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PLANKS NEARLY WRECKED TRAIN

Passengers on the C.P.R. train from Montreal did not know how near they were to death Wednesday morning, while passing Myrtle. There the train was nearly lifted from the tracks by wedged planks. When the train arrived at the Union Station, Toronto, and the passengers learned of the danger they had been in, one elderly lady said, "Well, I am very hungry, and want a cup of tea, but before I take it I am going back in that car and down on my knees to thank God for sparing me to once more see my boys and girls."

LIVED IN POVERTY LEFT \$203,963

Keene, Jan. 22.—Dudley Jardine, uncle of Albert Dudley Jardine, of Peterboro', Ont., who died in New York City, and for years previous lived in the direst poverty, it is said, left an estate valued at \$203,963. It is stated that he lived at a lodging house in New York under the name of William Smith, that after his death at the Gouverneur Hospital, a trunk was broken open to establish his identity, when a bank-book, stock, receipts, etc., were found, also a will executed May 28, 1889. This provided for the distribution of the estate, among those who benefit being Albert Dudley Jardine, of Peterboro', Ont., \$500, and Elal Jardine, Norwood, niece, \$125. The sum of \$11,276 each was bequeathed to the Prison Association, the Women's branch of the Mission and Tract Society, the Boards of Foreign Missions and of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church, and the New York P. E. Mission Society, it is said. A number of relatives received bequests of various amounts.

PROSPEROUS YEAR FOR CONGREGATION

In Thursday's issue reference was made to the annual congregational meeting of St. Andrew's church on Wednesday night and of the very gratifying reports presented. Today we are pleased to publish additional information concerning the highly satisfactory progress made during the year.

INCREASE IN MEMBERSHIP.—There were additions to the membership roll of 85, which, with removals of 68, makes a net gain of 17.

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR MISSIONS.—Through the duplex envelope there was contributed by the congregation for missions over \$1,700. Other missionary organizations contributed between \$500 and \$600. The total missionary contributions, exclusive of contributions for interdenominational objects, were about \$2,300.

DEBT REDUCED.—The sum of \$400 was paid on the debt, and the ordinary fund showed a balance on hand at the beginning of the year of \$150.

MANAGERS ELECTED.—The new Managers elected were Messrs. D. J. McLean, P. A. Ferguson, Geo. Shepherd, and John D. Smith, (re-elected.) These with Messrs. J. A. Williamson, W. G. Dunoon and Geo. Matthe constitute the Board of Managers.

MISSION BAND'S GOOD WORK.—The Goforth Mission Band did exceptionally good work during the year, and is deserving of special mention.

THE ANNUAL TEA.—Arrangements for the annual tea were left with the Managers' wives. The following were appointed a programme committee to look after the entertainment on the occasion of the tea, Mrs. A. Jackson, Miss Dillon and Miss Gray.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Managing Board and choir for their services during the year.

DIED.—O'REILLY.—In Lindsay on Thursday Jan. 22nd, 1914, John O'Reilly, aged 80 years.

OLD PASTOR WILL RESIGN.—Whitby, Jan. 22.—At the congregational meeting of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, Rev. Dr. John Abraham, who has been pastor of the church since 1880, announced his approaching retirement. He stated that it is his intention to present his resignation at the June meeting of the Presbytery and have it take effect on September 9 next, at which date he will have completed thirty-five years in the service of the church. The announcement came as a complete surprise to those assembled. There is a warm and sincere attachment to Dr. Abraham on the part of those to whom he has so faithfully ministered, and the break in their relations will be keenly felt.

COMMISSION CONTROLS MUNICIPAL FINANCES.—Regina, Jan. 22.—The Saskatchewan Commission to control municipal finance has now entered on its duties. This Board supervises all municipal bond issues, and its stamp of approval means much to the individual municipality in floating debt issues. The Saskatchewan government is the first in Canada to take this very important step. While it has been generally conceded that such a commission would be of enormous value to municipalities, nothing has been done outside of Saskatchewan. The commission gives advice on the best forms of raising money for improvement works, as to the advisability of the works contemplated, and the class of work most suitable. What this means to the investor in the Old Country or the United States, who seeks to purchase western debentures, can be readily recognized. He is assured that unless the works are justifiable, the commission will not approve of them, and this will have a tendency to trim expenditures of improvement works which are sometimes outlined by over optimistic municipal councils. The best men to be had have been secured to act on this commission, and their appointment is for ten years.

