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LIBERALS SWEEP QUEBEC PROVINCE

TAX RATE SET FOR CITY AT SECRET SESSION OF COUNCIL

EDITORIAL

**THEFT NOT CRIME
IN THIS CASE ALL
WILL LIKELY AGREE**

Just recently there was an amateur play put on at the Westholme which illustrated that failing to tell the truth is not always wrong. Now it is aimed to show that stealing is not always wrong. The following verses by Walt Mason are stolen but theft is in the public interest and everyone is agreed that the verse is so good that it is itself a justification for the crime:

In Shabbytown
In Shabbytown they do not care if things look seedy everywhere. They have no pep, they've lost their grip, they simply sit around and yip in envy's tones of Glossyville, the shining village on the hill. Oh, Shabbytown is punk and gray, and it shows symptoms of decay, and strangers passing through remark, "It surely dates back to the Ark." Clean up, plant up, paint up makes men frown along the streets of Shabbytown. A can of paint makes no appeal to this bum village down at heel; the people think there is no sense in going to so much expense; so things are always going down, and getting worse in Shabbytown. It always gives my soul a thrill when I arrive in Glossyville. The town looks like a blooming parade; the people take a hearty pride in making things look clean and bright, and in their later take delight. They're lavish with the helpful paint, selecting colors chaste or quaint, and decorating every shack; thus warding off decay's attack, and making all the buildings look like buildings read in the book. And strangers when they see the town say, "Here we'll come and settle down, and raise us nineteen kids apiece, and live and die as slick as grease," while Shabbytown is prone and dead.

**WERE TRAPPED
INSIDE WHEN
BOILER BURST**

HALIFAX, May 17. — Four workmen were trapped inside the boiler room of the Canadian Government steamer Canadian Carrier by the explosion of a boiler followed by a fire. They struggled to safety through a manhole but were terribly burned and are in a serious condition. Little damage was done to the vessel by the explosion.

**INVESTIGATING
MINIMUM WAGE**

BOARD TO HOLD SITTING IN PRINCE RUPERT ON WEDNESDAY NEXT WEEK

VICTORIA, May 17. — The board in charge of the enforcement of a universal minimum wage law is to hold a meeting at Prince Rupert on May 25, which is Wednesday of next week, to investigate the wages paid all male workers in British Columbia. The board, which is headed by J. D. McIven, deputy minister of labor, will arrange for similar meetings throughout the province later with both employers and employees. These are preliminary to the extension of the law to all branches of industry.

**WERE ATTACKED
BY 40 STOKERS**

CHINESE RUSHED WHITE OFFICERS WHEN SHIP WAS AT DOCK AT SAN PEDRO

SAN PEDRO, May 17. — Forty Chinese stokers rushed six white officers on the Dollar liner President Wilson yesterday. They attacked with knives and axes as the vessel lay alongside the dock but were quelled.

**BRITISH REPRESENTATIVE
AT HANKOW RECALLED**

PEKING, May 17. — Basil Newton, representative at Hankow of the British minister to China it is understood has been recalled. This is interpreted as a gesture of the British Government of disapproval of the southern Nationalist Government under Eugene Chen.

Fifty Mill Tax Rate Was Set Last Night but No Definite Agreement Reached with the Railway Company

Secret meeting of city council deals with large amount of public business, including change in sewer plans

