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THE CAPES ROUTE NOW AT THE FRONT

Meeting at Emerald Yesterday Adjourned to Charlottetown Where a Mass Gathering of Elected Delegates will Assemble on Tuesday, February 14.

The hall at Emerald was well filled yesterday afternoon with victors from that thriving village and the surrounding districts all interested in the subject of the improvement and development of the Capes route to the mainland. Among those in the audience were the following and many others from the different localities named: Summerside—Capt. Joseph Read, Messrs J. A. Bruce and J. M. Clark, the two last named being delegates from the Board of Trade. Charlton—William Carruthers, Frank Schaefer, John McQuarrie, Donald Matheson. Albany—Michael Delaney, Joseph Noonan, Wm. Noonan, Neil Cameron, H. A. Meit, Gilbert Bell. Kinkora—Rev. J. J. McDonald, Dr. Gallant, T. A. Melver, Ambrose Monaghan, A. McGuigan and others. Tyrone—M. C. Delaney, C. J. Delaney, Newton—P. J. Smith, James McKenna, Hugh McIver, Theodore Smith, John Murtagh and others. Shanrock—Jas. M. Duffy, John Kelley and others. Emerald—Peter Hughes, Wm. Deighan, Ronald McDonald, Art Seaman, P. F. Hughes and many others. Charlottetown—the editors of The Examiner and The Guardian. Shortly after one o'clock the meeting was organized by the appointment of Donald Matheson, of Charlton as chairman and P. F. Hughes of Emerald as secretary. Rev. J. J. McDonald, read the following telegram messages from the President and Vice President of the Charlottetown Board of Trade regretting their inability to be present. Rev. J. J. McDonald, Emerald:—Regret very much that stormy appearance of morning threatening a railway blockade has prevented me from attending meeting at Emerald today. The cause has the fullest sympathy of the Charlottetown Board of Trade. (Signed) D. Nicholson, Pres. Board of Trade. Rev. J. J. McDonald, Emerald:—Regret very much my being unable to be present today at your Emerald meeting. Am strongly in sympathy with the movement, as I am sure are all the people of the Province with very few exceptions. I would suggest a Mass Meeting to be held at Charlottetown in the near future to further discuss the question under consideration at to-day's meeting and that the different Boards of Trade be urgently invited to attend. (Signed) Geo. E. Hughes, Vice Pres. Charlottetown Board of Trade. On taking the chair Mr. Matheson expressed his pleasure at seeing so many present. The subject of better communications should be of interest to everybody on the Island in view of the disadvantages and losses entailed by our isolated condition and frequently interrupted communications with the outside world. Rev. J. J. McDonald, regretted that more of the different sections of the Province were not represented. He thought the question of winter communication was too important to be satisfactorily discussed and settled at this meeting. At the last meeting a number of our federal and local members were present. Some of these were now in Ottawa, and no doubt the blocked condition of the roads had kept others away. All admit that our present communications are not satisfactory. The proposed tunnel was thought too costly by many and some other plan to better present conditions should be developed. He thought it better to accept the suggestion of Hon. Mr. Hughes, and moved a resolution seconded by Mr. Delaney to that effect, which after discussion was adopted in somewhat amended form as follows: Resolved that the matter under consideration is too important to be disposed of at this meeting, and that it is desirable to have a larger and more representative gathering from all parts of the Province as well as from the several boards of trade, and having an invitation from Charlottetown to discuss the question there, this meeting do now adjourn to meet at Charlottetown on Tuesday, 14th February at 1 o'clock p. m. And further Resolved that Capt. Joseph Read be and is hereby appointed convenor to invite the Province at large to hold meetings at an early date for the purpose of appointing delegates to attend the mass meeting above mentioned. The motion was spoken to by Mr. Delaney the seconder, J. A. Bruce, Capt. Read, J. M. Clarke, James Kennedy, Mr. Campbell, F. Schaefer, Mr. Pendergast and others. Some were at first strongly of opinion that the general question should be discussed at this meeting, but when the matter was threshed out the prevailing sentiment was that a more generally representative meeting convened in Charlottetown and able to speak with the weight of the Province behind it would better further the object in view. The meeting then adjourned. It is understood that measures will be at once taken to call meetings to elect delegates throughout the Island and to have the various boards of trade, and members of the Legislature notified so that a rousing meeting may be held on 14th February. There was much conversational discussion after the meeting adjourned, in which the great merits of the Capes Route was the general theme.