LINDSAY SHOULD GET MODEL FARM

On Tuesday a deputation from Peterboro visited Ottawa and interviewed the Government with a view to having a model farm established near Peterboro.

If the Government has any serious intention of establishing a model farm, why should it not be established in Victoria County, which is head and shoulders over Peterboro district as an agricultural centre? Is it not time that Lindsay should be getting some of the "plums"? Surely we are not going to be satisfied with an armory which is not the palatial structure its enthusiastic advocates expected. We should get out after that model farm. We have as a representative a member of the cabinet, and surely that ought to mean something and have some weight at Ottawa. Let our civic bodies get busy, and try and bring something Lindsay's way. We are sorry to admit it, but when Peterboro gets after the Government for anything, they usually land it.

Miles of Cable Work

A gang of Bell Telephone men under foreman P. J. Roach, of Peterboro, arrived in town today to make improvements to the local plant. They will string a large amount of aerial cable, which will take probably five months work.

The many friends of Mr. Wm. Stalker, Lindsay-st south, will regret to learn he has contracted typhoid fever. He was removed to Ross Memorial Hospital Saturday evening.

FAMILY GATHERING AT BOWMANVILLE

Mr. and Mrs. John Somers held a family gathering on Wednesday, January 14, when their hearts were gladdened by the presence of four of their children—Mrs. W. J. Bragg, Mrs. Thos. Jackson, Mrs. John Fee, Omamee, and Dr. J. S. Somers, Toronto, Mrs. C. W. Hughan, Lindsay, who was unable to be present owing to illness. This worthy couple have both reached the age of 84 years and if spared to April 6 next will celebrate 60 years of wedded life. Mr. and Mrs. Somers are enjoying fairly good health.—Bowmanville Statesman.

CONNECTING UP WITH BELL TELEPHONE CO.

The County of Victoria is being rapidly connected up by a network of telephone lines, and in the near future there will be very few farmers' houses but will have a phone installed.

Thanks to the commendable spirit shown by the Bell Telephone Co. rules lines is given an opportunity to hitch up with the company. On Wednesday Mr. J. S. Knapman, District Contract Agent for the Bell Telephone Co., was in Fenelon township, and made satisfactory arrangements with a rural company whereby their line comes in on the switchboard at the Bell Co.'s central office at Fenelon Falls, having interchange with their subscribers. Today a meeting of the Woodville-Glen Telephone Co. is being held, when satisfactory arrangements will be entered into with the Bell Co., which will mean improved service.

SKATING PARTY FROM REABRO

Reabro, Jan. 20.—Messrs. Wm. Moore and Arthur Male took a sleigh load of our young people to the Lindsay rink last night (Friday) everyone spending a very enjoyable evening. There was in the load as follows: Misses Mabel Thorne, E. Cornell, Merle Horsley, Eunice Russon, Aida Reid, Olive Skuce, Laura McMan, Muriel Downey, Irene Downey, Ethel Reid, Messrs. R. G. Allen, A. C. Reid, Earle Horsley, Earl Vanstone, Kenneth Reid and L. Soles.

No man ever knows how many friends he has lost by handing them advice.

JAMES CASEY AT OTTAWA

Mr. James Casey, of Valentia, arrived in town this morning from Lindsay, yesterday received a letter from the firm he organized in Detroit, offering him \$25,000 for his interests in the United States patents for the water wheel he invented. This water wheel is designed to develop power without the need of a head of water or dam. This wheel, or rather a toy model of it, was seen in operation a few days ago at the Quaker Oats plant, Peterboro. The wheel made of iron was about twenty inches in diameter. Within the inner disk are three perpendicular flanges or sheets on one semi-circle of the wheel. The other concave half of the wheel is left vacant. The wheel is placed perpendicular in the river. The current acting on the flanges drives the wheel around. A scribe took a ten foot long gas pipe and used it, with its further end in the bottom of the river, to get leverage and tried to stop the little toy wheel by using the pipe as a brake. He could not, however, make any effect, even when using all his strength on the toy wheel. Mr. Spies has had a wheel 25 feet in diameter made at Wilson's machine shop, Peterboro. It would seem that this big wheel may revolutionize the whole power conditions of our Canadian rivers. The big wheel will soon be used here for demonstration purposes and afterwards shipped to the Detroit Turbine Mfg. Co., Ltd.

