to withdraw.

OVERDUE SYLVIA REACHES PORT

ST. JOHN'S, N. F., Feb. 13.—(Special.)—The steamer Sylvia from New York for Halifax, five days overdue, arrived here this evening after a terrible experience.

She ran into a blizzard which carried her away out of her course, her engines broke down and for 24 hours the steamer was at the mercy of the waves.

The crews manned the pumps expecting every moment that the vessel would go down. But repairs were made and after many difficulties port was reached.

THE AT HOME OF "COMMERCIALS"

One of the most enjoyable of the events of the season was the At Home given by the "Commercialists" at Victoria Hotel last night. There was present a large number of invited guests, about eighty in all and a most pleasant evening was spent in whist and afterwards in dancing till the wee sma, hours of the morning.

The prize-winners in whist were Cecil J. Stewart and Mrs. Harry Williams and the minority prizes were awarded to Gordon Aitkin and Mrs. S. C. Moore. The chaperones were Mrs. R. H. Stearns, Mrs. W. K. Rogers, Mrs. J. A. S. Bayer, Mrs. C. L. Grant, and the committee in charge J. Pope Barnes, A. S. Mahon, J. Ernest Girvan.

CHICAGO MARKETS. CHICAGO, February 11.—(Special)—Jan. Corn 40¢ May Corn 46¢ Wheat 100¢ Wheat 117¢ Pork \$18.00 Pork \$12.00

CONFERENCE ON BALKAN TROUBLE

Resolution Adopted Urging British Government to move for Adequate Reforms in Armenia and Macedonia—Bryce says Useless to Ask—Prominent Public Men Present.

LONDON, Feb. 13.—(Special.)—A conference on the Balkan situation took place today at the Westminster Palace Hotel at which Lord Stanmore presided. Among those present were the Bishop of Hereford, James Bryce, Herbert Gladstone, the Earl of Lytton and many members of Parliament.

A resolution was passed urging the Government to take immediate steps to secure adequate reforms, asserting that a continuance of misrule in Armenia and Macedonia would be a disgrace to civilized Europe; affirming the direct responsibility of Great Britain for the establishment of reforms and setting forth that the only satisfactory solution of the situation would be the appointment of a European Governor of Macedonia at Adrianople, independent of the Sultan of Turkey and responsible only to the powers of Europe.

Mr. Bryce said it was useless to ask the British Government to institute further reforms.

SOME ON WAY TO AND FROM THE PROVINCE

Passengers Waiting at Pictou, Detained at Cape Tormentine, En Route to Their Homes from Cape Traverse and at Georgetown.

AT CAPE TRAVERSE. At four o'clock yesterday afternoon two teams left Cape Traverse for the city, one carrying mails and the other passengers including Judge Warburton, Prof. C. J. McMillan and Daniel McWilliams. Two teams also left for Summerside, one about four p. m. and the other at 5.30 carrying mails and passengers Cyrus Morris, Summerside and Mr. Jonian, Boston. About noon and during the afternoon numbers of those snow-bound at Cape Traverse started to walk to their respective homes as many as eleven leaving at once.

They included: Wm Coffin, St. Peter's; John Shepherd, city; J. H. Hayden, St. Peter's; Benj. Binns, city; Mr Sutherland Souris; Mr. Trainor, Montague; Albert McNeill, James McNeill, Albert Graft, James McKay, city; James A. Costin, Bloomfield; Edward Burleigh, Ellerslie; Alex Gillis, John Gillis, Cardigan; Mr. Doyle, Alex McAulay, city; Elliott Bain, North River; M. and James Arsenault, Wellington; Wm Case, city.

Among those remaining at the Capes are Conductor Cox, Souris, J. J. Bethune and James Egan of the P. E. I. R.

AT GEORGETOWN. At Georgetown awaiting a movement in the Stanley are Mr. Lyons, Mr. Lowden, Mr. Sproul, Douglas Rutherford, Mr. Paekard, J. Mahar and J. Cumming.

AT PICTOU. PICTOU, Feb. 13.—(Special.)—The Minto

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Hazard & Moore

ran out as far as the Pictou light house today. She found that the favorable weather had had no effect on the ice.

It had not moved. The chances for crossing tomorrow are not good although the weather is mild and the wind still southerly.

There are about forty passengers still waiting here to cross. Among the number is Walter Matheson of Charlottetown. Quite a number of passengers have gone around by the Capes. Others have returned to their homes.

AT CAPE TORMENTINE. There are nineteen passengers at the Hotel at Cape Tormentine awaiting transportation to the Island. Eight more passengers including Postmaster Wheat were expected to arrive about four o'clock this morning.

