

A QUESTIONABLE LIBERAL DEFENCE

(Canadian Press) OTTAWA, July 16.—According to despatches from Halifax printed here it would seem that the Liberal press of that city has entered an active defence of officers who drank too much liquor at the temperance dinner to which they were invited and in consequence insulted Sir Ian Hamilton and Dr. MacKay.

It is claimed the Minister of Militia has no power to arbitrarily remove offenders and the apologists add: "It is not thought here that drinking wine at dinner would be considered a sufficient excuse to cashier a man if he were court-martialed." It is pointed out here that the offenders were invited to dinner which was known to be a temperance one. When they accepted they knew the host's desire. Whatever is felt in the circles in Halifax the feeling here is that a man has a right to give a temperance dinner and that those who accept an invitation are bound to respect the conditions attached. As for the declaration that drinking affords no ground for court-martial, the remark heard here is that conduct unbecoming a gentleman does afford ground.

The royal navy recently, on two occasions, afforded interesting precedents. In each case lieutenants who had shown a tendency to over-indulgence had been placed by the captain under definite orders not to exceed a certain number of drinks but in each case officers who exceeded the number were court-martialed and punished severely.

SECRETARY BRYAN'S SALARY INADEQUATE.

HENDERSONVILLE, N. C., July 14.—While lecturing here today Secretary William J. Bryan declared he was compelled to deliver Chautauqua addresses to supplement his Government salary, which he declared was not sufficient to meet his expenses.

CONDENSED ADS TOO LATE FOR CLASSIFICATION

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QUESTION OF REPRESENTATION

TORONTO, July 16.—Sir James Whitney, Premier of Ontario, and Sir Lomer Gouin, Premier of Quebec, are in correspondence, concerning the proposed inter-provincial conference during the early fall.

There are several important matters awaiting the consideration of the cabinet of provincial premiers, and it is regarded as not unlikely, owing to the fact that certain questions bearing upon the relative representation of the smaller maritime provinces in the Dominion parliament, as well as the perennial question of the apportionment of subsidies, will come before the conference, that it will be called to meet in Ottawa, notwithstanding the repeated invitation of Sir Richard McBride to meet on the Pacific coast.

OTTAWA, July 15.—"If any officer of the permanent force of militia wishes to resign because of my remark at Halifax they are welcome to do so," declared Colonel Sam Hughes, minister of militia, this morning when his attention was called to a report from Halifax that some officers contemplating resigning from the force unless the minister of militia apologized.

"I have nothing to apologize for," I said nothing at the dinner which could offend any man at the dinner who behaved himself, or any man of the permanent force of militia of Canada who conducts himself as a soldier should."

A NEW REGIMENT FOR THIS PROVINCE.

OTTAWA, July 14.—Having travelled nearly twelve thousand miles, reviewed one hundred and thirty units and inspected every camp, Sir Ian Hamilton, Inspector General of the Overseas Forces, and Col. Sam Hughes, Minister of Militia, returned to Ottawa this morning. With the tireless Minister of Militia as his cicerone, Sir Ian made the trip of inspection from Hamilton to Vancouver and back again in record time, having left Ottawa on June 6th. No man has ever seen as much of Canada in as short a time as General Hamilton. In fact the General himself remarked that "travelling with Col. Hughes is like travelling with a comet."

GENERAL WELL PLEASED.

"I was delighted with the trip," said General Hamilton. "I found the men very keen, their spirits were fine, while they were very enthusiastic. The way they kept the camps showed how anxious the men were to keep up to the mark. The officers also showed particular interest in the manoeuvres and any criticism we might make."

A NEW REGIMENT FOR N. B.

"At Prince Edward Island I met an old soldier who was born at the same place I was, at Cornwall. I was pleased to see the number of old members of the Royal Engineers I met. Canada could not get a finer type of soldier."

EXPLOSION ON SCHOONER AT PARRSBORO.

