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REPORT IN WINNIPEG THAT G.T.P. BRANCHES WILL BE GUARANTEED

Two Conferences Said to Have Taken Place Between Premier Sifton and Chamberlain.

THE EDSON-GRANDE PRAIRIE LINE TO BE GUARANTEED.

According to This Report, as Well as Two Other G.T P. Branches in Province.

Winnipeg, Man., Jan. 5.—It is reported here that two conferences have taken place between Premier Sifton, of Alberta, and General Manager Chamberlain, of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway, and it is said that when the Premier makes his next announcement respecting his railway policy it will include a bond guarantee for the proposed Edson-Grande Prairie road, and for at least two other projected Alberta branches.

PACKERS APPOINTED BUSINESS

Documentary Evidence of Non-Competition Offered at Trial in Chicago

Chicago, Jan. 5—Documentary evidence in support of the government's charge that the practices of the old packers' pool in fixing the price of fresh meat by means of a system of profit margins and apportioning the business on a non-competitive basis, were continued after the organizing of the National Packing company in March, 1903, was read to the jury today in the trial of the ten Chicago packers.

The government brought the operations of the alleged illegal combination down to within seven months of the period covered by the indictment.

The information was furnished by J. H. Pratt, an employee of Armour and company for more than 20 years and at one time assistant manager of the dressed beef department.

He testified to having attended meetings of the old pool between 1896 and 1902, at which he said percentages of shipments to different markets were decided by lottery and the profit or margin was decided by agreement among the members.

The witness identified a dozen letters he received while in the employ of Armour and company in support of his statements.

Three of the letters bore notations in pencil, of the shipment percentages and profit margins. The witness positively identified the handwriting of Arthur Meeker and said he was almost certain the other memorandums were written by J. O. Armour and T. J. Connors. Pratt was on the stand when the court adjourned.

The first document introduced by the government was a copy of a resolution said to have been adopted by the packers' pool, May 9, 1900, fixing a penalty of 1 1-2 cents a pound on all over-shipments to competitive points made in excess of 19,000 pounds a week above the maximum allowed. This was said to have been sent out to members from the office of Attorney A. H. Veeder. The next was a shipment percentage agreed upon by the packers, Jan. 13, 1901, for the territories A, C, D and E. Pratt identified a letter dated Oct. 18, 1904, addressed to J. O. Armour, which read:

"I attach herewith margin memorandum for the week. We shipped 92 1-2 per cent. to Armour and company house, and 91 per cent. to Armour Packing company. Today's margin will follow.—J.H.P."

Pratt testified that the letter was returned to him the following day with these figures of percentage margin for other firms in the combinations which he believed were written by J. O. Armour:—

"H 96 1-2, S 105 M 96, M minus 13, S plus 12, 95 to 100 per cent. this week."

Another letter dated June 20, 1905, contained a memorandum of margins which the witness identified as in the handwriting of Arthur Meeker and the defendant was read.

HONORED BY THE KING—Sir Rodolph Forget, the Montreal financier and member of Parliament, who was made a Knights Bachelor by the King among the Canadians honored.

WILHELMINA'S DAUGHTER AND SUCCESSOR—The above photograph of the future Queen of Holland was taken a couple of weeks ago by her Royal mother—Queen Wilhelmina is an enthusiastic camera artist.

SOUTH DAKOTA TAFT MEN RALLY AT HURON

400 Representative Republicans Gathered to Advance for President in the Forthcoming Contest—Secretary of Agriculture Wilson Pays Tribute to President.

Huron, South Dakota, Jan. 6—The gathering of representative Taft men from all parts of the state here yesterday filled every expectation. Nearly 400 were present and the meeting was exceptionally enthusiastic. The trains were late and many delegates did not arrive until after the proceedings had started. E. L. Abel, of Huron, candidate for the lieutenant governorship, was chairman of the meeting, and B. B. McClacky, secretary. Ringing speeches were made by United States Senator Gamble and Congressman Charles H. Burke and Eben Martin, each of whom paid a tribute to President Taft and his administration, urged harmony and unity of action by South Dakota Republicans, and urged the sending of a Taft delegation from this state to the Republican National convention. The speakers were greeted with rounds of applause.

