

HALIFAX LEARNS OF RECEPTION TO C.P.R. DELGATION

What Passed Between Sir Thomas Shaughnessy and Deputation on Recent Montreal Trip

Thinks C.P.R. Will Go to Halifax Over Its Own Line—The Report in Detail

Special to The Standard.
Halifax, N. S., Nov. 16.—No larger or more interesting meeting of the Board of Trade ever convened than that which assembled this afternoon to hear the report of President J. A. Johnson and Mayor Chisholm on their recent visit to Montreal to put two questions to the C. P. R. executive. These were:

- 1.—Does the C. P. R. want to come to Halifax?
- 2.—If they do on what terms?

No definite reply.

The delegates did not bring back a definite reply in so many words, but Mr. Johnson was able to say at the end of his address, "I am just as sure as I am standing in this room that the C. P. R. will come to Halifax."

Mayor Chisholm also expressed the greatest confidence. On the walls were maps of a proposed line through New Brunswick and Nova Scotia as far as Truro. The route from that point to Dartmouth was touched upon only casually, except so far as to bring out the fact that the Musquodoboit valley would be traversed and that while the freight terminals would be in Dartmouth the narrow gauge would be bridged for passenger traffic.

President Johnson remarked that the delegates had prepared no written report and that what he would give would be a verbal recital of his recollections of what occurred at the interview with the C. P. R.

We were first met by General Manager McNichol who accompanied us into the board room with Sir Thomas Shaughnessy. Only four were present at the interview.

"Are you people in earnest this time?" were Sir Thomas Shaughnessy's first words.

No Certainty.
"We told him we were, and he replied that heretofore this interest had seemed ephemeral, there seemed to be no certainty of purpose."

"The officers of the C. P. R. received the delegation with great courtesy," said Mr. Johnson. "They did not hurry us, giving plenty of time to present our case. We had brought some documents and literature which we used to advantage. When we approached Sir Thomas we started in with the proposition that the National Transcontinental was intended to be a government highway for all roads. Part of this highway is completed from Moncton to Chatham, N. B.

From Amherst.
From Amherst through River Herbert to Newville is 26 miles. Run down the Farnsboro line for eight miles thence to North River 54 miles, thence to Truro 2-1/4 miles, making a total of 90-1/4 miles longer than the present I. C. R. line. They would use the Springhill Railway, go through the Economies and on through Colchester to a point near Truro. This route had originally been surveyed with the idea of the I. C. R. building to avoid the Colebrook. The distance from Amherst to Truro is 14 miles longer than the distance by the I. C. R., but you save an equivalent elsewhere, you have a grade equal to the G. T. P., you pass through a great traffic-producing territory—coal and lumber. We have no road from Truro, but the local Government is committed to Dartmouth and by a slight diversion the Musquodoboit Valley could be traversed. The Narrows would be bridged to Halifax, for passenger traffic. We put all this to Sir Thomas Shaughnessy. We tried to outline to him the possibilities of the South American, West Indian and Mexican trade and he knows our harbor.

UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPTS TO STAVE OFF BLAZE

Fire Still Rages in St. Paul Colliery—Troops Are Called Out To Preserve Order When Bodies Are Brought Out.

Cherry, Ill., Nov. 16.—Troops were called for today to prevent the possibility of any untoward demonstration at the St. Paul Coal Mine when the bodies of the 300 men entombed by last Saturday's disaster are brought to the surface.

When the bodies will be reached in doubt. None of the officers believes any of the 300 entombed men are alive, but in this respect nothing more is actually known now than was known the day of the accident.

The fire raged in the mine today. A thermometer plunged into the sand scattered on top of the seal over the mouth of the pit showed a temperature of 110 degrees, indicating that the heat in the interior of the mine must have been intense.

"It's no use," said Fire Chief Horan of Chicago, "to lift the lid today, for it would mean that the whole mine would blaze up and there would be no possibility of recovering even the bodies."