Other losers were T. W. Rodden, of Montreal, five horses, valued at about \$17,000, including Blue Mouse, winner of the first prize in the champion saddle class at the New York Live Stock Show a few weeks ago.

Col. J. Wesley Allison of Morrisburg, loses a hackney stallion, valued at \$5,000; R. Ness & Son, of Howick, Quebec, four stallions, valued at about \$10,000; D. J. Creig, of Brysonville, Que., two horses valued at \$400 each; William Nessey, of Howick, Quebec, stallion valued at \$500; McDougall Bros., Oatstown, Que., one Clydesdale filly, worth \$300.

Among those who barely escaped with their lives in the catastrophe were Mr. James Baptie of Springville, and Mr. Joseph Staples and son of Cavan. Mr. Baptie returned home Thursday morning. In conversation with a reporter, Mr. Baptie states that he was on the scene ten minutes after the explosion which wrecked the building.

Mr. J. Staples was less fortunate, for he was in the building when the boiler exploded. With him was his son and nephew. He regards his escape as nothing short of a miracle. So powerful was the force of the explosion that two of Mr. Pepper's horses were driven right out through the roof into the main body of Howick Pavilion. The flames which broke out shortly after the explosion, threatened to consume the wreckage, but were quickly subdued by the fire department.

DECEASED WAS WELL KNOWN HERE

Uxbridge Journal: On Wednesday, of last week, James Reid, of town, died from tuberculosis. Deceased had been in ill health for about three years, and for several months previous to his death was unable to be around. He was fifty-three years and nine months old. About forty years ago he came to Uxbridge, where he continued to reside until his death. He was a carpenter by trade and was considered one of the best mechanics in town. In sports he took a great interest and was always looked up to for his clean sportsmanlike qualities. Baseball was one of his favorite pastimes, and many of the baseball enthusiasts have fresh memories of some of the great games he played, particularly the game with Lindsay. In this game, he and the famous pitcher, Fraser were the battery. This was probably the most exciting game ever witnessed in town. At the end of fourteen innings the game stood 4-4, with the Uxbridge team playing strong and Lindsay on the wane. At this stage Lindsay's pitcher flaked, and Lindsay refused to finish the game.

Though not an enthusiastic churchman, he was a great Bible student, and was well versed in the scriptures. He belonged to the Church of England, and in politics was a Reformer. He was a man highly respected for his sterling qualities and consistent character.

He leaves a widow and a family of four children, John, who is now seriously ill in Toronto General Hospital, Bessie in Toronto, and Jean and James at home.

The funeral took place on Saturday to Uxbridge.

GETS \$25,000 FOR PATENTS

Mr. P. H. Spies, well known in Lindsay, yesterday received a letter from the firm he organized in Detroit, offering him \$25,000 for his interests in the United States patents for the water wheel he invented. This water wheel is designed to develop power without the need of a head of water or dam. This wheel, or rather a toy model of it, was seen in operation a few days ago at the Quaker Oats plant, Peterboro. The wheel made of iron was about twenty inches in diameter. Within the inner disk are three perpendicular flanges or sheets on one semi-circle of the wheel. The other concave half of the wheel is left vacant. The wheel is placed perpendicular in the river. The current acting on the flanges drives the wheel around. A scribe took a ten foot long gas pipe and used it, with its further end in the bottom of the river, to get leverage and tried to stop the little toy wheel by using the pipe as a brake. He could not, however, make any effect, even when using all his strength on the toy wheel. Mr. Spies has had a wheel 25 feet in diameter made at Wilson's machine shop, Peterboro. It would seem that this big wheel may revolutionize the whole power conditions of our Canadian rivers. The big wheel will soon be used here for demonstration purposes and afterwards shipped to the Detroit Turbine Mfg. Co., Ltd.