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CANADIANS AT BISLEY

BISLEY CAMP July 16.—Weather is fine this morning but the sky remained overcast and more rain is expected. Members of the Canadian team are having a few days rest in the Hoplon match Co. Mellish, late of the Sherwood foresters made 199 out of a possible 200. Col. J. Hoplon of the Highland Light Infantry, E. W. Jones, North London, R. C. and Col. Freemantle of Buchinhamshire each made 198.

Lieut. Mortimer, Ottawa, was 22nd, with 190. In the M. R. Association cup, single entries of seven shots at 200 and 600 yards, staff Sergt. F. C. Hawley, 90th Regiment, Winnipeg, made a possible at 200. In the sweepstakes competition, Staff Sergt. J. Freehorn, 13th Regiment, Hamilton made a possible at 200 and 34 at 300. Lt. Steele of the 7th Fusiliers, London, Ont., each made 34 at 300. W. W. Jones, North London, R. C. won the Halford memorial Challenge Cup with a possible at 1000 yards and 73 at 1100 yards. Col. Freemantle the second with 72 and 74. Major T. L. Rankin, Royal Scots, third, with 74 and 73. Sgt. Caldwell, Ulster, fourth with 74 and 73. Lt. Mortimer was 31st, with 72 and 67. In the sweepstakes competition Pte. W. Hawkins of the 48th Highlanders, was first at 600 yards winning 13 shillings.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH IN CONVENTION

The annual convention of the Christian Churches of P. E. Island, and the largest of any gathering yet in the history of the church here, was held in New Glasgow from Friday to Monday. At this convention five addresses were delivered.

Friday evening's services were conducted by Dr. Archibald, Principal of Acadia College. He took for his text the following words found in the fifth chapter of Matthew, "Ye are the light of the world; ye are the salt of the earth." His discourse was most eloquent and in it he referred to the college, of which he was the representative, as being a grand institution. He outlined the various subjects in the curriculum and made a strong appeal for the continuance of the support being vouchsafed the college; for the institution, he said, was well worthy of it.

Saturday the meetings opened at 10 a.m. with devotional services led by Mr. C. A. Hatfield, Pastor of New Glasgow, Mr. John Lord presiding. This was followed by an address by Mr. W. F. Newcombe, Representative of the International Bible Society, who spoke on the great importance of the society. After the address the pastors of the different churches discussed the various branches of the provincial work and some splendid themes were brought out.

At 1.30 p.m. the committee on business arrangements met and passed resolutions regarding co-operation in (Continued on page two.)

FROM IRELAND TO HALIFAX IN 3 1/2 DAYS.

LONDON, July 15.—It is officially announced here that a contract for over one million sterling has been signed for the construction of a railway, and new harbor on the west coast of Ireland in connection with the All-Red Route scheme, which the Canadian Government has now approved.

NEW PAPER STARTS OFF WELL

MONTREAL, July 14.—The first issue of the new Liberal paper, Montreal, the Daily Telegraph, was an immense success. The presses were completely over-taxed and the publishers were obliged to ask contemporaries to aid them in printing the editions. It was the greatest initial success in Canadian journalism. Congratulations poured in to the publishers from all quarters.

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One of the crew, Richard Williger, went down the forward hatch to get a tackle, leaving the rest of the crew standing near the hatch, and in order to find the tackle he lighted a match. A terrific explosion followed enveloping the crew. The master, Leonard Rowe was badly burned about the face and hands, James Llewellyn and Richard Williger, seamen, both were burned about the hands and face, and the captain's son was stunned and badly burned. The cause of the explosion is supposed to be either from leaking gasoline or coal dust.

SUPREME COURT AT GEORGETOWN

(Special by Phone) GEORGETOWN, July 16.—Supreme Court resumed here this morning at 11 o'clock, when the case of the King vs. McInnis was again taken up before Mr. Justice Hazard and the following petty jury: William Murphy, Montague Joseph McQuaid, St. Theresa's, Daniel Murphy, Summersville; Terrence Cairns, St. Theresa's; Allan Shaw (Foreman) Cardigan; Duncan Gillis, St. Peter's Bay; Bartholomew Beck, Guernsey Cove; Geo. McIntyre, South Hampton; Angus Sutherland, Cardross; Michael Kelly, John Power, Elliotvale; Dennis Collins, Montague.