To Be Postponed.
George S. Rice, chief of the field work of the United States Geological Survey, also was positive that the reopening of the mine would have to be postponed, so the only progress made today was in organizing relief work for the many destitute remnants of families. In making the rounds of 88 of the miners' homes today, it was found that with the exception of small children, all were without males.

Only the most frantic of the women who lost husbands ventured to visit the shaft today. Funerals of eight of the miners who were killed Saturday were held today. Two of these died while engaged in rescue work.

The opinion was expressed tonight by Mine Manager Taylor that the men in the mine were dead soon after the fire started Saturday.

"The men in the mine are dead," he said. "Under any process of scientific reason there can exist no ground for hope that a single soul could have been found after an hour and a half of first fire. To make these poor people think that when the mine is opened their loved one will be found in some remote portion of the mine is cruel."

Mistaken Idea.
"It is a mistaken idea that the entombed could have hastened far out in the galleries and there found oxygen enough to keep them alive. The fire was intense and the smoke and the poisonous gases, known to miners as white camp, were whirled to every corner of the mine. No living thing could escape it.

"It is also a mistake to think that sealing the shaft cuts off the circulation of air. Our anemometers have shown all along a good circulation of air in the shaft. The damage that was fatal had been done long before the mine was sealed the first time last Saturday afternoon."

HOUSE OF LORDS DECIDES TO REJECT BUDGET BILL

Lord Lansdowne Gives Formal Notice of Intention To Move For the Rejection of Lloyd George Legislation, and Fate of Budget in Upper House Is Practically Sealed.

Government Will Now Put Through Resolution Condemning the Peers and Affirming the Sole Right of Commons To Deal With Matters of Taxation.

Special to The Standard.
London, Nov. 16.—In the House of Lords today Lord Lansdowne, leader of the Opposition, gave the formal and expected notice of his intention to move for the rejection of the budget bill when it comes up next Monday.

"I move that this House is not justified in giving its consent to this bill until it has been submitted to the judgment of the country."

As the Unionist peers hold the same commanding position in the upper House of Commons, Lord Lansdowne's motion undoubtedly seals the fate of the financial bill and assures a general election in January.

Communicated to Premier.
The terms of Lord Lansdowne's motion to reject the budget, of which he gave formal notice in the House of Lords today, were communicated to Premier Asquith at an early hour and discussed by the Cabinet Council during the course of the day. The Unionist anticipate that three hundred peers will support Lord Lansdowne, while the supporters of the Government in the House of Lords number only forty.

On the rejection of the budget bill, it is expected that the Premier will move in the House of Commons a resolution strongly condemning the peers' action, affirming the sole right of the House of Commons to deal with matters of taxation and declaring the peers' attempt to force a dissolution to be unconstitutional.

What further course Premier Asquith will take is not yet known, but it is quite unlikely that the Cabinet will resign unless the Government is defeated at the elections. Some measures are necessary to meet the financial difficulties of taxation and the rejection of the budget and to this end it is suggested that a conference of party leaders should be held to devise means.

Mr. Balfour, the leader of the Opposition in the House of Commons, is under engagement to deliver a speech at Manchester tomorrow night, probably will outline the Unionist party's election manifesto. Meantime Winston Spencer Churchill is first in the field with a manifesto from the Liberal standpoint in a letter on the situation, he claims that the power to force dissolution is the prerogative of the Crown and that finance is the exclusive privilege of the House of Commons.

GREAT EMPIRE PAGEANT HAS BEEN PLANNED

Three Months Festival To Be Held At Crystal Palace Next Year In Aid Of King's Hospital Fund.

TO CELEBRATE BATTLES OF HISTORY

London, Nov. 16.—It is announced that arrangements have been concluded for a great Empire pageant to be held at the Crystal Palace during next year. The festival, which is to last for three months, will be on a very grand scale, and all sections of the Empire will be represented. The proceeds are to be devoted to the King's Hospital fund.

