

The mine accident is in this paper

The Daily Reminder

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FLIN FLON, MANITOBA

THURSDAY, JANUARY 7th, 1954.

Weather

Yesterday high - 10 below.
Last night low - 12 below.
8 a.m. reading - 10 below.
FORECAST: Intermittent snow, continuing cold, winds light. Low tonight, 15 below, high Friday, 0.
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ELEVATOR ACCIDENT

INQUEST UNDERWAY AT THE PAS

BY DOUG McBRIDE. THE PAS

A coroner's inquest re-convened here this afternoon to inquire into the death of Donna McMillan, who was killed in an elevator accident in St. Anthony's Hospital, The Pas, December 30th.

Sixteen witnesses are expected to be called. C.C. Sparling, Q.C., is presiding as coroner. Lorne Ferg is acting for the Crown. Neil McPhee is representing the hospital.

Up to the present time 7 witnesses have been called.

The first witness was Sister St. Severin, who is in charge of maintenance at the hospital. She has her fourth class engineers certificate. She required an interpreter to translate from French to English.

Sister St. Severin told of being informed by an orderly around 8 a.m. on the morning of the accident that the elevator was not functioning. Then she went to the penthouse to check the controls and in operating

BAY MANAGER PROMOTED

Einar "Neil" Neilsen, manager of the local Hudson Bay Store for the past five years, has been notified of his transfer to the company's purchasing office in Montreal.

Mr. Neilsen came here from the West Coast and during his stay has been very active in several local organizations. Mrs. Neilsen was also an active organizer in the community, taking an active part in
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them the elevator moved down. She heard a scream and stopped immediately.

After calling down and receiving no answer, she sent an orderly to investigate. After he came back to report, she went to release the elevator. She heard another scream, then a voice shouting to pull it up. The elevator wouldn't start and she went for an engineer.

Dr. J.P. Johnson gave his report on the post mortem, giving the cause of death as primary shock, internal injuries and congestion of the lungs by a form of dull compression.

(Further inquest reports to be published in tomorrow's edition).

T.L.C. SUGGEST

FLIN FLON TO P.A. C.P.A. RUN

Canadian Pacific Airlines came in for a pat on the back at last night's regular T.L.C. meeting when the delegates in accepting the executive report commended the airline for its inauguration of a passenger airline service to Lynn Lake.

The T.L.C. terms the service as "timely" and also makes one recommendation to the airline. It suggests that C.P.A. take under advisement the possibility of extending a passenger air service between Flin Flon and Prince Albert.

Another point of the executive report dealt with the appointment to be made to the Workmen's Compensation Committee for Manitoba. The Labour representative, J.L. McBride, will have his term expire this coming March. The T.L.C. here feels disappointed that the Minister of Labour has not
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LORNE BLANCHARD IS CREIGHTON OVERSEER

LORNE BLANCHARD, A FORMER MEMBER OF THE SASKATCHEWAN LEGISLATURE AND RECENTLY ELECTED COUNCILLOR FOR CREIGHTON, WAS CHOSEN AS OVERSEER OF THE VILLAGE AT THE COUNCIL'S FIRST MEETING OF THE NEW YEAR.

THE MEETING TOOK PLACE LAST EVENING, WITH MR. BLANCHARD REPLACING FRED ROBINSON, WHO HEADED THE THREE MAN COUNCIL SINCE THE VILLAGE WAS FORMED OVER A YEAR AGO.

Both Councillors Robinson and Glen Crawford agreed that the Overseer position should be changed at the end of each yearly term in order to give everyone elected an opportunity to put their own ideas into practice.

In accepting the position, Mr. Blanchard said he was proud to hold the position and would devote his full time to the work.

At last night's meeting it was suggested the name of the School District be

Thomas Creighton instead of just Creighton as suggested by the government. It was felt many parents would rather have still another name as the word Creighton was being overused. With two proposed rooms expected to be built this summer, the Council realized it would have to lend all assistance possible to this undertaking.

Representing Mike Holunga and Ian Cockwell, barrister B.P. Poulin asked the Council to consent to the assignment of the water and garbage contract from Holunga to Cockwell in consideration of the former's health. As the latter has been employed by Holunga, this was granted with certain stipulations.

Cockwell will take over all present equipment, including 6 trucks, garage, gas tank and shed. The change will be in name only and the contract will expire May 14th, 1954. No part of the contract will be changed whatever and if Cockwell is not satisfactory it will be thrown open for tenders.

On his own request, Overseer Blanchard was named fire inspector of the Village and will check all homes in Creighton during the next few months.

Although it was pointed out that the Village was the cleanest in the province
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MINE ACCIDENT

CAGE FROZE TO SHAFT GUIDES

A Coroner's Jury yesterday afternoon found that Robert William Blair of Flin Flon died in the casualty section of the Association Hospital in Flin Flon on December 28th, at 3:10 p.m., due to a head injury resulting from an accident when the cage at the North Star Mine failed to operate properly.

The jury recommended that all precautions be taken to safeguard against a similar accident.

