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Cut And Dried Procedure Raises Storm of Protest at Opposition Convention

Stormy Scenes Match Pictures On The Walls

MEET IN SEAMEN'S INSTITUTE

Conservative Party Dead as Julius Caesar, Declares One Delegate And Says it Was Killed From The Inside—Committee Names All Ready in Advance of Meeting

Surrounded by graphic drawings of pictures showing ships of all descriptions being buffeted about by gales and heavy seas, the delegates to the provincial opposition convention sat down this morning in the Seamen's Institute. As the meeting progressed the pictures on the walls took on a strange significance; in mute silence they welcomed another masterpiece to their class, a living caricature of their class.

Although the storms which rocked the boat of the Conservative party this morning were rather mild, they forecast heavy gales to come. J. Y. Mercereau, of Chatham, summed the situation up admirably when he exclaimed during one of his orations.

"The Conservative party is as dead as Julius Caesar and it was killed from the inside. The sooner we throw over the old conceptions and adopt new ones, the sooner will the party meet with success."

Most of the morning session was taken up with the registering of delegates and the appointment of an organization committee and a resolutions committee. Lavish displays of fireworks were presented in the carrying out of both pieces of business.

On the arrival of the delegates the meeting was called to order by L. P. D. Tilley, who asked the gathering to elect a chairman. John E. Macaulay was the selection and he took charge of the session.

After some discussion Mr. Smith explained that his intention was that there should be a committee of organization only and that the discussion of the policy of the party should take place at the meeting of all the delegates. The following committee was appointed:—W. S. Sutton, Carleton county; J. Edw. Grasse, Gloucester; D. F. Maxwell, Charlotte; W. E. McDonald, Victoria; Louis Smith, Albert; Geo. McDade, Northumberland; Rene Richard, Westmorland; Dr. Jas. Manning, City of St. John; Ralph St. J. Freese, Kings; Warden Wm. Golding, St. John county; I. J. Flower, Queens; Frank A. Smith, Simsbury; C. D. Richard, City of Fredericton; E. Albert Riley, City of Moncton; J. K. Pender, Yorkville; Alex. Donette, Kent; P. M. Shannon, Restigouche; J. L. Stewart, town of Chatham.

On motion of Dr. J. B. M. Baxter that incorporated towns be represented on the committee, the following were appointed: Mayor Turner, Sussex; E. B. Black, Sackville; J. B. Hache, Bathurst; J. R. Brown, Woodstock; C. D. Connor, Sherbrooke; Geo. Prester, Albertville; Dr. Lantier, Campbellton; W. S. Montgomery, Dalhousie.

All Ready in Advance. A committee on resolutions brought out some candid and arid criticism of the chairman's method of appointing the committee. Doctor Baxter moved that a committee of seven be appointed by the chair to deal with resolutions handed in and present them to the meeting in the order of their importance. The motion carried and the chairman, picking a slip of paper from the table, read the names of seven men, as follows: J. L. Stewart, Dr. Lantier, George Gilbert, W. S. Sutton, Ralph St. J. Freese, E. A. Riley and T. A. Goggin. The chairman read incorrectly the name of Mr. Freese and immediately there was a stir on one side of the house.

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BRING NEARER DECISION AS TO COMMISSION

Board of Trade Delegation Meets Commissioners

STRONG REPRESENTATIONS

Situation Presented in Form of Resolution—Mayor Says Disposition of Council is to Go Ahead—Bid for Old Market Building in West End

At a committee meeting of the common council held this morning the matter of harbor commission was taken up. A delegation from the board of trade composed of President R. B. Emerson, H. C. Schofield, A. H. Wetmore, W. E. Golding, M. E. Agar and Secretary R. E. Armstrong, presented a resolution advancing arguments in favor of an early plebiscite on harbor commission.

After the delegation had been heard Mayor Hayes pointed out that the first step would be to take authority to prepare with the government an agreement of transfer and the next would be to submit the agreement to the people in the form of a plebiscite.

Mayor Hayes said it was the intention to take up the matter of harbor commission. He said the matter had been before them for a long period and some delay had been occasioned by the omission of a provision for the operation of the ferry under the act passed on July 7.