The address of the day, however, was delivered in the afternoon by Secretary of Agriculture Wilson. Mr. Wilson cited the president as no small politician but a giant intellectually, doing large things in a large way. Concerning the tariff Secretary Wilson said President Taft had been deceived by several bills drawn by popgun politicians, which he vetoed because they were inadequate and would likely cause trouble. He spoke of the rapid increase of sugar production because of the protective tariff, and said South Dakota could produce sugar at a good profit. He then spoke at length of diversified farming, urging the South Dakota tillers of the soil to give more attention to variety in crops. As South Dakota is one of the great gold and mineral producing states in the union, he said that the government is contemplating the establishment of a department of mines and mining. The parcels post proposition will soon materialize and will be found not to interfere with legitimate merchandise, but will cut out the class know nas "middlemen." A permanent state Taft organization was recommended.

COURTESY ARRESTS TO BE ABOLISHED IN N.Y.

Board of City Magistrates Decides That Officials Shall Not Make Arrests Except They Have the Actual Warrant in Their Hands.

New York, Jan. 5—"Courtesy arrests" in New York City have been interdicted by the board of city magistrates, whether at the request of the authorities in other states or in other cities of this state. The new ruling has brought to an abrupt stop, according to the police department officials, tonight, the apprehension of fugitives and suspects, pending the arrival of warrants or extradition papers, and the opinion was expressed that the effect of the ruling was likely to be felt shortly throughout the country. It is declared that hereafter a prisoner must not be held unless the officials here have in hand a warrant or a certified copy of an indictment from the place where the offence is alleged to have been committed.

BOY LOST HIS LIFE IN FIRE AT RED DEER

Blaze at Red Deer Yesterday Has a Fatal Result—Firemen Could Not Rescue Boy—Father Arrived On Scene But Was Powerless to Give Aid

Red Deer, Jan. 5—The only fire in the history of Red Deer in which there has been a loss of life, occurred this afternoon when the fire brigade were called out at 3.30 to a fire at the residence of J. C. Peterson on Third street. The brigade responded as usual without delay but at their arrival huge volumes of flame and smoke were pouring from the one story shack, and it was hard for anyone to enter the building for a few minutes until it had been quenched somewhat.

As soon as possible Chief Meres of the fire department and other members of the brigade made an entrance through the east window into the living room as the chief had heard a moan when he went in but owing to the denseness of the smoke they were unable to find any one for sometime. Eventually the body of the youngest son Ronald, a lad of about four years was discovered close to the wall beneath the east window with life extinct. Ronald had been left at home while his father and brother Glen had gone to the stable some few blocks distance to tend their horses.

Mother Also Absent.

Mrs. Peterson was also working in a distant part of the town and the other members of the family, Herbert and Clarence, were at work up town. On returning from the barn and rounding the corner where a view of the house could be secured, Mr. Peterson saw the blaze and sent his son on the run and he hastened as quickly as possible, having a double fracture of his right leg this summer. On reaching the house they tried to find the boy but as the brigade was there all efforts possible were being put forth by them.

A neighbor lady says that on seeing the fire she went to the house and endeavored to get in but the door was locked. The young boy who was inside refused to open it and she later saw the boy through the window standing near the centre of the room. It is not known whether the fire was caused by a defective stovepipe or through some childish prank of the deceased boy, Ronald, who after the fire had started had became terror-stricken and did not know what to do and had therefore lost his life through the breathing of smoke.