Pageant Master.
Mr. F. R. Benson, a well known Shakespearean actor, who is the pageant master, has outlined a comprehensive programme, covering the evolution of warfare in Britain from the barbaric age to the present time, opening with pictures of the warriors of prehistoric Britain armed with stone and bronze weapons to the Roman occupation, and the military system of the Middle Ages. A series of six tableaux will follow, depicting probably the battles of Hastings, Bannockburn, Crecy, Agincourt, Flushing and Naseby, these having been selected not only on account of their historic importance, but because each represents a distinct epoch in the development of military science.

Famous Achievements.
For the next part of the pageant it is intended to prepare a series of episodes selected from Minden, Corunna, Assaye, Quebec, the battles of the Peninsula War and Waterloo. These will set forth the famous achievements of individual regiments in the British army, and it is hoped that they may be produced by present day members of the corps concerned.

Finally there is to be a grand tableau of the Army of the Empire from its beginning to the present time. With such a wealth of material to draw upon, Mr. Benson and his assistants should be able to produce a pageant of unequalled interest and splendor.

The organization of the part that Canada is to play in it is to be in the hands of Earl and Countess Grey.

Chatham Accident May Prove Fatal
Banding Of Words Between Tradesman And Assistant Leads To Scuffle And One Is Seriously Injured.

Chatham, N. B., Nov. 16.—What will probably prove a fatal accident occurred on the public wharf today back of the post office, and the victim James Chaisson lies in the hospital tonight with the shadow of death. Chaisson had helped Harry Morris, truckman, load his sloven with sacks of potatoes from off the schooner Luing at the wharf, and as Morris was driving away they had a few words in jest with the result that Chaisson made a rush at the teamster Morris was knocked off the load clear of the wheels, but Chaisson was caught and one wheel passed over his head injuring it horribly. He was removed to the hospital and Dr. Loggie was summoned. Recovery, however, is very doubtful.

OTTAWA TRYS TO EXCUSE DELAY IN VALLEY RAILWAY

Pugsley Attempts To Atone For Government's Tardiness In Dealing With Proposals.

Why the Old Proprietor Light Was Left In a Useless condition—Yesterday at Ottawa.

OTTAWA, Nov. 16.—At the conclusion of a two hours' sitting devoted to miscellaneous business such as the ordering of returns and the asking of questions, Mr. Crocket on the adjournment asked several leading questions in reference to the Government's action upon the proposal for the construction of St. John River Valley Railway. He asked the Prime Minister if the Government had yet considered the proposal presented in April last to a sub-committee of the Cabinet consisting of himself, the Ministers of Railways and the Minister of Public Works, by a large delegation representing all the river counties of New Brunswick and if so what decision had been arrived at. Mr. Crocket said that the right hon. gentlemen remembered that the delegation represented they had the assurance of the Government of New Brunswick that the Government-in-Council of that province would undertake to guarantee the construction of the railway to the extent of \$25,000 a mile, providing this Government would agree to take the line over on its completion and to operate it as a part of the Intercolonial system on a basis of 40 per cent. of gross earnings. The delegation asked for an early reply so that the necessary legislation being passed by the legislature of New Brunswick at the last session, which was then expected to proceed in a few days.

Mr. Crocket heard the Prime Minister characterized the proposition as a definite one which the Government would have to consider and intimated that a reply would be given in the course of a few days.

No Information Yet.
Notwithstanding that assurance of the Prime Minister no official intimation had been yet communicated to the Government of New Brunswick or to the railway company as to what action a reply would be given in the course of a few days.

TO MAKE FOR DOMINION MEDICAL REGISTRATION

Important Conference Held Yesterday At Montreal In Matter Of Dr. Roddick's Bill—Amendments Proposed.