Commissioner Thornton then moved that the delegates be heard upon the matter of the board of trade. Mr. Emerson said that at the last regular meeting of the board the following resolution was passed recommending that the board of trade be reconstituted.

That there is no intention of the government to take over the ferry service as a part of its purchase; therefore the control of the ferry must remain in the hands of the board of trade.

That it is reported to the board that harbor works are being held up by reason of the city's failure to act on the harbor commission act.

That we are informed the Canadian government marine service say that the uncertainty in regard to harbor development is affecting their decision respecting the utilization of the port.

That the condition of the city wharves will shortly compel an enormous expenditure which the government can better afford to make than the city.

That a release from harbor obligations would enable the government to give greater attention to general city improvement, such as permanent paving, the extension of the water and sewerage system. It would also tend to reduce taxation.

That the control of harbor rates under harbor commission will rest with the government who are not likely to demand rates which would drive the traffic from the harbor.

That the government will own the harbor and harbor commission and, therefore, will be compelled to take care of deficits, should such arise. This has been done in Quebec.

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WORKMEN'S SHARE IN MANAGEMENT OF THE RAILWAYS

Negotiations Are Being Advanced in Motherland

Voice on New Committee

Government Suggests Railway Advisory Board With Men Having a Say Relative to Matters Concerning Them—Further Concessions Looked For

Halifax, Nov. 6.—The Herald today carries the following special cable from London, under date of Nov. 5: Negotiations between the government and the national railwaymen on the question of joint management and standardization of wages have now progressed sufficiently to justify calling together the branch delegates to consider the position. At a union conference just held, J. H. Thomas submitted a report of the government offer respecting the suggestion that workmen share in railway management; and although this does not go so far as many railwaymen anticipated, the union secretary had no hesitation in recommending that negotiations be continued.

The government suggests establishing under the transport ministry, a railway advisory committee to replace the now defunct executive committee, which was composed entirely of railway managers and controlled most all railway matters during the war. The railwaymen would have an advisory voice in the new committee, while the interests of shareholders, traders and railway directors would also be represented.

The union executive put forward by the union to establish a national board of management, half the members of which would be appointed by the railwaymen, and the other half by the state ownership, and for that reason was rejected by the government. It is explained that the general policy of state ownership, and for that reason cannot be accepted as a question of practical politics until the present powers of the transport minister expire, two years hence.

The union executive, while not entirely satisfied, is disposed to accept this as a definite step forward and is optimistic regarding future government concessions. The recent strike having resulted in present wages being stabilized until September, 1920, negotiations regarding standardization of wages are being directed towards the principle rather than actual figures. No impediment to a satisfactory settlement is anticipated.

ROCKEFELLER GIVES INSTITUTE \$10,000,000

Plans to Extend Research Work And Other Activities

New York, Nov. 5.—John D. Rockefeller has added \$10,000,000 to his endowment of the Rockefeller Institute for medical research.

The gift, the largest single one made to the institution, is to meet rapidly growing needs. Additional research in biology, chemistry, physics and medicine will be strengthened by reason of the new gift, and general enlargement of the scope of activity of the institution will result, it was said.

The scientific staff of the Rockefeller Institute now numbers sixty-five men. About 310 persons are employed in its various departments. All discoveries and inventions made by those in the employ of the institute become the property of it, to be "placed freely" at the "service of humanity."

SPEAKER AND MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE HOLD SEATS IN NEWFOUNDLAND

St. Johns, Nfld., Nov. 6.—The latest election returns show that Speaker Higgins and his two colleagues have been elected to the House of Representatives in Trinity for three representatives is still proceeding.

FIRE IN HALIFAX CITY HALL

Halifax, Nov. 6.—Fire broke out early last night in the city electrician's office at city hall. In a few minutes the flames were on the scene and worked energetically to subdue the flames, which, however, caused considerable damage to several of the offices. It is believed that the fire was caused by the fusing of an electric wire.