Noticed Defective Flue

A peculiar feature of the case is that two or three days ago Chief Meres had occasion to be at the house of Mr. Peterson and on noticing the defectiveness of the pipes and the great danger of fire had complained about it and had immediately gone to Mayor Weiliver, the agent of W. Logan, the owner of the building, to see if something could not be done to lessen the danger and they had decided that a re-arrangement of the pipes would do this. The chief was just preparing to go to Mr. Peterson's when call was received. The family are in very poor circumstances but are being looked after by the neighbors. Besides his bereaved parents the deceased leaves to mourn his loss four brothers, Herbert, of the post office staff, and Glen, Clarence and John at home.

DECISION IN A. & G. W. TO BE GIVEN SHORTY

Hearing in Disallowance Application of A. & G. W. is Completed—Moss Attacks the Judiciary—Hon. Mr. Hazen Points Out Clarke Refused to Attend Investigation.

Ottawa, Ont., January 5.—The hearing by Hon. C. J. Doherty, minister of justice, and several members of the cabinet, including Premier Borden, of the application for the disallowance of the act of the Alberta legislature under which the province confiscated $7,400,000, proceeds of the bonds of the Alberta and Great Waterways Railway, was concluded tonight after four lengthy sessions. The matter was taken into consideration and a decision will be given in the course of a few days because the time during which the act can be disallowed by the federal government expires on January 23.

While it is impossible to make any definite predictions as to what the action of the government will be, questions put by Premier Borden and other ministers indicate that the province may at least be asked to adjudicate on the claims of the Royal Bank. Up to the present time the bank is out $370,000 on advances to the railway company.

During the course of the hearing today, W. R. Clarke, the promoter of the railway, stated that he had claims against the Alberta government amounting to half a million dollars and it was suggested that the government should give any presenting claims an opportunity to submit them for consideration. It was pointed out that the government has already passed an act providing that such claims may be submitted.

Ottawa, Jan. 5—H. A. Masten, K.C., representing the Province of Alberta in the application before the minister of justice for disallowance of the A. & G.W. bond confiscation severely arraigned W. R. Clarke and the entire Alberta and Great Waterways Railway Company's transaction. He said that the provincial legislature in December, 1910 found itself confronted by a situation requiring heroic treatment. The bargain made by the provincial government with Clarke was improvident and surrounded with sinister suspicions. The bonds had been made to bear five per cent interest and the whole issue had been disposed of before any work was done or even commenced on the line. The railway company had defaulted on the interest due on the bonds and had taken no steps toward the construction of the road.

No Financial Resources.

It had no financial resources and the province was therefore saddled with this enormous debt of $7,400,000. The only thing the province could do was to avail itself of the money raised by the sale of the bonds and then provide for the payment of interest on the bonds from the general revenue of the province. To have allowed $7,400,000 to lie idle in the bank for fifty years, earning three and a half per cent. while the bonds drew five per cent. would have been little short of insanity.

The prime minister questioned Mr. Masten closely as to the rights and claims of the Royal Bank. The bank up to date is short $370,000 through advances to the railway company. The Alberta act complained of requires the bank to surrender the six million dollars deposited with it and cuts off any right of action the bank might have against the province by reason of money advanced for the construction of the road.

Big Sum for Promotion Expenses.

Mr. Masten said that $225,000 of the money had been paid over to W. R. Clarke for promotion expenses.

Premier Borden expressed a doubt as to whether any province could by law affect the relations of banker and depositor as determined by the Dominion statute.

The Alberta and Great Waterways Company under the statute, continued Mr. Masten, was required to have $50,000 paid up capital. To get this amount Clarke gave a cheque for $50,000 to the company which was secured on an overdraft and, for which it is understood no money would be demanded.

This enabled the company to open business with $50,000 in the bank, but an hour or two later the company in return gave a check for $50,000 to Clarke.

Defends Clarke.

J. H. Moss, K.C., vigorously defended W. R. Clarke, saying that he had sunk about half a million dollars of his own money in the enterprise. He described Clarke as a banker of Kansas City and a man of high standing, who was able to negotiate a seven million dollar transaction with J. P. Morgan and company of London. He had acquired 50 miles right-of-way and certainly would have constructed as agreed except for the legislation complained of.