The jury deliberated for 35 minutes before returning its verdict. The inquest was presided over by C.C. Sparling, Q.C., with Lorne Ferg acting for the Crown.

Eight witnesses were called with Dr. J. Killoh explaining the medical terminology resulting in the death. A draftsman presented a sketch of the shaft where the accident occurred.

The hoistman, Allan Anderson related how around 12:40 on the afternoon of December 28th a group of miners entered the cage at the top, including the deceased and his partner, Reg Luchuck, who was seriously injured in the accident and is still confined to the Association Hospital here.

Anderson said he got the signal to drop the cage to
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CURLING DRAWS

FLIN FLON CURLING CLUB DRAW FOR FRIDAY, JANUARY 8 AT 7:00 P.M.

1 - G.McIntosh vs A.Imrie.
2 - P.Davie vs P.Hume.
3 - J.Conner vs S.Hankin.
4 - R.Milton vs A.Nowasad.
5 - H.Budlong vs R.Finnie.
6 - B.Kemp vs G.Sutherland.
7 - J.Beaulieu vs J.Lindsay.
8 - B.Imrie vs P.Row.
9 - G.Cross vs M.Holdaway.
9:15 P.M.

1 - J.Brough vs C.Stevenson
2 - D.Randell vs L.Wilson.
3 - G.Gadd vs J.Spencer.
4 - E.Burkett vs W.Williams.
5 - L.Parres vs B.Wardle.
6 - J.Atkinson vs T.Dobson.
7 - R.Frederickson vs B.Hay

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8 - E.Austin vs T.Sparling
9 - J.Ciprick vs S.Crerar.

ROSS LAKE LADIES DRAW FOR TONIGHT AT 9:00 P.M.

5 - Corbett vs Neilson.
4 - Manns vs Hunter.
3 - Christoff vs O'Kane.
1 - Kirby vs Hay.
6 - Lyle vs Reitlo.

2 - Chisholm vs Manning.
ROSS LAKE CURLING CLUB

DRAW FOR FRIDAY - R.L.C.C. JUNIORS AT 6:30 P.M.

1 - H.McDougall vs J.Lovecky
2 - G.McIsaac vs B.McSheffrey.

3 - W.Arko vs L.Mulhall.
4 - F.McIntosh vs M.Logan.
5 - G.Konik vs D.Newton.
6 - B.Ibbott vs L.Fric.
9:00 P.M.

1 - N.McGrath vs A.Lyle.
2 - R.McLellan vs K.Sproxtonton.

3 - B.McLuckie vs H.Stevenson (HW)

4 - Ladies.
5 - Ladies.

6 - M.Qualie vs R.Smith (HW)

WILLOWPARK CURLING CLUB DRAW FOR FRIDAY, JANUARY 8th AT 6:50 P.M.

1 - Grant vs Burkett.
2 - Longmore vs Govenlock (B.C.)

3 - Wright vs McFarlane.
4 - Hemmings vs Switzer.
9:00 P.M.

1 - Ross vs Medd.
2 - McCrimmon vs Hope.
3 - Vacant (B.C.)
4 - Iannone vs Meier.

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NOI CONTD. the 300 foot level. There the cage stopped and he got a signal to go down to the 450 foot level. There the cage stopped for about five minutes before he got another signal to go down to the 600 foot level.

He said he went through the mechanics of setting the machinery in operation. He didn't think he had got up to full speed yet when he got the signal to stop. He stopped instantly and at the same time noticed a "whip" on the cable. He knew something was wrong. Don Porter, the skip tender, came along. Porter in his testimony said he was working up in the head frame (Cont. P. 3, No. 1)

NO. 1 CONTD. and heard the whipping.

Anderson said he had had no previous trouble with the cage. He explained that slack on the cable causes the whipping of the cable against the timbers of the shaft. He said he followed all regulations in regards to his daily checks on the safety of the cage.

Porter told of descending the manway to the 450 foot level after he was sure something was wrong. He had to proceed another 80 feet before reaching the cage. There he found two muckers -- William Lang and Bill Winters, who also heard the whipping, and who had descended down the manway from 300 level. They were the same two men who had gone down to 300 in the same cage Blair and Luchuck were in.

Lang said both men actually went down to the 600 level first of all and then realizing they were down too low, and after making vocal contact with Luchuck, asked him to keep talking so they could get the right bearing on where the cage was.

Luchuck and Blair were both lying on the floor and Lang and Winters helped straighten both out. Blair was unconscious. Medical testimony said Blair had a bad cut to his forehead just above his right eye, probably caused by a very sharp blow. It was the doctor's opinion the blow was caused by something duller than a knife. It was this blow, resulting in the head injury, which caused the deceased's death, the doctor said.

Testimony was introduced that the cage, after making the sudden drop, would bounce about considerably after the slack on the cable had been used up. Considerable amount of bouncing by the cage's sliding door would also result.