RAILWAY KILLED 643 PEOPLE

Ottawa, Jan. 23.—The Dominion Railway Commission report for the fiscal year ending March 31 last, states that 643 persons were killed on the railways of whom 250 were trespassers, 21 passengers (of whom 15 met death in trying to leave or board trains while in motion), and 303 were employees. The injured numbered 2,231, of whom 410 were passengers (75 being hurt from preventable causes).

During the year 200 fires were reported as having started within 300 feet of railway tracks, and 164 were credited to trains. A total of 25,148 acres were burned over, entailing a loss of \$88,480.

BARN BURNED AT CANNINGTON

The fire bell rang out last Tuesday evening when it was discovered a fire had broken out in the barn at the rear of Mrs. Holmes' lot. The barn was totally destroyed, as were also a few fowl belonging to Mr. J. Warren. The firemen did excellent work in keeping the fire from spreading beyond the building. A good supply of water was in the tank. The loss amounted to about \$200, with no insurance.—Woodville Advocate.

ORILLIA'S SCHOOL PRINCIPAL DEAD

Orillia, Jan. 23.—Mr. J. D. Knox died very unexpectedly this morning at 5 o'clock in his fifty-eighth year. For ten days he had been confined to the house, but his illness was not considered of a serious character. Hemorrhage of the brain was the cause of death. Mr. Knox has been connected with the public school staff here for over a quarter of a century, and was Principal of West Ward School until the establishment of the Model School here last September. At the end of the term he resigned his position, and had made application for appointment as County Inspector for the Children's Aid Society work, in which he has been much interested for several years. Mr. Knox was Past District Deputy of the I. O. O. F., and an active worker in St. James' Church. He leaves a wife, one son, and two daughters.

SUBSCRIBER IN PHILIPPINE ISLANDS

The Post was in receipt this morning of a P. O. order for two years' subscription to the Post from J. A. McKinnon, Veterinarian G. M. Corps United States Army, Manila Philippine Islands. The Post's circulation encircles the globe.

DO YOU KNOW WARD BROOKS?

Plum Coulee, Man., Jan. 21.—Ward Brooks, whom Constable Reid named as the man who handed Hagel \$500 to defend Krafchenko came to this district with his brother James, from near Lindsay, Ontario, 26 years ago. He farmed here for several years, then conducted a livery business in Plum Coulee, moving from here to Roland about six years ago. He ran a livery there for some time, but has lately been running a well drilling outfit, which is his business at the present time.

Your correspondent had a long telephone conversation with Ward Brooks' brother James, who is a wealthy farmer living in the village of Roland, but conducting a large farm between there and Plum Coulee. He states that Ward has never to his knowledge been in any trouble with the law in any way, and as they have always lived near each other he should know. Ward has not been in Plum Coulee either at the time of or since the robbery, and his brother says he does not think he has been in Winnipeg either.

The story of the underground passage between granary and stack is a fable, of course, as Ward Brooks lives right in the village of Roland. Ward Brooks would be acquainted with Krafchenko no doubt, but the opinion here is that there is the slightest chance of there being any truth in the report.

G.T.R. TRAIN WINS RACE WITH STORK

Kingston, Jan. 23.—The Grand Trunk train from Toronto, which is due here at 11 o'clock, won a race with the stork last evening. Mrs. Thos. Robinson, of Shannonville, a small station near Belleville, was driving towards the station when her horse ran away, throwing her out of the sleigh. Mrs. Robinson, who was in a delicate condition at the time, but did not feel any ill effects of her shaking up. She took the train, and her condition became very serious.

At Collins Bay, the first stop west of Kingston, an urgent call was sent to Kingston and a doctor was waiting when the train pulled in. The woman was first taken to a local hotel, thence transferred to the Hotel Dieu. She had hardly arrived when birth was given to a daughter. Both mother and child are doing well.