Just before midnight last night, which statute set as the limit of time by which its decision must be made, the city council settled on 50 mills as the tax rate for the year 1927. The fixing of the mill rate was contingent on the nature of the taxation agreement with the Canadian National Railways and it was 10.50 before the final offer of the company was received by wire from Winnipeg. There was considerable discussion on the matters in question which the mayor flatly refused to have heard in public, threatening to adjourn the meeting to his private office before the single representative of the press, who was in attendance, retired from the chamber. The council started consideration of the rate bylaw following the transaction of other business coming before the body. S. W. Taylor, appearing for the railway company, announced that the company would consider a flat rate of \$65,000 taxation on all its property including the dry dock and exclusive of leases. One point was not clear in his instructions, however, said Mr. Taylor, that being as to whether the company's offer of \$65,000 was exclusive or inclusive of dry dock debenture tax. He had sent another wire to Winnipeg to clear up that point and he expected a reply momentarily. The council then adjourned from 9:30 to 10:30 to await receipt of the desired information. On resumption of the session, Mr. Taylor stated that he had received a reply to his wire. The \$65,000 offer of the railway company covered all property including the dry dock, exclusive of leases, but including the dry dock debenture tax. That was the maximum the company was prepared to offer. After Mr. Taylor had retired, Mayor Newton suggested that the council adjourn downstairs to consider the matter. Ald. Perry and Ald. Jos. Greer saw no reason for a private session but the mayor persisted in his request. A division threatened but the air was cleared when the only representative of the public, a Daily News reporter, quit the chamber. The session then continued in the council chamber. At the close of the meeting at midnight, it was announced that the council had decided to repeal the sewer bylaw and submit a new ten year bylaw about July or August, making the first payment of interest due in February 1928, work to proceed thereafter, the treasurer to alter the advertisement calling for tenders for bonds from \$83,000 to \$53,000; that the city solicitor had been instructed to discontinue all litigation against the railway company, withdrawing the appeal now in the courts; that a bylaw imposing a rate of 50 mills had been finally reconsidered and adopted, and that the city solicitor had been instructed to take up further negotiations with the Canadian National Railways offering to submit an agreement whereby it would pay \$65,000 annually in taxation exclusive of leases and its share of the dry dock debenture tax and local improvements. It was announced that the decision arrived at was voted in favor of by Ald. Jos. Greer, Ald. Thinker, Ald. P. H. Linzey, Ald. Perry and Ald. Brown with Mayor Newton, Ald W. J. Greer and Ald. Larsen dissenting. Ald. Stephens was not present. The total mill rate of 50 is subdivided into 19 mills providing for general expenditure during the year 1927; 11 for schools, and 20 special levy covering interest and redemption on bonded indebtedness.

OLIVER HAD OPERATION

IS RAPIDLY REGAINING STRENGTH AND IN EXCELLENT SPIRITS

VICTORIA, May 17. — Premier Oliver is regaining strength rapidly after an operation at Rochester, Minn. Dr. Robert Oliver, son of the Premier, states that the patient is in excellent spirits.

BASEBALL DUEL IS BEING FOUGHT TODAY

NEW YORK, May 17. — A duel of champions between the winners of the world's crown in 1925 and 1926 is on today in the National League with St. Louis Cardinals again in second place and the Pittsburgh Pirates back in third.

WIRELESS REPORT

8 a.m.
DIGBY ISLAND—Cloudy, calm; barometer, 29.88; temperature, 45; sea smooth; 8 p.m. spoke steamer Anyox, towing barge Lord Templeton, Lady-smith for Anyox, 103 miles from Anyox; 7:45 a.m. spoke steamer Catala, left Wales Island southbound.
DEAD TREE POINT—Overcast, calm; barometer, 29.56; temperature, 46; sea smooth.
BULL HARBOR—Part cloudy, fresh northwest wind; barometer, 29.80; temperature, 45; sea moderate; 8 p.m. spoke tug Cape Scott, abeam Egg Island, southbound; 8 p.m. spoke steamer Gray, Rose Harbor for Nanaimo, abeam Pine Island; 8 p.m. spoke motorship Olinda, Vancouver for Prince Rupert, 50 miles from Prince Rupert; 8 p.m. spoke motorship Norco, Ketchikan for Seattle, 383 miles from Seattle; 8 a.m. spoke tug St. Faith in Loughborough Inlet southbound; 8 a.m. spoke tanker Richmond, left Ocean Falls for Port Angeles.
Noon
DIGBY ISLAND—Part cloudy, calm; barometer, 29.94; temperature, 54; sea smooth.
DEAD TREE POINT—Overcast, light southeast wind; barometer, 29.56; temperature 50; sea smooth.
BULL HARBOR—Part cloudy, fresh northwest wind; barometer, 29.80; temperature, 50; sea moderate.