Hon. J. D. Hazen asked whether it was not true that Mr. Clarke had declined to appear and testify before the Royal Commission which investigated the alleged scandal.

Mr. Moss replied that this was true, but that he did not like to make public the reasons which prompted Mr. Clarke's action. They would not, he said, be creditable to the judiciary of Canada, but in the opinion of Mr. Clarke's counsel at the time they were sufficient.

The matter was then submitted and will be disposed of in a short time, as the year's limitation will expire on January 23.

Grand Trunk Pacific Orders the Grade Finished to Fort George by Next Fall.

Vancouver, Jan. 6—Instructions have been given by the G. T. P. to Foley Welch & Stewart that the main line from the Tete Juan Cache. Burns, Jordan & Co., of Spokane, 50 miles; Sims Bros. and Peary, of St. Paul, 75 miles. There are still inlet to sub-contractors an intermediate gap of 30 miles. Supplies are now being rushed in by various sub-contractors who will be hard at work in six weeks. Steelhead is now within 30 miles of Yellowhead pass.

WAS PLAYING DOUBLE GAME FROM THE FIRST

This is Belief With Reference to the Chinese Premier — Imperialists Leave Hankow—Large Number Reported to Have Been Killed in Flight.

Tokio, Japan, Jan. 5—The developments at Shanghai are deeply deplored here. It is generally believed that Yuan Shi Kai has been playing a double game from the start and now finds his plans frustrated by the election of Sun Yat Sen as president of the provisional government. Japan continues a policy of strict neutrality in China.

A report from Peking that Yuan had applied to Japan for help is discredited in Tokio. Even if it were true, the belief prevails here that it would be premature for any power to forsake neutrality at this juncture, except it were preparing against emergencies which might arise through the Manchus turning against Yuan.

Evacuate Hankow.

Peking, Jan. 5—The Imperialist troops, according to reports received here evacuated Hankow City yesterday. Hundreds of them have, however, returned later independently to Hankow and Han Yang. The imperial commander in that district reports that fighting has occurred near Hwang Pei to the north of Hankow.

The 3,000 imperial government troops who were ordered from Pao Ting and Shih Kai Chwang to assist in the suppression of the mutiny of Chinese troops at Lanchow, arrived there yesterday evening. There was considerable fighting in the city during the night. The telegraphs were cut and the mail trains suspended until noon today.

Seven hundred imperial troops are reported to have been killed or wounded Thursday in a battle near Hankow, province of Hu Peh, with the revolutionists. The imperial forces were evacuating the city when two of their trains were destroyed.

KEELEY MINE UNDER HAMMER

Toronto, Jan. 5—"How much am I offered for Keeley mine shares," City Sheriff Mowat was prepared this morning to receive any offers but public eagerness to possess a gold mine for which the Farmers' Bank paid over half a million dollars, was conspicuous for its absence.

Two hundred thousand shares were offered. This large block was a former possession of George Wishart, of New York, a friend of W. R. Travers. Finally one bidder came forward with real money. He wanted the 200,000 shares and got them for $161. He gave his name to the sheriff as an agent for the real purchaser.

Died From Injuries Received

Brandon, Jan. 5—James T. Thompson, one of the two passengers injured in the wreck at Wowota on the Reston Wolsey branch of the C.P.R. yesterday afternoon and who was brought in here late last evening, died early this morning in the general hospital. The deceased was a resident of Kipling and was a member of the I. O. O. F.

TO CARRY FLAX AND BARLEY TO DULUTH

C. N. R. and C. P. R. Brought to Time in Matter of Rates Between Prairie Points and Duluth and Minneapolis. —Will Now Be Same As to Fort William.