BIG CELEBRATION ON VICTORIA DAY

The Independent Order of Foresters intend holding a monster field day and celebration in Lindsay on Victoria Day (May 24th) 1914. All arrangements are being made for what promises to be the greatest celebration ever held in town.

The Order held its regular meeting last night and had three new candidates proposed.

LES SALLER WON THE POST CUP

Last night Dr. Vrooman, M.P.P., presented the cups given as prizes at the local Poultry Association. The doctor took advantage of the occasion to point out the great importance of the poultry industry to the country, and gave facts and figures of interest. The special prizes and winners are as follows:

H. Daniels, winner of McCarty's cup; McLachlan & Rennie, of Cannington, winner of photograph of best bird in show; A. W. Eck, winner of the Conqueror cup on Rhode Island Reds; J. E. Webster, Whitby, winner of the Gillies cup on White Plymouth Rocks; Wm. Husey, winner of the Forbert Cup on Partridge Rocks; A. Empringham, Unionville, winner of the Vickery cup on Brown Leghorns, Les Saller winner Lindsay Post cup, on Buff Wyandottes; T. H. Warrian, Cannington, winner of the Welsman watch for best Partridge Wyandotte cockerel; Ernie Corley, winner of searchlight, by Mr. Henry Daniels, on best pair of Silver Seabright bantams; T. R. Trotter, winner of largest entry in heavy breeds, \$2; Robinson and Cunningham, Peterboro, winner of largest entry in light breeds, \$2; George Buller, winner of largest entry in bantams, \$2.

MYLIUS SHOULD BE DEPORTED

Mr. Mylius, the man who was sent to jail for a cruel libel on the King, has repeated the libel in Toronto. He has made it even worse by the statements he made as to his trial. In addition to this he is advocating the destruction of life by the working classes in any conflict they might have with the capitalists if it would help them to gain the ends they sought. He condemned religion and the churches. May we ask if all this is not sufficient justification for his deportation as an undesirable?—Kingston Standard.

POULTRY EXHIBIT MUCH ADMIRER

This is the last day of the Lindsay Poultry Show. So far the attendance of citizens has not been as large as the merits of the show demanded. Those who have not attended have an opportunity of doing so this evening. The exhibit of birds was never equalled in this part of the province.

Amongst the outside exhibitors are: Messrs. Archie Empringham, Unionville, Leghorns and Plymouth Rocks; Robson and Cunningham, Peterboro, Black Hamburgs and White Orpingtons; A. O. Kidd, Peterboro, Plymouth Rocks; Mr. Claud Bottum, of Bobaygeon, Orpingtons and Black Minorcas; Thornton B. Boyd, of Bobaygeon, White Orpingtons. The editor of that interesting weekly, the Bobaygeon Independent, Buff Orpingtons; T. H. Warrian, of Cannington, Partridge Wyandottes and Buff Orpingtons; F. Head, Peterboro, Plymouth Rocks; G. Buller, Peterboro, bantams; J. Webster, Whitby, White Rocks and White Wyandottes and bantams; Thos. Byres, of Cameron, Leghorns and Black Minorcas; McLachlan and Rennie, of Cannington, Langshan and Dorking breeds; E. J. Woodland, of Bobaygeon, with White Rocks and ducks; John Meharry, of Peterboro, Buff Rocks; Enos Metherell, Little Britain, Rocks, Orpingtons, Minorcas, also ducks and geese.

Amongst the Lindsay exhibitors probably were: George E. Moore, single comb and rose combed Rhode Island Reds; Mr. Thos. Trotter, White Rocks and S. C. Leghorns; Mr. Wm. Husey, Partridge Rocks; Mr. Bert Letts, different varieties; Mr. Harry Daniels, Columbia Wyandottes, Black Orpingtons and Black Cochins Bantams.

This evening Dr. Vrooman, M.P.P. will present the silver cups to the lucky winners at 8 o'clock.

High priced fresh eggs are dropping, not only in price, but in freshness.

While the pathological drama qualifies as a disease, it is happily not contagious.