

MARRIED
John Edward, Jr., Joseph's Church, Action, on Saturday, 21st May, by Rev. Father Traynor, of St. John's, Newfoundland, and Mrs. John Edward, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Edward, of St. John's, Newfoundland.

LEMMING-MACLEAN—In Galtord, on Saturday, 21st May, by Rev. Father John Edward, and Mrs. Lemming MacLean, of St. John's, Newfoundland, and Mr. and Mrs. John Edward, of St. John's, Newfoundland.

DIED.

MCLENNAN—On Monday, May 16th at his lake residence, on the lake of the Woods, near Galtord, Ontario, Alexander McLean, aged 70 years.

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THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 1914

EDITORIAL NOTES

Every surveying party has been sent out from Ottawa this season by the Department of the Interior to lay out new townships and homesteads in the northern parts of Alberta and Saskatchewan.

IT IS TRUE the County Council was laying some plan for the maintenance of the roads already constructed on the good road system. Many excellent roads have been built throughout the country, but there are still many roads which are very vital to the transportation of the roads that these places are poorly repaired by efficient road makers and with the proper road making machine.

HISTORICAL interest will have to be taken in the nomination of candidates who have not been in public life. Already there are fifteen of these new candidates, most of whom are known in municipal service in their home districts. Among very recent nominations full of promises are those of Mr. H. H. Robertson in North Perth, Mr. L. Matthews of Port Arthur, Mr. J. W. McLeod of Stornoway, Mr. A. J. Verner of South Victoria, Mr. W. F. W. Fisher of Halton and Mr. E. Zeller, of St. Catharines. Some of these men have the same reputation and of others the same status may soon be made—Idle.

CANADA'S GREATEST MARINE DISASTER

Report of Royal Canadian Divers with Last Survivors and Crew—Only 68 Survivors

WAM HAMMED BY GOAL BY STORM

Out from the port of Quebec on Thursday afternoon with 110 crew, 100 tons of stores and a load of coal, left on a gale force wind west the Empress of Ireland, of the Canadian Pacific service, bound for Liverpool. She carried more than four hundred persons, including many men and women of distinction on both sides of the Atlantic. As the huge ship left her dock and headed down the river, the head of the Salvation Army Headquarters in Toronto played "God be with You Till We Meet Again." The two hundred delegates to the Army Congress, which is held in London every ten years, on board stood around the hand, a brilliant tilt of color in the scene.

At two o'clock next morning the Empress of Ireland lay at the bottom of the St. Lawrence river in a dense fog by a heavily laden collar as she lay to near Father Point awaiting day and sun. Of all that great company that sailed out so confidently but little over four hundred survive. Almost a thousand bodies were entombed in the ill-fated ship or were found amidst the eddies of the St. Lawrence.

The circumstances of this greatest disaster in Canada's maritime annals were dramatic in the extreme. As the Empress steamed down the river, the fog grew thicker and after dark took the masts aboard of the Empress. Captain Kendall, whose first voyage it was, decided that the better course would be to lie to till morning. The activity following the taking aboard of the masts being at an end, the passengers and the bulk of the crew were in their berths. Out of the fog, steaming rapidly toward Quebec, came the deeply-laden collar Storstad, a Norwegian ship engaged in carrying coal from Nova Scotia to up-river ports. She struck the Empress suddenly with such force that the plates were ripped from the plate decks below the waterline. At once the boat to fill, and as the water poured in she careened over so far that the launching of the boats became a matter of the utmost difficulty. In fourteen minutes from the time the collision occurred the Empress went down, carrying with her the hundreds of passengers who had not been able to make their way up on deck.

The official statement of the Canadian Pacific Railway containing the list of the living and the lost has been given out and is believed to be fairly accurate. It is as follows:

Lost 1,026

Saved 62

Total 1,088

Passenger lost 114

Crew lost 180

Passenger saved 223

Crew saved 52

Of the first class passengers, eight men, thirty-one men, twenty-four women, and no children were lost and one man, eight women and one child were saved.

Of the steerage passengers, 522 men, women and children were lost, and 165 men, four women and no children were saved.

This statement is considered to be completed by the railroad, and is based on the reports of its agents sent from Montreal.

Over 160 of the passengers lost belonged to the church.

With her bows crumpled in and twisted around an arctic angle to port, and a gaping rent showing on the port side but a foot or so above the water line, in spite of the tragedy in which she had figured, the Norwegian collier Storstad limped into the harbor at Montreal early Sunday afternoon. A few minutes later a warrant of arrest, taken out by the Canadian Pacific Railway, claiming \$2,000,000 damages, was handed to her master, made by order of W. Simpson Walker, C. registrar of the Quebec Admiralty Court.

Montgomery Mass killed by Kirkpatrick

On Wednesday morning on the fruit farm of Fred Bell & Sons, Burlington, Roy Bell and four Indians took refuge under an open shed, taking horses with them.

A bolt of lightning killed Nelson Hill, an Indian, aged 16 years, and a horse.

The other four men and two horses were

saved, but recovered.

The shed was not damaged.

Mr. Martin, agent

Hydro-Electric transformer was struck and destroyed.

COUNCIL HEARS ASSESSMENT APPEALS
Met in a Court of Revision on Monday evening, to hear Appeals Against Assessment.

LITTLE BUSINESS IN REGULAR SESSION



PROVINCIAL ELECTIONS JUNE 29

Proclamation Issued Last Friday for Nominations on June 29th and Elections June 29th.

THREE WEEKS FROM NEXT MONDAY DAY

Prior to the session for regular business of Provincial Legislators convened Monday evening, as a Court of Revision to hear appeals against the assessment recently made.

Members present: Hon. Steve Hynd, and Mr. Williams R. M. McDonald, A. T. Brown, Wm. Cooper, and W. H. Heath.

The appeals were not numerous. Five dogs were struck off the list owing to the fact that they had been destroyed.

The first appeal heard was that of Thomas O'Brien, appealing against his assessment which had been valued at \$1,000.

Assessor Harvey, when asked if he thought the assessment was just, stated that he thought it was. Mr. O'Brien was then called upon to present his side of the case, which he proposed to do in a very lively manner. His contention was that owing to the financial depression the property was undervalued.

Several points and arguments were presented to substantiate his appeal.

If took a rise out of the council, he tried to show him that the recent value in assessment was to the benefit of the municipality, and consequently to each individual, saying "Yes, you're all like the rest of the politicians, trying to persuade us everything is for my own good."

The Council discussed the matter and decided to confine the assessment to the list of the judge's court if no desired. Mr. O'Brien will have a very caustic illustration which will be told the Court Room.

The second appeal was that of Howard & Co., appealing against their assessment which had been raised from \$30,000 to \$41,000. Mr. G. A. Headwards appeared for the company, and stated that their property had been raised 30%, which he considered too much in proportion to other rates.

The Mayor said it plain that the assessor was not instructed to value any specific part, but to make an equitable assessment of all properties.

He also stated that the \$1,000 tax for the year was not the only illegal part of the assessment.

Mr. Headwards had applied for a reduction of the tax for the year, and that was the legal reason.

He said that if the property were on the market they would not get \$100,000 for it, owing to the fact that it would be used for no other factory purposes.

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