As Hiram Sees It

"Hiram," said the Times reporter, "I had a dream last night. I dreamed that the citizens of St. John had made up their minds that they had worn sackcloth and ashes long enough. They were ready to do something among them who challenged them to prove their faith in themselves and in their city—and that with one accord they demanded good streets, more school houses, a better hospital, and a new municipal building on the site of the old house and adjoining buildings. It appeared in my dream that the women were the leaders and they put it squarely on the men to prove their faith in themselves and the city. The women's experience in paying off mortgages on churches and doing other financial work of that kind made them confident that the city could well afford to increase its debt to the full extent necessary to provide all the things I have mentioned, and let posterity, which will get the benefit, share the burden. I dreamed that I was ready to think about their money bags. And then the men rose up and with one voice said they would cut out the soft-stuff ones and for all and prove themselves worthy of such women. Then it was that the city's motto on its coat of arms, 'Oh fortunate ones whose walls are made of stone,' being so true, and the walls did rise of municipal building, schools and hospital—and the streets were made sunny, and the fame of the city went abroad and it grew to be a great city."

"And that," said Hiram, "is the sort of dream the people of this town ought to make a blessed reality.—By Hen"

MISS MICHAUD TO WED; PRESENTATION AT THE CAPITAL

French Assistant Supervisor of Women's Institute

Camp Escapade Brings Police Court Sentences—Getting After Violations of Game Laws of Province

(Special to Times) Fredericton, N. B., Nov. 6.—Miss Alice Michaud, who has been French assistant supervisor of women's institutes in New Brunswick for the last two years, severed her connection with that office yesterday. She was made recipient of cut glass and silver by the staff of the department of agriculture.

Miss Michaud will be married in the near future at her home in Edmondston. Miss Genevieve LeBlanc of Edmondston succeeds Miss Michaud as French assistant supervisor.

A young married woman arrested here recently on a charge of luring and luring in a camp near Fredericton, was fined \$20 and gave a jail sentence of two months.

E. P. Bray, Deputy Minister of Agriculture, who has been ill for some time, is expected to be able to be at his office on next Monday.

Dr. Joseph Ward, M.H.O., is expected to return tomorrow from Edmondston where he has been called on to see to the institution of smallpox in St. Anne parish, Madawaska county.

Game law violations in the eastern part of New Brunswick are much more numerous than they were in preceding years and Chief Game Warden L. A. Elberfeld despatch printed in the Kolnische Zeitung of Sept. 21. It is asserted that the German farmers get 34 per cent of the price of the game, while the hunters get 66 per cent.

Violations in the open season are reported more numerous, many hunters acting as if they thought that the possession of a game license entitled them to shoot at anything.

Warden Gagnon has returned from Sackville where he prosecuted in a case of the killing of a cow mouse. The case was heard before Magistrate W. A. Gass in Sackville, who imposed a fine of \$118. Four cow mice are reported to have been killed within a few miles of Sackville. Other prosecutions are to follow.

PROFITABLE SMUGGLING

Wholesale smuggling of German grain over the Dutch border all along the Lower Rhine is complained of in an Elberfeld despatch printed in the Kolnische Zeitung of Sept. 21. It is asserted that the German farmers get 34 per cent of the price of the game, while the hunters get 66 per cent.

City Comes Well Through Big Storm; Bad in Nova Scotia

POINTS ABOUT THE FIRST BIG STORM OF THE SEASON

Gale here reached velocity of forty-six miles. City came through the storm well. The telegraph services caught it hard. All brands—rain, hail, snow and sleet. New umbrellas will be the order of the day. Eighty miles an hour gale in Nova Scotia. War veterans killed by live wire in Dartmouth. Halifax suffered a lot of damage.

LOCAL NEWS

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BURIED TODAY. The funeral of Mrs. Belle Farrow was held this morning from Chamberlain's undertakings room. Service was conducted by Rev. J. H. Jenner and interment was in Fernhill.

FIRE ADJUSTMENT. Damage sustained to the Merchants' Bank building, in the recent fire, has been adjusted by Edgar H. Fairweather at \$13,200 and approximately \$1,200 on the furniture.

PROPERTY SOLD. A lot of land in Kimball street, 30x100 feet, was purchased by John Chamberlain & Sons, Ltd., from John Maynes and will be used for the provision of additional warehouse room at the wool and hide factory in that vicinity.

