

RAIN PLAYS HAVOC WITH ATTENDANCE

Only 3,300 People Passed The Turnstiles At Fredericton Yesterday — Judging It Is Now Well Under Way.

INTERESTING LECTURES FOR AGRICULTURISTS.

Exhibition Grounds, Fredericton, N. B., Sept. 17.—Tomorrow is expected to be such a big day at the exhibition...

Small Attendance. Only 3,300 people passed through the turnstiles today as compared with about 7,700 last year, but under the circumstances today's attendance was not discouraging to the management...

Judging Results. The judging of Jersey cattle was completed today. Robert Robertson, of Sussex, won the sweetestakes as well as first prize for aged herd...

Judging Continued. Judging the cattle, horses and sheep was continued this morning, and satisfactory progress made...

Talk on Bee Culture. Mr. J. E. Stocker, apiarist, of Oromocto, gave an instructive talk on bee keeping in the Agricultural Hall this morning...

PRISONERS ESCAPE FROM DORCHESTER. Two Convicts, Larsen and Kennedy Make Successful Dash From Prison. Working in the Prison.

Special to The Standard. Moncton, Sept. 17.—Two prisoners, Larsen and Kennedy escaped from Dorchester penitentiary today while they were working outside the prison walls...

WINNIPEG MEN TO OPPOSE ASIATIC LABOR. Special to The Standard. Winnipeg, Sept. 17.—At a meeting of the trades and labor council the Winnipeg delegates to the Labor Congress which opens at Quebec on Monday were instructed to bring up the question of using Oriental labor on the G. T. P. and to oppose the plan in every possible way.

Prof. William Thayer Smith, dean of the Dartmouth Medical School, and a widely known author of medical textbooks, died at his home in Hanover, N. H., last night.

BUSINESS MEN UNITE TO KILL LABOR TROUBLE

Cape Bretoners Alive To Necessity For Action And An Attempt Will Be Made To End Strike.

U. M. W. BUILDING HOUSES FOR STRIKERS.

Special to The Standard. Halifax, N. S., Sept. 17.—A determined move is on by the business men of Cape Breton to bring about a settlement of the present trouble between the Dominion Coal Company and the U. M. W. The strike has been in progress for nearly four months and conditions remain practically the same...

Call For Tenders. Tenders to the amount of from five to forty thousand dollars have been called by the executive officers of the U. M. W. for lumber for the erection of houses for the strikers...

Many Matters To Be Adjusted When Commission Meets On Tuesday Next—Minister Of Finance Recovers Money.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Ont., Sept. 17.—Several cases will come up before the Railway Commission at its regular meeting on Tuesday next.

DIFFERENCES SETTLED WITH GLOUCESTER CO. Hon. J. K. Flemming Has Accomplished In A Few Hours What Late Administration Failed To Do.

Special to The Standard. Bathurst, Sept. 17.—In a few hours yesterday, Hon. J. K. Flemming, as commissioner for the local Government, accomplished the settlement of the claims of the province against the county on the account of the Provincial Hospital...

STRATHCONA REGRETS HE WILL MISS GROWTH. Commissioner For Canada In Optimistic Address Before Canadian Club At Montreal—Speaks Of Future West.

Special to The Standard. Montreal, Sept. 17.—The Canadian Club gave a dinner to Lord Strathcona tonight. It was expected that His Lordship would say something in regard to his connection with the Canadian Commission, but he did not...

Peary and Cook On Last Leg Of Big Race For Home Shores

Brooklyn Man On Board Oscar II. Reiterates Claim of Discovery and Asks World to Have Confidence In Him—Peary On Board Roosevelt Steaming for Sydney is in Lighter Vein, Discussing Plum Puddings.

On Board S. S. Oscar II. at Sea, Sept. 17.—(via Marconi wireless telegraph to Cape Race, Nfld.)—"Tell the people of America to have the fullest confidence in my quest of the pole. I have records of observations made by which I will prove my claim. I shall be glad again to set my foot on American soil."

This was the brief message which Dr. Frederick A. Cook today asked the Associated Press to give to his countrymen as he nears home on the steamer Oscar II bound from Christiana, Norway, for New York. The Oscar II is due there some time next Monday.