Winnipeg, Man., Jan. 6—It was announced today that commencing 23rd January the C. N. R. will carry flax and barley to Duluth, Minn., at reduced rates from all points in the Province. About February 1st, they will carry wheat and oats to Duluth at the same rate, as to Fort William. The delay is due to the necessity of obtaining the consent of the interstate commissioners as an international question is involved.

It is further announced that the C. N. R. will carry grain from Saskatchewan points to Duluth at the same rate as to Fort William. The C.P.R. will carry grain from both Manitoba and Saskatchewan to Duluth, St. Paul, Superior and Minneapolis at same rate as to Fort William. Dates as to when the rates will obtain will be announced shortly. There rates will probably be extended to Alberta points.

New Issue of Merchants' Bank.

Montreal, Jan. 5.—It was announced today that the new issue of stock of the Merchants' Bank of Canada will be made at a premium of 75 per cent, or at the rate of $175 a share. The allotment will be to shareholders of record January 25 in the proportion of one share of new stock for every six shares of old. The first instalment of 10 per cent. will be payable on the date of the acceptance of the allotment or within 30 days thereafter subsequent instalments for equal amounts will be payable about every six weeks.

ABANDONS GOLD QUEST TO SETTLE IN ALBERTA

John Martel, After Eleven Years in Pursuit of the Elusive Yellow Metal, Will Now Make His Home in Northern Alberta.

Eleven years in quest of the elusive gold and fully as successful as the average prospector, Joseph Martel is now satisfied to settle down and lead the simple life on a farm in northern Alberta. He came direct from Dawson, arriving in Edmonton recently, and is visiting old friends, among others Ed. Wadleigh, deputy clerk of the district court, with whom he became acquainted in the Yukon country back in 1901.

Leaving Dawson for White Horse, Mr. Martel rode five days and a half in a stage, and at the latter place boarded a train on the White Pass railway for Skagway. From there he sailed to Vancouver, making the entire trip in comparatively short time. To a Bulletin representative yesterday afternoon, he declared that the battle for bread over barbed barricades into the uncertain gold fields beyond had lost much of its glamor for him, and his present plans contemplate going to the Peace River country and taking up some land there in the near future.

Mr. Martel spent eleven years in the Yukon district without a break, prospecting and working on government roads. While the best placer gold discoveries in the last seven years were made during the fall just past, he says the individual miners are gradually dropping out of the business. On the other hand mining companies are increasing their operations and indications are that they will soon control the mining industry.

Smallpox Epidemic Affected Business.

Owing to the strict quarantine regulations maintained during the smallpox epidemic, business was dull at Dawson last summer. They were all mild cases and not a single death resulted. Dawson now has a population of about 2,000, with splendid schools and a number of churches. There are twenty-seven places in the city where liquor is sold. Before Mr. Martel left there, the authorities arrested forty gamblers. Stiff fines and jail sentences were imposed in the cases of those responsible for conducting the games. No attempt has been made to re-open the gambling houses. All places of business are closed up tight on Sundays.

There is no danger of a famine at Dawson. Everybody is amply supplied with provisions for the winter. They can raise many vegetables in the Yukon including potatoes, radishes, celery and turnips. Mr. Martel insists they can beat the world in the quality and quantity of lettuce that grows here. All kinds of vegetables are turned out of the hot houses, both winter and summer. Grain does not do well there. Some oats are raised, but cut green for feeding purposes.

The weather was remarkably warm in the fall and early winter. On November 19 last, rain fell at Dawson, something the oldest settler failed to remember having seen before in that country.

BROKEN RAIL CAUSED BAD TRAIN ACCIDENT

20 Injured and 100 Others Narrowly Escape When Great Western Passenger Train Leaves Track Near Red Wing, Minn.—Rail Snapped by Severe Cold.

Red Wing, Minn., Jan. 6—Twenty persons were injured and 100 others narrowly escaped injury and possibly death last night when three coaches of the Great Western passenger train, No. 42, running between Minneapolis and Rochester, left the track as a result of a broken rail, ten miles from Red Wing, near Welch, Minn.

