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DETAINED FOR SIX WEEKS AT PICTOU

Passengers Reach the City Saturday Night—Some Experiences of those who were Tied up—Conductor Hibbett Surprises Belated ones at Georgetown.

It was pleasing news to the entire Province on Saturday when The Guardian announced by telegrams from Pictou that the Stanley had got to between two miles or a mile and a half of the Minto on Pictou and that passengers and mails would be transferred to the Stanley.

The passengers, about ninety in all, walked over the intervening barrier of ice between the steamers, and the Stanley left on return for Georgetown about noon, not waiting for mails and freight and reached Georgetown again shortly before seven. There was a big crowd on the wharf and Capt. Brown and his boat was given an immense ovation both from Georgetown people and from those on board.

Among the passengers longest detained in Pictou this winter waiting for a movement in the Stanley or Minto was J. P. Woodbury, the popular manager of the Queen Hotel here. It will be seven weeks ago tomorrow since Mr. Woodbury left Charlottetown for Sydney, expecting to return in four days time. He reached Pictou on January 24, the day the steamers stopped running six weeks ago and had remained there ever since till Saturday last.

Mr. Woodbury made four efforts to reach Cape Tormentine and cross by the ice boats but without success. The first time he was taken ill with the grip and was laid up for two weeks. The next three starts only took him a short distance along the road when derailed snow plows and snow blockades compelling him to return and he succumbed to the inevitable and laid up at Pictou till the ice barrier was broken.

On Saturday the passengers went on board the Minto at Pictou wharf and proceeded about two miles out where they were unable to make further progress. It was with feelings of joy that they saw the Stanley approach in the distance and soon the transfer was made.

During the trip over Captain Brown remained in the lookout on the mast the entire afternoon directing the course of the steamer. The passengers were all loud in their praise of his skilful management of the boat and before the wharf was reached showed their appreciation by hearty cheers.

Mr. Woodbury estimates that there were at least 60 people tied up at Pictou for the past few weeks. Some of them were "stapped" and others walked to Cape Tormentine a distance of over 100 miles during the early part of the month.

Perhaps the most pleasant of all to the passengers was the arrival of Conductor Hibbett at Georgetown. The word had gone out that no train would arrive there before today or tomorrow and arrangements were made by many of the passengers to drive to Mount Stewart.

As the Stanley came up Georgetown harbor a thin line of smoke was seen far off in the distance and attracted the attention of every one. Nearer and nearer it came and soon the welcome sound of the locomotive whistle was answered by the Stanley as both train and steamer reached Georgetown almost at the same time. Needless to say Conductor Hibbett shared equally with Capt. Brown the congratulations of the belated travellers. The train was soon prepared and a start was made for Charlottetown which was reached about midnight.

Among other passengers was Capt. McLean of the Princess. He was one of a derailed train near Brown's Point which narrowly escaped being a serious and probably a fatal accident.

Conductor Hibbett's special arrived from Georgetown about midnight Saturday night. The passengers who had crossed by the Stanley many of whom had been detained for weeks at Pictou included the following, most of whom came through to Charlottetown—J. P. Woodbury, Mrs. John Collins; Edward Hackett, Tignish; W. N. Hankin returning from Sault Ste Marie; George J. MacQuarrie, representing Vim Tea, St. John; Frank D. and Mrs. McDonald from Sydney; Capt. McLean of the Princess from a trip to Boston and New York; Benjamin Perry, Summerside; William Halstead, Lawrence, Mass., and formerly on the Princess; Jas McCormack, Georgetown; F. J. Raffet, Montreal; J. H. Lapolier, Pictou; Jas McEntee, Bangor, Me.; G. W. Atwood; T. C. Savage and Mrs. Savage, Montreal; E. M. Wilband, St. John, and Herbert Grey from England.

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TERRIBLE ACCIDENT.

BRIDGETOWN, Feb. 27.—Mr. and Mrs. Harry Abbott lost an infant son this week under very painful circumstances. Several weeks ago he was playing in the barn and fell upon a board through which a nail projected, and falling his head struck the nail which penetrated the skull so that when the child stood upon his feet the board clung to his forehead. A passer-by was called and extracted the nail. Medical and surgical aid was unavailing and the little sufferer died on Sunday.

CHICAGO MARKETS.

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REV. C. M'KINNON ACCEPTS CALL

Extended to Him by Westminster Church, Winnipeg—Translation will take place in a Few Weeks.

HALIFAX, March 5.—(Special).—At the close of the services in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Sydney tonight Rev. Clarence McKinnon gave the congregation to understand that he had accepted the call extended him by Westminster Church, Winnipeg and that the translation would take effect in a few weeks time.

The session has appointed a committee to secure a successor. This is the second call which Mr. McKinnon has received from Winnipeg during the past few months.

WEATHER FORECAST.

TORONTO, March 5.—(Special).—Moderate to fresh, southwesterly winds, a few light local snow falls or flurries but partly fair and moderately cold.

THE TEMPERATURE. Yesterday was the coldest for some time. The thermometer descended to 3 above zero and last night registered 7 above.

BORN.

At Nine Mile Creek, February 22, to Daniel and Mrs. Taylor, a son. Congratulations.

Charlottetown, March 4th, to the wife of Rev. James Simpson, a daughter.

DIED.

At Morell Rear, Monday Feb. 20th, Mrs. Patrick McCarthy, aged 70 years leaving a sorrowing husband, two sons and one daughter.

Suddenly at Chelsea Hospital, Mass., William H. LePage of S. S. Halifax, formerly of Charlottetown, aged 44 years.

At Burlington on Feb. 23rd, William Delaney, aged 82 years.

At Rusticville, on Thursday, March 2nd, Isidore Doiron, aged 25 years.