Montreal, Nov. 16.—An important conference was held here today between representative physicians from all parts of Canada and Dr. Roddick of Montreal, in regard to Dr. Roddick's bill for Dominion medical registration which has not met with the approval of all the provinces and thus has not been put into force. As the result of the conference held today a tentative agreement has been arrived at by which steps will be taken to have the act so amended as to be acceptable to all the provinces.

During Present Session.
It is expected that action will be taken during the present session at Ottawa following which concurrent legislation will be adopted by all the provinces when Dominion medical registration will be an accomplished fact. Dr. Roddick presided at today's conference and the representatives present were:

Dr. Spinkie, Wolf Island, Ont., representing the Ontario Medical Council; Dr. S. N. Starr, Toronto; Dr. R. W. Powell, Ottawa; Dr. F. J. Tunstall, Vancouver; Dr. R. J. Blanchard, Winnipeg; Dr. Murray McLaren, St. John, N. B.; Dr. J. W. Daniel, M. P., St. John, N. B.; Dr. John Stewart, Dr. M. Campbell and Dr. T. L. Sinclair, Halifax; Dr. S. B. Jenkins, Charlotte, P. E. I.; Dr. E. P. Lachapelle, Dr. H. S. Birkett, Montreal, and Dr. L. P. Normand, Three Rivers.

WELL KNOWN AMHERST MAN PASSES AWAY

Amherst, N. S., Nov. 16.—The death occurred here at three o'clock this afternoon of Dimock Archibald, one of Amherst's most highly esteemed citizens and a gentleman well known throughout the province. For some years he has conducted the well known "Empire" hotel. The Archibald House. The deceased was born at Stewiacke, N. S., 67 years ago.

CONSPIRACY CASE IS ADJOURNED AT HALIFAX

November 30th Fixed As Date Of Next Session Of Hearing—Little Progress Made In Case Yesterday.

Special to The Standard.
Halifax, N. S., Nov. 16.—The conspiracy case against the Nova Scotia coal operators which has been aired in the courts from day to day for the past month was adjourned until November 30th. A month has transpired since the first witness was subpoenaed. The first witness was heard on Oct. 19. When the last witness was heard he heard nobody knows. His honor tonight said there was no hurry. The supreme court will not meet till March.

Today the trial started at half past three. Very little progress was made owing to counsel arguing over the admissibility of contracts and annual statements.

Rold Wilson one of the Montreal directors of the Dominion Coal Company will be a witness when the sessions are resumed. He was subpoenaed for the 19th instant, but an arrangement will be made to call him at the later date.

EVIDENCES OF GRAFT ON INTERCOLONIAL

Ugly Rumors Are In Circulation In Moncton Concerning Use Of Stolen And Forged Passes—Other Irregularities.

Special to The Standard.
Moncton, N. B., Nov. 16.—There are many rumors in regard to the use of stolen and forged passes on the Intercolonial, and these the authorities are now investigating. Some reports place the aggregate loss to the railway at thousands of dollars and one railway employe said to be implicated has left town. There are also rumors of irregularities in the handling of regular tickets.

JOHN COLIN McDONALD DEAD AT ANTIGONISH

Antigonish, N. S., Nov. 16.—John Colin McDonald is dead. Mr. McDonald was one of the best known millers and contractors in eastern Nova Scotia. He commenced life penniless and by sheer hard work raised himself to a position of influence. Thirty-two years ago he built a large wood-working factory in this town. Two years ago he sold the factory to D. G. Kirk. Yesterday Mr. McDonald had completed the overhauling of the erecting of a large stove at Arichat for John Lebrun and was expected to return here this week. This morning he was found dead in bed. He was 78 years old and is survived by three sons.

AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE

Ottawa, Nov. 16.—Hon. and Mrs. Hazen lunched at the Government House today. They expect to leave for home tomorrow.

Barrie, Ont., Nov. 16.—Henry W. Price, who set fire to the Hamilton saw mill at Glen Huron two weeks ago, was sentenced yesterday by Justice Wismer to seven years in Kingston penitentiary.

Gets Seven Years.

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