LEAGUE STANDINGS

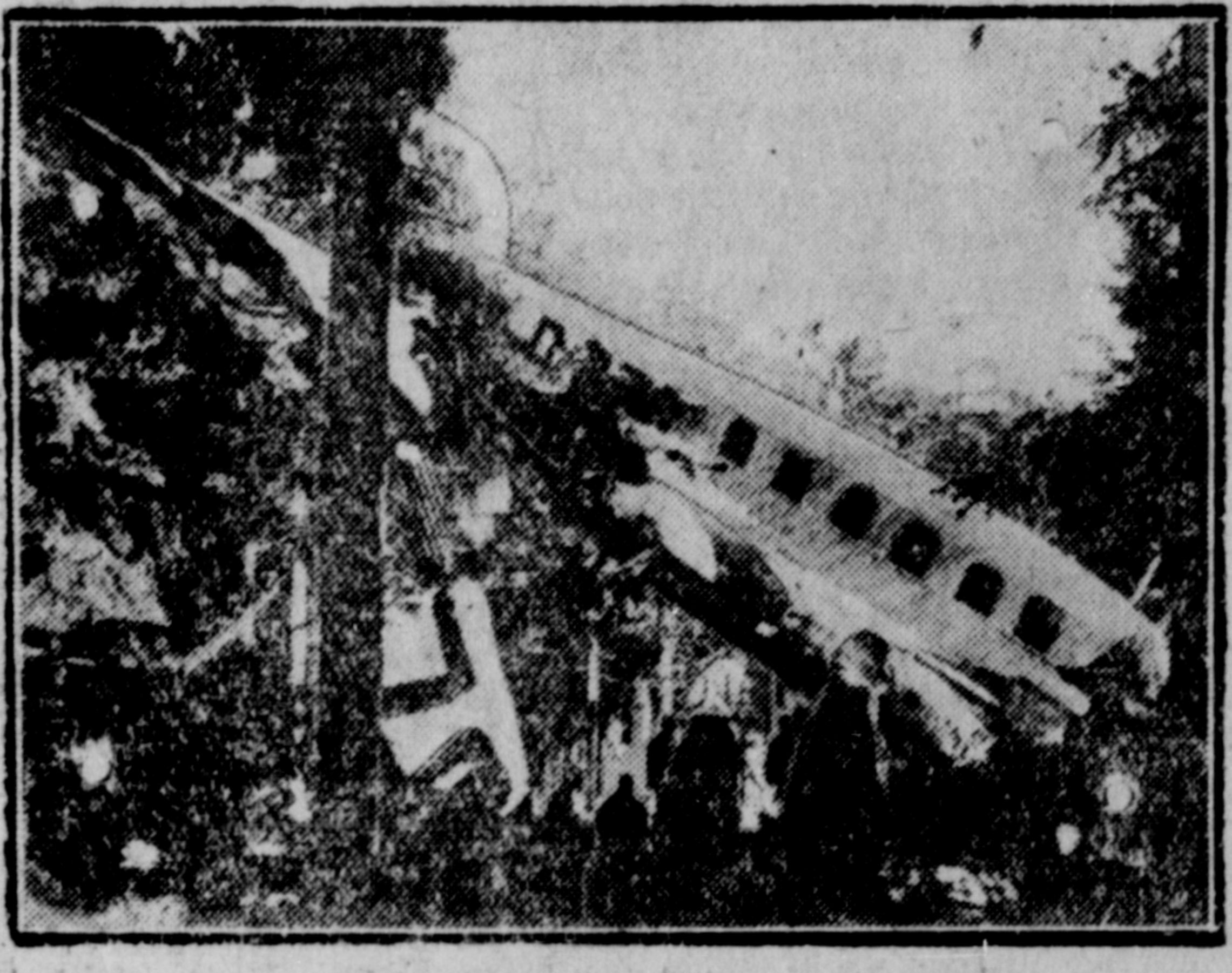
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New York	18	9	9	.667
St. Louis	15	10	6	.600
Pittsburgh	13	10	5	.565
Philadelphia	12	10	5	.545
Chicago	13	11	5	.542
Boston	9	13	4	.409
Brooklyn	11	17	3	.393
Cincinnati	7	18	2	.240
American				
New York	10	8	7	.704
Chicago	17	12	5	.586
Philadelphia	15	13	5	.539
Detroit	12	13	4	.480
Cleveland	12	14	4	.462
St. Louis	11	14	4	.440
Washington	11	14	4	.440
Boston	8	17	3	.320

FORMER BRITISH PREMIER MENTIONS U.S. PROHIBITION

NEW YORK, May 17. — J. Ramsay MacDonald, former premier of Great Britain who has been touring the United States, stated today that he resents his fellow countrymen sneering at American effort at prohibition. He said that the law was an effort to keep the people decent.

TWELVE CHINESE ARE ARRESTED IN VICTORIA

VICTORIA, May 17. — Twelve Chinese were arrested here during a raid on a gaming house following a running fight with the police. Eighteen escaped. Accounts up to May 13 totalling \$8,160.05 were passed for payment by the city council last night.