At Cornwall on March 4th at three o'clock, Ann relict of the late Robert Frizzle, aged 88 years.

Funeral will take place to day (Monday) at two o'clock to Cornwall Cemetery.

At Morell East after a brief illness on Feb. 23rd, Mrs. James Hogan aged 55 years. There are left to mourn a husband, four sons and four daughters, Will Frank and Mrs. J. Smith in the United States, Mrs. P. Fogarty, Cardigan Bridge and Annie, Laura, Wilfred and John at home.

MURDER LOOKS LIKE THE MAFIA

New York Butcher Found in his Yard Shot and Frightful Mangled—Police Working on the Case.

NEW YORK, March 4.—(Special).—The police today investigated the murder of an Italian butcher named Pedro Felino which they say looks much like the work of a "Black Hand" or a Mafia organ. Felino was the proprietor of a butcher shop. His body was discovered in a yard in the rear of his shop today with two bullet wounds in the head. His throat was cut and several slashes were made across the chest.

ORANGEMEN CONDEMN THE PROVISIONS

St. JOHN, March 5.—(Special).—The County Orange Lodge in session Saturday night passed a strong resolution condemning the Separate School provisions of the Autonomy Bill.

OFFER FROM CARNEGIE.

WASHINGTON, February 25.—The Post says: "It was reliably reported in Washington last night that Andrew Carnegie had offered to give \$200,000 to the University of Virginia on condition that the authorities of the institution would raise a similar amount from other sources. Mr. Carnegie's offer, it is stated, was made several days ago and will be accepted."

A Famous Whistle.

In the train of Anne of Denmark, when she went to Scotland with James VI., was a gigantic Dane of matchless drinking capacity. He possessed an ebony whistle, which at the beginning of a drunken bout he would lay on the table, and whoever was the last able to blow it was by general consent considered to be the "champion of the whistle." It happened, however, that during his stay in Scotland the Dane was defeated by Sir Robert Laurie of Maxwellton, who after three days and three nights of hard drinking left the Dane under the table and "blew on the whistle his regular shrill." The whistle remained in the family for many years, and the last person who carried it off was Alexander Ferguson of Craig-Darroch, son of Annie Laurie, so well and musically known. Robbie Burns immortalized the subject in a poem entitled "The Whistle."

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SCHOOL QUESTION MORE SERIOUSLY

Treated by the Upper Canadian Papers—Laurier May Resign—West is Against Him—Sifton for London Commissioner.

OTTAWA, March 5.—(Special).—Upper Canadian papers deal seriously with the Separate School question.

The Toronto Saturday Night in an inspired article threatens that unless pressure is withdrawn Sir Wilfrid Laurier may resign.

Other papers strongly urge that this provision of the bill be dropped.

Nova Scotia members express no opinion but are watching Fielding and appear ready to follow his lead.

Western members are solid against Laurier and support Sifton. The latter is mentioned as probable successor to Lord Strathcona as Canadian High Commissioner at London.

The following letter has been received by Mr. Lord from Capt. Finlayson of the Minto.

PICTOU, Feb. 26th, 1905.

SIR:—We went out yesterday with a crowd of men and dynamite. I had no faith in the dynamite after seeing it used at the Stanley two years ago, but I was very glad to do something for a change. After exploding a lot of holes ahead of the steamer, we then made a race at the ice to see if the holes were any help. The Minto ran upon the ice and stuck fast. It took us all the afternoon to cut her down so that she would back out. Then we were only at the edge of the heavy ice. Further out it is much heavier. The rafted ice extends from Cole's Point, across to Powell's head. From there up to the wharf it is about two feet thick which the Minto goes through easily. The belt is three and a half or four miles wide. We can just see the water from the Minto's bridge. From the masthead fine leads of water can be seen.

You will see that no one can tell when we get out of Pictou.

Yours Faithfully,
ALAN FINLAYSON

—A meeting of the South African veteran celebration committee will be held in Capt. Mellich's office this evening at 7 o'clock.

THE JAPS CENTRE NEARING MUKDEN

Which they will Soon Capture, while the Battle Still Wages Fiercely on All Sides—At One Point Alone Onward March is Stopped.

NEW YORK, Mar. 5.—(Special).—Conflicting reports came today from Mukden and other points in Manchuria but summed up they are as follows:

The Russian army is in retreat although Kuropatkin is retiring but slowly.

The great battle still wages and is continued with terrible artillery firing being kept up.

In Mukden all is excitement. The Japs' centre is within a couple of miles of the town and the artillery is shelling Russian positions all around the city.

FLAG FLOATS HALF MAST FOR CLARKE

OTTAWA, March 5.—(Special).—The Commons flag floats at half mast, in memory of the late E. F. Clarke of Toronto and on his desk rests a large wreath of deep red roses, the tribute of his Conservative fellow members.

A representative delegation has gone to Toronto to attend his funeral tomorrow.

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On the Shakhe river the Russians are strongly entrenched and at this one point alone the onward march of the Japs has been stopped for a time at least.

On the right and left wings General Oku and General Kuroki are slowly but steadily continuing their turning movements and forcing the Russian wings on to the centre.

There is every probability that Mukden will be captured within a very short time.

HE REFUTES THE THEORY OF OSLER

Claiming that for Constructive Work Man is at His best Between Forty and Sixty Years—Rev. W. Camp Speaks.

MONCTON, March 5.—(Special).—Rev. W. Camp of Sussex preached in the First Baptist Church here this morning on the Life of Noah. He took exception to Dr. Osler's theory that creative ability belonged to men under forty and that sixty is the climacteric age.

"It was possible," he said, "that in the realm of discovery, men were at their best at forty but in the constructive work man was only at his best between forty and sixty."

He referred to Noah who was a hundred years old at the time of the Flood and was only in his prime at four hundred.

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