ISLAND MEMBERS ASK QUESTIONS

About the Bridge and Murray Harbor Branch to Which Minister Emmerson Replies—Bills to Prevent Intimidation of Employees and Re Level Crossings.

OTTAWA, Jan. 30.—(Special)—The House got down to business in earnest today, holding afternoon and evening sessions. Replying to Mr. Martin, Hon. H. R. Emmerson said considerable work remained to be done on the Murray Harbor Branch and Hillsboro Bridge. Three wooden bridges would be replaced by steel and several stations have to be built. The erection of stations at Grand View and Newton Crossing is under consideration. Concerning the proposed railway between Stanley Bridge, New London and the main line of the Island Railway Mr. Emmerson said the surveys had been completed but the route was not yet decided. The report of survey is not yet submitted owing to the illness of the engineer. Tenders for construction will be called in August. Several bills were introduced, among them being Mr. Guthrie's to prevent the intimidation of employees in elections. His bill proposes to prevent employers from even asking their employees to vote. Mr. Lancaster's bill to amend the Railway Act, relating to level crossings was referred back to the committee.

ST. JOHN FALLS BEFORE MONCTON

The Dawson City Team Won a Decisive Victory from the All Pictou County Players.

MONCTON, Jan. 30.—(Special)—In the New Brunswick League Moncton tonight defeated the St. John Mohawks by a score of twelve to one. WESTVILLE, Jan. 30.—(Special)—Dawson hockeyists added another to their few victories this evening by defeating the All Pictou County by a score of 7 to 3. After Sunday's rest the visitors were in better condition and the game which was a fast one was theirs from the start. HALIFAX, Jan. 30.—(Special)—In the Nova Scotian League Windsor defeated New Glasgow in Windsor 5 to 2 and Amherst defeated the Wanderers in Halifax 6 to 2.

RUSSIAN ATTACK FAILS UTTERLY

Failed to Break Through Oyama's Left Wing—The Defeat Again Disappoints St. Petersburg—North Sea Commission Finishes Hearing—British Evidence.

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 30.—(Special)—General Kuropatkin's attempt to break through the Japs, left wing and outflank Oyama on the Sakhe River has failed utterly. Few details, however, are available beyond the official despatches. Oyama answered Kuropatkin's advance by a counter attack but no great disposition was shown to carry the war into the territory held by the Russians. The War Office lays the blame on the extremely cold weather and the snow which rendered it hazardous to expose the troops on the open plains. Sandepas proved too difficult a position for the Russians to capture and the Japanese taking advantage of the check of the Russians hurried up their reinforcements and assumed the offensive on the Hun River. The Russians however were entirely successful in repulsing the Japanese everywhere. News of this defeat is especially hard for the Government, for the popular idea is that the movement was undertaken to distract the attention of the people at home. PARIS, Jan. 31.—(Special)—Street fighting was resumed here this morning. The troops being attacked by the mob of strikers were ordered to form a square and fire from four sides which they did killing many. Soldiers are continually exposed to snipers and have frequently been stabbed by passers-by on the streets. Many innocent persons have suffered and the death list is now placed at a hundred and sixty.

SOME REFUGEES REACH CHEFOO

CHEFOO, Jan. 28.—Twenty-seven men and women, comprising the first party of refugees from Port Arthur, arrived here in a junk today. They stated that twenty-two other junks bearing over 500 non-combatants were also coming. Several launches immediately left with the idea of assisting the junks in reaching Chefoo. These refugees, including men, women, and children, have been waiting for a steamer at Pigeon Bay. They were without shelter and were obliged to sleep in the sand. The expected steamers failing to arrive permission was secured for them to use junks. The refugees state that since the first few days following the surrender of Port Arthur there has been practically no looting, the Japanese officers dealing sternly with all offenders. The Chinese were more culpable than the Japanese, who generally confined themselves to taking small articles, which they probably wanted chiefly as souvenirs. The consensus of opinion is that the soldiers behaved with remarkable self-restraint. Roughly estimated, two hundred civilians lost their lives during the siege. The refugees generally exhibit no signs of ill health from their subsistence on a restricted diet.