With Porter, Lang and Winters now on the scene, Porter made tests to see if the cable was alright and then signalled for the cage to be taken up to 450 at slow speed. There the mine superintendent, John Honeyman, got into the cage and he ordered slow speed to surface. From there both men were rushed to Flin Flon by

air to hospital.

Mr. Honeyman told of being informed of the accident and after learning part of the details, proceeded down the manway to the 450.

Earlier in the hearing a statement from Reg Luchuck was read by Cpl. Davidson of the R.C.M.P. In this statement Luchuck gave much the same picture as the others in events leading up to the accident. He said Blair and himself got off the cage at the 450 to pick up a jack hammer. They were away from the cage about five minutes. Blair rang for the 600 level and the cage stuck. They could hear the cable dropping. Just as he gave the stop signal the cage dropped. He thought both were pinned by the sliding door of the cage.

A driller, Leonard Brown, confirmed Luchuck's statement, saying that while both men picked up the jack hammer they became interested in the water that had been struck by the drillers and a conversation on the operation of the water took place.

Mr. Honeyman said that as a result of investigation and tests made, he had come to the conclusion the cage had frozen to the side of the guides causing the cage to stick. The cage had not moved until the added weight from the slack cable caused it to do so and drop about 50 feet. He said that examination also showed that the safety shoe-dogs had frozen up preventing them from operating properly. Other witnesses told of ice forming on the "shoe".

Mr. Honeyman explained that the day following the accident a test had been made with the cage under the same circumstances. He and other company officials had gone with the cage to the 450. There the cage was allowed to stand for 5 minutes and then they signalled for a slow descent. The cage did not move. They signalled for a slow ascent and the cage did not move. It had stuck from freezing.

Mr. Honeyman also stated that all safety regulations and checks as prescribed, both by the Company and government regulations, were

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SPECIALS FOR FRIDAY JAN. 8

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TOMATO JUICE	Rosedale 20 ozs.	3 FOR	.45
CANDY	Paulins Xmas Stocking 12 ozs. Regular 50¢.	SPECIAL	.39
CANDY	Xmas Assorted Package. Regular 49¢	SPECIAL	.39
SOAP	Rinso Detergent. Large.		.39
SOAP	Oxydol. Large.		.35
SOAP	Jergens Facial Lotion Personal. 4 FOR	.25	
SOAP	Woodbury's Facial (bath)	3 FOR	.29
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BEEF	Cross Rib and Blade Roast. Pot or Oven Roast.	PER LB.	.45
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PORK	Fresh Pork Chops.	PER LB.	.70
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SAUSAGES	Co-op Pork and Beef Sausage. Medium size.	PER LB.	.27

NO. 1 CONTD. adhered to at all times.

The temperature at the 450 level was given as 44 degrees Fahrenheit. There was testimony of water in the shaft. It was believed that the cage at surface, in 30 below weather, had allowed the steel of the cage to carry enough "cold" with it down the shaft to freeze the cage to the guides.

Mr. Honeyman stated he had after the accident, instructed the hoistmen that before dropping the cage, to raise it at least two feet as a safety check on whether or not there was freezing. All equipment was described as the proper type and an inspector of the Mines Branch confirmed this. The inspector also concurred in the freezing theory.

Questions from the jury concerning the "dogs" brought forth that they were of standard type. It was believed the bearings were the vital parts that froze and therefore not allowing the safety device to forestall the sudden fall of the cage.

The inspector stated that mines were constantly trying to work out better safety measures and devices, but that to date the "dog" employed was of the latest.

Len Wilson was foreman of the jury and the others were Mike Siry, Joe Beaulieu, Jim Bell, Bruce Noton, F. Fahlman and Murray Poole.

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NO. 2 CONTD. last year, it was suggested one of the Councillors take over the position of sanitary inspector and if possible work with the health officer in Flin Flon.

Further Council meeting nights were set for 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month.

The Council proposed a cemetery for the Village be established and suggested a location near the small lake at the south end of the townsite.

The meeting received an offer from the Flin Flon Scout Association for the old Scout Hall, located at present on the McIsaac School grounds. Council suggested it be placed near Main St. on what is known as Public Reserve No. 2 if suitable to the Scouts.

During the meeting Overseer Blanchard congratulated the past Council on the splendid manner in which they administered the Village since it was incorporated.

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NO. 3 CONTD. seen fit to invite the Council which represents organized labour in Northern Manitoba to recommend an appointee.

Labor bodies in Winnipeg have been asked to recommend their appointees. It is the opinion of the Council that the "policy of excluding the fast growing and important industrial north in the matter of appointment to government boards is one that is an oversight on the part of the government and should be called to the

attention of the Minister of Labor and the local member of the Legislative Assembly.

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NO. 4 CONTD. the organizing and operation of the Home and School Association. Mr. Neilsen was president of the Boy Scout Association for the past 2 years, took an active part in Chamber of Commerce, Rotary and Trout Festival activities. He was in charge of the July 1st Queen committee for a number of years.

His new position will en-

tail considerable travelling as a clothing buyer for the company. The new manager for here is not known as yet.

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