The Crown was represented by the Attorney General, Hon. J. A. Matheson, and Mr. J. D. Stewart and Messrs. J. J. Johnson and G. S. Inman.

The indictment was manslaughter. Elizabeth McInnis, Cassie McInnis, James McInnis and William McInnis all gave evidence which was much the same as that given at the preliminary hearing.

The following new witnesses were examined: Catherine McDonald, of Lakeville, who deposed that the prisoner came to her home on the night of the 26th, about two in the morning, after the death of the deceased, and said that "There is a man over board. We had our vessel's crew and there is a man overboard." "Kate," he said, "I killed Gallian McInnis." I said "No, he may have taken a weak turn." "No," he said, "I killed him." He remarked that all he was sorry for was that he did not get a slap at Gallian J's wife. He had liquor with him and got me to make him some punch. He produced a knife and illustrated how he would use it on the McInnis people when he returned there after his parole. He also threatened what would happen me if I ever told anything wrong on him. He seemed terribly wild. He left our home at twenty to two. He looked different that night from other times.

Lauchlin McDonald swore he was the husband of the last witness and that when the prisoner came to his house on the night of the 26th, he said Gallian McInnis was out of commission. He also stated that he had challenged his wonderful skill with the bagpipes in a purely inconsequential way, taking it up as at first as his pastime. This was when he was serving with the Royal Marine Light Artillery, in which he enlisted. But soon the yearning to make himself proficient in the playing of the pipes grew upon him, and he got himself appointed as recruiting sergeant for that corps at Glasgow solely for the purpose of improving his playing, by studying under the best bag pipers of that city. Afterwards he went to Inverness to perfect himself in the music of the pibroch. Subsequently, to such a high standard of skill had he attained, he took part in a bag pipe competition in London against some of the leading pipers of the Metropolis, and secured the first prize. Since then he has had many triumphs in bag-pipe playing, and has won medals in the foremost competitions throughout the United Kingdom.

He left Charlottetown on Tuesday afternoon on his way to Georgetown, St. John's, where he intends giving performances of a similar kind to that which he gave in the Caledonian Club's hall.

WILL GIVE BLOOD TO HELP SICK WIFE.

NEW YORK, July 15.—Joe Tinker, manager and shortstop of the Cincinnati team of the National League, played through yesterday's game against the New York's with the knowledge that within six hours he probably would be in a Chicago hospital submitting to a transfusion of blood to his wife, who is seriously ill. Tinker expects to start west today, as physicians have informed him his wife's condition is so precarious that they have about decided transfusion is necessary.

WARNINGS OF STORMS

WASHINGTON, July 16.—Wireless storm warnings and weather forecasts for ships at sea are to be sent oceanwards every night from government stations, covering conditions from Sydney, C. B., to Bermuda.

SENSATION IN HALIFAX

TORONTO, July 16.—Because of Col. Sam Hughes' indictment of a certain class of the permanent militia officers, made at the Halifax banquet, it was stated last night that many officers here contemplate resigning in protest and their example will be followed all over the country.

MANY ICEBERGS REPORTED IN STRAITS.

MONTREAL, July 15.—The Elder Dempster liner Kawarra, which arrived here today from Newcastle to load here for South African ports came through the Straits of Belle Isle and Captain Davies reported that the conditions there have been greatly improved from what they were known to be only a short time ago. Although bergs are still fairly numerous, numbering about two hundred when the Kawarra came through, the field ice has practically disappeared, and the bergs are only small, none of those left being more than seventy or eighty feet in height.

FIRE INJURES NO TEN DREDGE

It never rains but it pours was the maxim exemplified when last night at twenty minutes to twelve the fire bell rang out through Charlottetown and the fire brigade was summoned again to Pickard's wharf at the end of Queen St., where the night before there had been a serious outbreak of fire which had resulted in the destruction of a large building.