MAINLAND STORMS

HALIFAX, Feb. 13.—The first passenger train to reach this city since early on Saturday morning pulled into North Street station at three o'clock yesterday afternoon. It was the Maritime Express which was due here at five o'clock on Saturday afternoon—thus being 22 hours behind time.

The heavy gale of Saturday caused the snow to drift badly and the cuttings along the line filled up again. The snow packed so hard that the engines could not penetrate the huge banks which are higher than the car windows.

The Maritime express stuck in a bank just on this side of Shubenacadie from seven o'clock on Saturday evening and did not get out till noon yesterday. An extra locomotive was put on behind the train at Truro and kept the Pullman car heated.

The water gave out in the engine in front and as a consequence the people in the rear of the train were without heat and suffered much inconvenience and discomfort. Men put their coats around the women and children and walked the aisles of the car to keep from suffering themselves. After hard work the railway men succeeded in freeing the train and the rest of the road was cleared by the time the train came along.

The C. P. R. train was held up also, and arrived over 24 hours late. This train was due here on Saturday night, but did not arrive until after midnight last night.

The Dominion Atlantic trains are having a hard battle with the drifts and not a train over that line has reached the City for fifty hours.

The storm is reported very severe at some points and enormous drifts have blocked all traffic. Up to this morning no word had been received here as to when the road would be cleared.

The Halifax and South Western line is also in a bad fix. It is impossible to move the trains on that road and it will be some time before traffic can be resumed. This morning a violent rainstorm set in which is reducing the snow.

REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

The regular monthly meeting of the City Council was held last night, with His Worship in the chair and Couns. Hooper, Prowse, Riley, Alley, Rogers, Stewart and Paton present. The regular minutes and passing of bills was gone through with.

Communications were received from Canadian Foster Arc. Co. offering to figure on Electrical Plant for the city; from L. W. Watson, conveying the thanks of Natural History and Antiquarian Society for the use of a room in the Market House; from John Corcoran and James Gormley offering to fit the Market basement for \$3100, giving suitable security; from Parkman & Crabbe offering to do the work for \$3985; from Henry M. Chandler for \$2175 (the last however stated he had made a mistake in figuring and did not wish to be counted in the tendering); from S. & H. Lowe for \$4100. Messrs. Corcoran and Gormley did not wish to undertake the work and Parkman & Crabbe were the next lowest tenderers.

Couns. Rogers and Stewart pointed out that a number of tenders did not comply with the conditions in furnishing certified cheque of ten per cent of the amount of the tender. The matter was further discussed by Couns. Hooper, Stewart and others.

The tender of Parkman & Crabbe was accepted, the work to be done by May 1st. Speaking of the granting of the room to the Natural History and Antiquarian Society the Mayor and Couns. Hooper and Paton stated that they understood that the room would be open to the public. An arrangement should be made so that Janitor Dillon could have a key to show visitors through the room.

Coun. Stewart said the members of the Society had spoken to him on several occasions regarding the fixing up of the room. He (Coun. Stewart) did not like to undertake the work of alteration without authority from the Council.

Coun. Riley said that Mr. Watson had only requested that they could not put a man in charge. The Society intended to make the room a credit to the City and one to which visitors could be taken with pride. It was the intention of the Society to have the room open to the public.

After further discussion a Market Committee with the Mayor were appointed to arrange the matter with the Society.

L. B. Miller and H. M. Davison were appointed Auditors for the present year. The tender of Duncan McLean for 200 cubic yards of sand at 45 cents per yard was accepted and the other 400 yards required will be taken equally from Jos. Mahar, James Trainor and George A. Smith.

Coun. Stewart moved, seconded by Coun. Prowse that the services of Joseph Taylor as Sanitary Officer be dispensed with and the Marshall appointed acting for the time being, at a salary of \$100 a year.

Coun. Hooper quoted the city by law to show that the motion was contrary to the law and made a plea for the retention of Mr. Taylor.

The question was further discussed and the Mayor gave it as his opinion that the office of City Marshal and Sanitary Officer must be separate and distinct.

An amendment that the matter lie on the table moved by Coun. Paton and seconded by Coun. Hooper was carried, Couns. Stewart, Prowse and Riley dissenting.

Coun. Hooper pointed out that the wishes of the Fire Underwriters with regard to a second union, the better equipment of the Fire Department, etc. had been complied with. They had taken off 25 cents but instead of taking of the other 25 cents promised they had put on 50 cents per \$100 after the big fire in Montreal. He suggested reducing the insurance on the Market Building from \$23,000 to \$20,000 as it was perfectly safe from fire.