AMENDMENT ORDERED. Before Judge White in chambers this morning, Justice George Kelly, chief Justice and Emma and Harry Chadwick vs. Elizabeth Young, Annie Lyndon and others on a motion to amend a secreted judgment was granted, after which the court ordered the amendment.

THIMBLE PARTY. A very lively thimble party was held last evening by Jewell Rebecca Lodge, No. 6, in their rooms in Oddfellows' Hall, West St. John. A musical programme was rendered, and refreshments were served. The lodge voted \$25 to endow a bed in the Ludlow Street Baptist Relief Society ward in the purchase of a new house.

I. O. G. T. OFFICERS. Dominion Lodge, No. 445, I. O. G. T., at a quarterly meeting on Tuesday evening, elected George Kelly, chief templar; Bertha Carvell, vice templar; Thomas Brown, recording secretary; Mrs. B. L. Kirkpatrick, assistant secretary; Miss Bessie Bell, deputy marshal; Chas. Woods, treasurer; Fred Duncan, financial secretary; Mrs. Thomas Brown, chaplain; Russell Short, marshal; Miss Bessie Bell, deputy marshal; Chas. Fullerton, sentinel; Miss Lillian Kirkpatrick, guard; B. L. Kirkpatrick, past chief templar, and Mrs. Nellie Scrivener, organist. They were installed by R. L. Kirkpatrick, acting lodge deputy.

AT C. OF E. INSTITUTE. A five o'clock tea and home cooking sale was held this afternoon under the auspices of the Church of England Institute, in the institute rooms, Princess Street. Many samples of dainty home cooking were on sale. The proceeds are for the benefit of the institute. Mrs. Allan Daniel presided over the sale while Mrs. James H. Frink and Miss B. Seely. The refreshments were in charge of Mrs. J. G. Knorr and Mrs. B. B. Bishop. Mrs. G. A. Kuhring and Mrs. W. P. Dunham, assisted by Mrs. H. B. Peck and several girls from the churches in the institute, were in charge of the sale.

BASKETBALL. The Amateur City Basketball League is expected to start a regular schedule of games on November 17. At the last meeting held to accept entries in this league and to arrange and discuss plans for the carrying out of a programme, four intermediate and six senior teams entered the league but since that time the staff of T. McAvity and Sons, Limited, have entered, making seven teams so far. The last meeting in connection with the acceptance of entries and drawing up a schedule will be held this evening at the Y. M. C. A. The league is open to any amateur team in the city but they must have a certificate from the Amateur Athletic Union.

Y. M. C. A. EVENTS. The Junior B school boys held their athletic event last evening in the Y. M. C. A. under the direction of T. C. Armour, physical director. The standing broad jump was won by Harry Humphrey, 7 feet 6 inches; Edwin Gunn second, 7 feet 5 inches; R. Bishop, third, 6 feet 10 inches. The swimming events were next in order and the standing long jump was won by W. Noble, 34 feet 3 inches, while W. Noble, 31 feet 4 inches, came second, and J. Anderson, 26 feet, third. There were twenty-one entered this event, being a high percentage of the class. This afternoon the High school basketball teams will play three games with Robinson and Keen as leaders in first game, Paterson and Robertson in second and Thomas and Jones in third.

The intermediate young men's athletic programme opens tonight. The fifty yards dash and the standing broad jump will be run off. A successful season is apparent in the Y. M. C. A. this winter.

BEST "TANK" PLANS WERE PIGEONHOLED

Australia Claims Honor of First Invention

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PLACE AS FIRST IN BOND SALES

Wellington Climbs to Second Place in City Campaign

Dominion Rubber Systems Wins Prince of Wales Industrial Flag—City Returns Show Much Yet to be Done

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"I have the great pleasure to assure you," the Foreign Secretary said, in a statement read at a mass meeting, "of my assurance that it should be necessary, and I cannot believe that it should be necessary, that no change has taken place in the policy of the British government in reference to the establishment of a Jewish national homeland in Palestine."