Last night's fire, however, was not located in any building but in Dredge No. 10 which is lying at Pickard's Wharf where it has been engaged in dredging work. In some way or other fire started in the engine room, directly beneath the furnace, probably from spontaneous combustion or from excessive heat from the boiler, which had been kept at its highest power during the time the dredge was working at the wharf.

PIPE MAJOR BAILIE EMINENT MUSICIAN

Pipe Major Bailie, of the band of the 78th Highland Regiment of Nova Scotia, who with other pipers of that band played here at the Orangemen's annual celebration on Saturday last, and who on Monday evening excellently sustained an entire concert programme at a performance in the Caledonian Club's hall, when he showed himself to be a master of the Scottish people's national musical instrument, is a native of Pictou. He acquired his wonderful skill with the bagpipes in a purely inconsequential way, taking it up as at first as his pastime. This was when he was serving with the Royal Marine Light Artillery, in which he enlisted. But soon the yearning to make himself proficient in the playing of the pipes grew upon him, and he got himself appointed as recruiting sergeant for that corps at Glasgow solely for the purpose of improving his playing, by studying under the best bag pipers of that city. Afterwards he went to Inverness to perfect himself in the music of the pibroch. Subsequently, to such a high standard of skill had he attained, he took part in a bag pipe competition in London against some of the leading pipers of the Metropolis, and secured the first prize. Since then he has had many triumphs in bag-pipe playing, and has won medals in the foremost competitions throughout the United Kingdom.

KING AND QUEEN BACK IN LONDON.

NEW YORK, July 15.—A cable from London this morning says: The remarkable tour of the King and Queen in Lancashire came to an end yesterday. It was a record tour, the busiest of its kind ever undertaken. It began last Monday and continued daily, with automobile runs, with Knowlesy, Lord Derby's seat, as the centre. The King and Queen inspected the factories and cottages in the colliery districts and industrial towns and received addresses and presentations innumerable. Everywhere they met with extraordinary enthusiasm.

ONTARIO'S APPLE CROP WILL BE CUT BY HALF.

TORONTO, July 15.—Less than half a crop of apples throughout the Province is about the best P. W. Hodgsett's, director of the fruit branch of the Department of Agriculture, can promise the apple eating people of Ontario this fall.

STELLARTON MINERS' DISPUTE SETTLED.

OTTAWA, July 15.—The Board of Investigation and Conciliation appointed last June under the Lomax Act to adjudicate on matters in dispute between the Acadia Coal Mine Company of Stellarton, N. S., and the 1,500 men in their employ, has successfully concluded its labors. A unanimous report has been made to the Labor Department, and has been accepted by the men and by the company. Lower rentals for the miners are accorded, and a number of men who were members of the United Mine Workers of America have been reinstated.

INQUEST ON SEAFOAM FATALITY

(Special to The Guardian) HALIFAX, July 16.—The jury at the inquest, touching the death of Neil Sutherland of Seafoam, Pictou Co., rendered a verdict to the effect that death was caused by blows from a neck yoke delivered by Geo. McLeod.

The evidence showed that a quarrel took place with John R. Sutherland. Neil Sutherland took off his coat and wanted to fight McLeod and they closed and wrestled until McLeod threw him. John R. Sutherland then interfered. Neil Sutherland then chased McLeod into the house with a stone in each hand and threw stones at him and at McLeod's father. The younger McLeod came out seizing a neck yoke and struck Neil Sutherland, knocked him down and beat him until John R. Sutherland again interfered. Death was due to blows with the neck yoke. Both young men were sober and industrious, but the quarrel was the result of an old feud which had never been healed. Sutherland, who was in the Klondyke rush had made good financially and had a fine farm. McLeod is unmarried and lives at home, the only support of a widowed mother.

CONTRACTOR'S SETTLEMENT FROM \$144,000 TO \$38,000.