Coun. Paton suggested that tenders be called for cement for concrete work which was proposed to be done next summer along Sunnyside and on east and west sides of Queen Street. A motion to this effect was carried.

Couns. Prowse, Stewart and Rogers approved of what Coun. Hooper had said with reference to the insurance on the Market House and placed of the money saved in the sinking fund.

As Coun. Paton will be away for some six or seven weeks he asked the council's permission to appoint Coun. Prowse as Chairman of the Street Committee during his absence. This request was granted after remarks by Coun. Hooper and the Mayor wishing Mr. Paton a pleasant trip. Council adjourned sine die.

MR. JOHN SHELTON, the well-known bridge builder, of 101 Sherwood St., Ottawa, states:—I have used Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills for kidney and liver derangements brought on by exposure, and find them better than any pill or medicine I ever used. They cleansed my system and made me feel healthy and vigorous, and better in every way.

ANGLO-RUSSIAN COMMISSION ON

The North Sea Outrage Concludes its Inquiry—Final Arguments Heard—Daily Sessions to be Held to Shape the Award which May not be Reached for some Time in the Future.

PARIS, Feb. 13.—(Special.)—The International Commission which is inquiring into the North Sea incident today heard the conclusions of the British and Russian agents upon the testimony presented.

Today's session practically closed the work of the Commission until a decision

is reached when Admiral Fournier the President of the Commission will call a meeting for the public announcement. The admirals in the meantime will hold daily private sessions to deliberate upon the decision. It is expected that some days will elapse before definite results are reached.

CHAMBERLAIN SAYS LAURIER MADE OFFER

LONDON, Feb. 8.—Mr. Chamberlain, speaking at Gainsborough, urged upon his audience the desirability of thinking imperially without reference to antiquated conditions of themselves and their country. Everybody should think not of himself but of his country, that its life might be prolonged long after he ceased existence. He described the empire as a responsibility such as had never been placed on any nation before.

For the moment the empire is a loose bundle of sticks, bound together by sentiment and sympathy, but it was so slender that a rough blow might scatter it into its constituent elements. The British empire was won by sacrifice and can only be maintained by sacrifices. Those who hated the name of imperialism, as Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman had said, were honest in saying there was no need for change in the fiscal policy, but such a policy was selfish and short-sighted. If anything should happen which should weaken the ties, or the colonies should map out a course of their own, Great Britain in trade would lose her most promising customers.

Referring to the colonial support in the late war, he said for the first time it made possible an organized union of all the different parts of the British empire for common objects. Again, he quoted the remarks of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Premier Denkin, and the late Cecil Rhodes. Dealing with the colonial offer, he said when Sir Wilfrid Laurier says: We offer to meet you to make a treaty with you by which you shall treat us and we will treat you a little better than we both treat foreigners. I do not know any name in the English language that I can give that statement except an offer. This offer Sir Wilfrid Laurier made has been repeated in different words and in different forms, but always to the same effect.

Not only by the statements of Canada, whichever side of politics they are on, but also by the statements of the other self-governing colonies. He told his audience they were not bound to open their mouths and shut their eyes and take whatever the colonies gave them. They were asked to meet friends and relations in a friendly meeting and see whether the empire cannot be more closely united on a basis of preferential policy. He told his audience they had been asked to meet the overtures of Canadians by a flat and insulting refusal to a proposition which would readily be entertained in the case of a foreign country. He ventured to say the colonies, being high-spirited nations, if treated in such a way would seek elsewhere the sympathy they asked.

It is understood that the Montcalm will not again attack the Cape Rouge bridge until March, when the weather will be much milder and the ice softer.

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WRIGHT COUNTY ELECTS A TORY

MONTREAL, Feb. 13.—(Special.)—In the by-election in Wright County, vacated by Sir Wilfrid Laurier's resignation, McDougall, Conservative, has been elected.

His majority is now one hundred with two polls to here from which will reduce it somewhat.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier's majority in the general election was one thousand.

The C. P. R. today declared a two percent dividend on its preferred and three percent on its common stock for the half year.

HOCKEY Tuesday Night, Feb 14th, Labor Union vs Empires

—and— P. W. COLLEGE vs Northern Stars. Admission 15 cents.

BROKE BLADES OF PROPELLER

QUEBEC, Feb. 13.—(Special.)—The ice-breaker Montcalm has lost some more of the blades of her propellers but just how many is not known.

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