Gale of Eighty Miles Hour There

Much Damage Done in Halifax and Soldier Killed in Dartmouth—Wires in New Brunswick Down and Trains Bothered—Yarmouth Reports it Very Heavy

While indications are that the storm which has been in progress since early yesterday morning is easing considerably it has been quite severe and rather varied in its nature with rain and snow in the city and sleet and hail in some of the suburbs. With many of the telegraph wires down it is impossible to give observational indications but the expectations are for colder weather. The temperature, according to the local observatory, has been at about freezing point today and the wind has decreased greatly, being about twenty miles an hour early this afternoon. The total rainfall from 6 a. m. yesterday to noon today was one and a half inches.

Dispatching of trains was made difficult and telegraph and telephone companies experienced difficulties in keeping their wires in shape. The Montreal train was an hour and fifteen minutes late; much of this, aside from the storm, is attributed to wires being down, making dispatching difficult. About the city in different sections fences were blown down and trees as well. Billboards along the street were blown out upon the sidewalk.

Several hundred light trees were reported on the wires near Mattawamcook and Danforth and telephone wires were down west of Kingman. The telegraph companies had rather a serious time as their wires were broken in various places. They had repaired them and their lines badly mangled to set them in order again, and better results were reported this afternoon. The Western Union reported the heavy wind had blown some trees on the wires in several sections and some wires had been blown down. After midnight connection with Montreal was restored and a heavy fall of sleet having played havoc with the wires. The company was able to get in touch with Boston this morning and with St. Stephen, N. B., with the abatement of the storm they expected an improvement early this afternoon.

The C. P. R. Telegraph Company reported that a tree falling across the wires near Harvey had necessitated much repair work and was the cause of a hold-up in the system yesterday. A train was sent out early this morning with a repair crew to make repairs. Their patrol reported that last night heavy, hail and sleet had given trouble between St. John and Welsford and from there to St. John there had been rain and heavy wind, making a combination offering much trouble. They were able to get up eastern connection but not further. Bruce Woods, telegraph superintendent, reported that the service was affected.

The River Boats. The storm in the upper St. John river was felt considerably in the lower section along the Reach which was difficult today. The steamer Hampton did not make her usual run this morning, although scheduled to leave for Belle Isle at 10 o'clock. Quite a few passengers were disappointed. Most of the saw mills were forced to shut down yesterday afternoon because of the severity of the storm.

At the Waterloo street Baptist church a few boards were blown off the side of the front. Some pedestrians who used umbrellas were inconvenienced when their rain protectors were turned inside out. Several wrecked umbrellas were seen today about the alleyways, having been discarded by their users. There was comparatively little damage to the trees, as a short time ago the dead branches were trimmed off. No reports of damage were made at the central police station. A few wires were seen to be hanging, one in Canterbury street and another in Prince William street. As a whole the city suffered slight damage.

GALE EIGHTY MILES AN HOUR

Halifax, Nov. 6.—Nova Scotia was swept last night and early this morning by the heaviest storm of years. The gale, which reached eighty miles an hour at its highest, destroyed much property, demoralized the electric light and telephone service in many of the towns, caused much havoc among shipping and occasioned at least one fatality. This city appeared to be in the centre of the hurricane and apparently suffered the most.

The electrical systems of Halifax were seriously damaged and the streets were rendered unsafe for pedestrians by reason of the hanging and trailing electric and telephone wires, which the force of linemen were entirely unable to look after. The newspaper plants were crippled and the tramway service was very irregular.

The most extensive damage to property was at Camp Hill Hospital. The shanty ripped off the roof of the big vocational hall at the hospital and hurled a portion of it 200 yards across a field to Robie street, blocking traffic there. There were no patients in this section of the building but the terrific crash of the falling roof caused considerable distress among the more serious cases being treated at the hospital.

The effect of the storm was particularly noticeable on the waterfront. The gale kicked up a big sea and five yachts of the Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Club squadron drifted ashore, one of them becoming a total loss.

The small schooner Iceda at one of the wharves sank. The fleet of government trawlers, like since the end of the war, and anchored in the harbor, dragged their anchors somewhat but were not damaged.

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THE TELEPHONE WIRES

Some of the New Brunswick Telephone Company's long distance wires were blown down by the storm but with men working on them since this morning all is expected to be right again. Little trouble was experienced about the city by the company.