OTTAWA, July 15.—The department of justice will likely grant on petition of right, a fiat to Messrs. Kirby and Stewart, of Ottawa, to sue the government in the exchequer court for their claim in connection with the Temiskaming dam construction. The difference between what is conceded and what is claimed is \$106,000. The firm were contractors for one of the Ottawa river storage reservoirs, and after receiving \$104,000 on progress estimates, the work was taken off their hands as unsatisfactory. It was finished by the department of public works after the defeat of the late government, but prior to its resignation, Hon. William Pugsley arranged for a settlement of justice will likely grant on a basis of which they claim \$144,000. The present full amount is \$111,000 and a petition of right was filed some time ago. It is now about to be granted so that the case may be accounted in the courts. It will be recalled that the deal, was reported on and the later action strongly criticised by the public service commission.

RAILWAY DISASTER WAS AVERTED.

FORT WILLIAM, Ont., July 14.—That which probably would have been one of the worst railway disasters in the history of the country was narrowly averted during the heavy rain-storm on Saturday morning. The Canadian Pacific's fast Toronto to Winnipeg express train passed over a section of track one minute before that piece of right-of-way slid into ninety feet of water in Lake Superior. The accident occurred four miles west of Rossport, near where large gangs of men are engaged in double-tracking the main line. Traffic was delayed about a day.

ANDERSON CAPTURED

SASKALOON, July 14.—Alex Anderson, who is charged with murdering his wife near Youngstown, and who attempted to commit suicide directly afterwards, has been captured by the Mounted Police. Since he escaped from the scene of the murder Anderson has been waiting in a bush and made a second attempt to kill himself with a knife.

VINCENT ASTOR GIVES OUTING TO POOR CHILDREN

NEW YORK, July 14.—Vincent Astor began to-day to spend some of his millions in helping the women and children of the tenement districts to an outing. At his expense a steamboat took 5,000 of the poor for a sail to Bath Beach to-day under the direction of the Children's Aid Society and received addresses and presentations innumerable. Everywhere they met with extraordinary enthusiasm.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, COMING EVENTS, MEETINGS, ETC.

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TUESDAY NIGHT'S CONFLAGRATION

A charred and blackened structure, demolished of its roof, and of a good portion of its upper walls, is what remains of the large wooden building on Queen's wharf in which fire broke out on Tuesday night, as recorded in yesterday's Guardian. As previously stated, though the building was owned by Messrs. A. Pickard & Co., it was used as a storehouse by Messrs. Auld Bros., and at the time of the fire contained goods to the total value of some thousands of dollars, though the building has been largely gutted it has not been totally destroyed, and for this result the Fire Brigade deserve the greatest credit in emerging successful to such an extent from their long and desperate fight with the flames. It is little short of marvellous how they succeeded not only in keeping the fire confined to the one building, but in preventing its destruction. In fact the standing gables of the roof with the great yawning gap in the centre where the flames wrought most destruction, are testimony of the good fight put up by the firemen.

The fire, as stated before, seems to have started at the south-western corner of the building, and yesterday a Guardian representative learned from Mr. G. Auld that there was evidence to show that it had originated outside the building, but whether it had been maliciously set, or had accidentally occurred, there was nothing to show.

The greater portion of the stock stored in the building at the time of the fire was saved, thanks to the good efforts of those civilians who so bravely and willingly gave their services to this end. Stock, however, to the value of between \$1,500 and \$2,000 was destroyed, consisting principally of egg cases, about 4,000 in number. Some sugar was also destroyed. The goods that were saved almost entirely comprised barrels of flour, the number being 500. The value of the stock rescued from the flames is estimated at about \$3,000. The goods all belonged to Messrs. Auld Bros. That portion destroyed is not a total loss, however, as the stock was covered by insurance to the extent of \$1,000. The building, which was the property of Messrs. A. Pickard & Co., was also insured, the amount of the insurance on it, it is stated, being \$1,000. Among the goods that were stored in the place and that escaped destruction were a number of gasoline engines owned by L. M. Trask, St. John. These were stored at the end of the building where the fire started, but appeared to have got off without damage through the flames spreading upwards, and leaving the lower storey of the place to work their destruction on the roof.

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