The broken rail is said to have been caused by severe weather. Had the rail on the other side been broken instead, the coaches would probably have rolled down a 30 foot embankment. Over a score of passengers lay covered with snow and exposed to the bitter cold weather until given aid.

The engine and two front coaches passed safely over the rail before it broke. This part of the train continued on to Red Wing with many of the passengers. At Red Wing a relief train with physicians aboard was sent to the scene of the wreck.

Count Had His Hair Singed.

Vienna, Jan. 5—Fire in Count Ludwig Batthyany's palace in Budapest today destroyed the costly furniture and a collection of pictures. The damage amounted to $600,000. In a vain attempt to save a valuable Vandyke Count Batthyany's hair and beard were singed.

FIRST AUTOMOBILE LEAVES HERE FOR LESSER SLAVE LAKE

J. J. Roberts and Two Coast Capitalists Start on 329 Mile Trip to Grouard.

WILL GO OVER THE ICE FROM ATHABASCA LANDING

Expect to Reach Grouard by Monday at Noon—Left Edmonton at 8 O'clock Last Night.

With the thermometer hovering around thirty below and a little wind that adds to the discomfort of travel in an open rig, J. J. Roberts and a couple of Coast capitalists are speeding on their way to Grouard in an automobile. They left Edmonton at eight o'clock p.m. on Friday for Athabasca Landing, expecting to arrive at the latter place shortly after midnight.

It is the first time that the trip to Grouard, covering a distance of 329 miles, has ever been undertaken by auto, and the result is awaited with keen interest among owners and drivers of machines.

Mr. Roberts planned to leave the Landing this afternoon and reach Grouard some time Monday, by noon if possible. Barring accidents and unfavorable weather, in the shape of a storm, he figured the trip could be made in that length of time.

The trip was arranged by I. B. Flater, who intended to accompany the party, but was detained at the last moment on account of business matters demanding his attention here. He has interested a number of Vancouver capitalists in Grouard and surrounding country, and they are going there with a view of investing in property.

The party will probably remain in Grouard for two or three days after their arrival there, and return to Edmonton the latter part of the week.

STRATHCONA PAPER HAS BEEN DISPOSED OF

Plaindealer Has Been Purchased for Edmonton Syndicate by H. H. Hull of Edmonton Printing and Publishing Co.—Rev. A. M. Macdonald of Winnipeg, May Be Editor.

The Strathcona Plaindealer, conducted for some years past by J. Hamilton McDonald, has been sold and will pass under new management on the first of February. The purchasers are an Edmonton syndicate and the deal was put through by their representative, H. H. Hull, manager of the Edmonton Printing and Publishing Co. For some time at least the paper will be continued as a semi-weekly, but the plant will be largely increased, the purchasers having secured considerably larger floor space than is at present used.

An effort is being made, it is understood, to secure the services, as editor, of Rev. A. M. Macdonald, former pastor of the First Baptist church in Edmonton, and now pastor of Fort Rouge Baptist church, Winnipeg. Mr. Macdonald in addition to his pastral duties is now editor of the Baptist Outlook, the western church organ. For some time his health has been poor and it is believed that he might accept a change for a time from the arduous ministerial work. The business manager of the Plaindealer under the new management will be Mr. Williams, who is now connected with the Edmonton Printing and Publishing Co.

London, Jan. 5—Five young Canadians who have been placed as midshipmen in the British navy, have a good first impression. When cruiser Niobe became disabled last autumn the youths transferred to the battleship Dreadnought to continue their training. The commander of the Dreadnought has written to Commander Roifer of the Canadian navy department that the midshipmen are as good as any he has had recently sent to him for training, and that he is well satisfied with what he has seen of them so far.

HONORED BY THE KING—Sir Edmund B. Osler, the Toronto lawyer, who started the New Year with the title of Knights Bachelor," bestowed by the King.