DARING BURGLARY ON SUNDAY NIGHT

A daring robbery was committed at the residence of John M. Duncan, on Bayfield Street, on Sunday night last between seven and eight o'clock. While the inmates of the house were attending church the front door was opened by some unknown person and the house ransacked. Fifteen dollars were found in a room up-stairs and were taken but nothing else is missing. There is as yet no clue to the thief or thieves.

VALUABLE HORSE DIES ON STREET

Archibald Warren of North Rustico met with a severe loss yesterday afternoon by the sudden death of his horse on the street. He had just come to the city and after stopping to give the animal which was somewhat overheated a drink at Hearty's fountain, corner of Great George and Euston Street, drove out Great George. When he had gone about a block, to Hooper's Corner the animal dropped dead on the street.

THE WEATHER

TORONTO, Jan. 31.—(Special)—Fair and cold. THE TEMPERATURE. The weather yesterday morning grew considerably milder than in early morning and moderate weather prevailed during the day. This morning promises colder.

LORD BRASSEY SPEAKS

LONDON Jan 24.—"Let us not," said Lord Brassey while addressing the Swansea Chamber of Commerce, "hamper or hinder our producers in their competition with powerful rivals in those open markets to which we had free access. Were we not on surer ground in examining how best we might give aid to the development and expansion of these countries, largely our own possessions; where we know that their growing prosperity must increase the demand for British goods."

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THE CZAR'S SHIPS WERE DESTROYED

TOKIO, Jan. 28.—A Russian Admiral who had just joined the prisoners from Port Arthur now in Japan, has given to a correspondent of The Associated Press an extended statement, covering the defense and surrender of the fortress. He characterizes the surrender before the garri-son had reached its extremity as a disgrace, bitterly criticizes Gen. Stoessel, and lauds Gen. Kondratenko, commander of the Seventh East Siberian Rifle Regiment, as the true hero of the defense of Port Arthur. The Admiral admits that bitter friction existed between the army and the navy, and intimates that there is a probability of enquiry into this matter by court-martial. He insists that the Russians destroyed their warships at Port Arthur beyond any possibility of salvage by the Japanese. On this point he said: "When the news that Gen. Stoessel had sent a letter to Gen. Nogi offering to surrender reached the navy, we realized the necessity of destroying our ships beyond the possibility of their use by the Japanese. Accordingly, on the night of Jan. 1 every vessel in the harbor was ordered to be torpedoed several times in the engines, boilers, shafts, and funnels. It was a hard night's work, but the Japanese will never be able to utilize a single ship of our navy at Port Arthur." "The friction between the army and the navy was the result of orders received from St. Petersburg. These orders came to Gen. Stoessel and intimated that the navy should emerge and fight the Japanese. "It would have been useless to emerge without a definite object in view. We knew that we must fight immediately after we left the harbor for Togo's fleet awaited us. Then, after fighting, our badly damaged vessels would have been forced to run to neutral harbors and there disarm, while our vessels escaping damage or receiving only a slight damage, would have been compelled to run the long distance to Vladivostok after fighting a second engagement with Vice Admiral Kamimura's squadron. "It is difficult for a Russian officer to talk about the end. It was worse than a mistake; it was a disgrace. The fortress could easily have held out for another month, as it had food and ammunition sufficient for that period, and if Kondratenko had remained alive it would have held out for months longer. "At a council of war held three days before capitulation, at which twenty-two of the higher officers of the army and navy were present, only three officers—Chief of Staff Reiss and two others—favored capitulation."



WANTED A REST. Henpeck—Doctor, my wife has jaw. Doctor Wise—I'll hurry right aro Henpeck—No, no. Don't come until latter part of the week.

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