MONSTER PASSENGER PLANE miraculously escaped destruction during a storm when the motors went dead. A full complement of passengers were on board, and when the plane headed for the ground death seemed certain. Instead of striking the ground with full force, however, the downward flight was broken by the heavy trees of the forest over which it was flying and which gave it a slanting and gradual descent.

Liberals Sweep Quebec at Provincial Election

GOVERNMENT SECURES ABOUT 72 SEATS WITH CONSERVATIVES HOLDING ONLY TEN IN THE NEW HOUSE

MONTREAL, May 17. — Gaining at least eight seats the Liberals were returned to power at yesterday's election in Quebec by an overwhelming majority. The probable standing of the new Legislature will be: Liberals 72, Independent Liberals 2, Conservatives 10. Premier Taschereau and his entire cabinet are re-elected. The election in Gaspe riding on May 23 may possibly add another seat to the Liberal quota. The Liberals have gained 14 seats from Conservatives and the Independents two from Liberals, and the Conservatives two from Liberals.

U.S. MARINES WERE KILLED

SEVENTEEN SAID TO HAVE LOST LIVES IN CLASH WITH NICARAGUANS

MEXICO CITY, May 17. — Pedro Zepeda, representative here of the Liberal Nicaraguan Government, announces that he is advised that 17 United States marines and 25 Liberals had been killed at La Paz, Nicaragua, in a clash when the marines attempted to disarm the Liberals. J. A. Morris, local broker, returned to the city on the Catala this morning after a business trip to Stewart.

French President is Guest of King George in England Today; Mutual Expressions of Regard

LONDON, May 17. — King George received President Doumergue of France and Foreign Minister Briand who are paying him a four-day visit, with all the pomp of pre-war days. The first day of the visit was a busy one, culminating with attendance in the evening at a brilliant state banquet in their honor. Toasts were exchanged in French. King George, in proposing the toast to the visitors, said: "Much remains yet to be done but as our two countries helped each other and united their forces during the war, so will they continue to work together in the cause of peace." Replying to the toast President Doumergue declared: "Tomorrow as today we will continue to unite all our efforts for defense, consolidation and organizing for peace with a view to assuring Europe an era of order and prosperity, thus saving the world from any return of a fearful conflagration."

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TWO PROMISING INTERIOR MINES

SUNRISE AND SILVER CUP SHOWING UP WELL STATES W. S. HARRIS WHO IS IN TOWN

The steady continuation of work on the Silver Cup and Sunrise silver mines on the Nine Mile Mountain results in the general appearance of the properties increasing in promise according to W. S. ("Duke") Harris, pioneer Hazelton mining man, who is a business visitor in town for a couple of days from the interior. At the Silver Cup a 3,300 foot tramway from mine to road is being built and, on its completion about July 15, steady shipments of high grade ore will be instituted. Duke Harris is personally in charge of operations at this property where about ten men are employed. At the Sunrise, Al Harris, a brother of Duke, is in charge of development operations on a property which looks like a first class milling proposition. Seven men are employed at this mine. Mr. Harris reports a large gang of men working for the provincial department of public works on the reconditioning of the thirteen mile road from Hazelton to Nine Mile.

TWENTY LOST IN BIG FLOOD

TOWN OF MELVILLE FLOODED IMMEDIATELY WHEN LEVEE OF RIVER BROKE

NEW ORLEANS, May 17. — Relief workers in the inundated areas of Big Bend and Bayou des Glaises section report approximately a total of twenty dead in the Louisiana flood. The main levee of the Atchafalaya River broke close to Melville this morning and within fifteen minutes there was five feet of water in town.

OPERATION ON JOSEPH SANKEY

PRISONER TAKEN FROM JAIL TO HOSPITAL AND CONDITION SERIOUS

VANCOUVER, May 17. — Suffering from tubercular glands in the throat, Joseph Sankey, convicted murderer of Miss Loreta Chisholm, whose case is under appeal to the supreme court of Canada, has been removed from Okalla prison to the General Hospital where he will undergo an operation. His condition is reported to be serious.

TRAPPING DISPUTE AIYANSH INDIANS EASILY ADJUSTED

AIYANSH, Naas River, May 17. — Local Indians have had a dispute among themselves as to trapping rights and Dominion Constable G. Newham was sent from Kinloch to adjust matters. White trappers were not involved in the dispute, their trap lines being located well away from those of the natives.

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