Dr. Cook discussed freely with the Associated Press correspondent today, the assertions of Commander Peary that he (Cook) never reached the North Pole and drew from him a detailed story of the causes that brought about dissension between the two explorers.

Left Provisions. When he departed for the north Dr. Cook said he left a depot of provisions at Annotok, North of Etah, in charge of Rudolf Franke and several Eskimos. Franke had instructed Peary that he (Cook) never reached the North Pole and drew from him a detailed story of the causes that brought about dissension between the two explorers.

At the same time the Eskimos who had accompanied me north were told to maintain the strictest silence. When I went into the depot there was a dispute between myself and Murphy, who delivered to me written instructions he himself could neither read nor write. This instruction showed that he was making a trading station of my depot, the contents of which had been used in trading for furs and wine.

DIFFERENCES SETTLED WITH GLOUCESTER CO. Hon. J. K. Flemming Has Accomplished In A Few Hours What Late Administration Failed To Do.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Ont., Sept. 17.—At the request into the death of Edward Kaitting who was supposed to have been electrocuted at the fair grounds yesterday in endeavoring to pull down the Nasar airship which had become entangled in the electric wires, it developed that Kaitting could have been revived had he not swallowed an upper set of false teeth. Nasar's assistant, who was resuscitated received a heavier voltage than did Kaitting.

LABOR COUNCIL URGES TRADE RETALIATION. Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Sept. 17.—At a meeting of the National Trades and Labor Council last evening the exportation of pulpwood and other Canadian products was discussed, and the council, on report of the executive committee, expressed the hope that the Provincial Government would stand firm and preserve Canadian rights in regard to the claims of the United States.

PREFERENTIAL TRADE OPHELED BY CONGRESS

Convention Of Chambers Of Commerce Of The Empire Adopt Resolution Favoring Preferential Trade.

LOCAL DELEGATES ACTIVE IN DEBATE.

Special to The Standard. Sydney, N. S. W., Sept. 17.—The congress of the Chambers of Commerce of the Empire yesterday adopted the London Chamber's resolution in favor of preferential trade, by a large majority.

Mr. Hatheyway. St. John, N. B., said the preference would stimulate the growth of tobacco in South Africa. The preferential tariff should however only apply to goods carried in British ships to British ports.

Mr. Alexander of Vancouver advocated preference and an amendment moved by Mr. Pender, of St. John, N. B., that the preference should only apply to the goods carried in British ships, between British ports was defeated.

PAYETTE OF MONTREAL REFUSES TO ATTEND MEETINGS OF COUNCIL AND FATHERS ADJOURN IN PROTEST OF ACTION.

Special to The Standard. Montreal, Sept. 17.—For some time Mayor Payette having a different opinion with the majority of the members of the city council has neglected to attend the sessions of that body. Today a special meeting of the council was called, but it adjourned immediately as a protest against the absence of the mayor.

RESERVATION RESCINDED BY ORDER IN COUNCIL. Land Company Which Took Over Areas Fails To Comply With Contract And Must Give Up Rights.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Sept. 17.—An order-in-council appears in the Canada Gazette rescinding the reservation made in favor of the Peace River Colonization and Land Development Company.

TAFT DEFENDS TARIFF. Winona, Minn., Sept. 17.—In the most important utterance he has made since his occupancy of the White House, President Taft here tonight, in a state which is the hotbed of the "insurgent" movement within the Republican party, defended the Payne tariff bill as the best tariff measure ever passed by a Republican Congress and hence the best tariff bill the people have ever known.

HEARING AT GRAND FALLS ADJOURNED

At Instance Of Counsel For J. F. Tweeddale Inquiry Into Charge Brought By Nine Goes Over.

NEXT SITTING OF COURT TO BE AT ANDOVER.

Special to The Standard. Grand Falls, N. B., Sept. 17.—Hon. W. C. H. Grimmer, Surveyor General, was here yesterday and part of today, sitting as a commissioner to inquire into certain charges made during the last session of the legislature by J. Fletcher Tweeddale, M. P. P., against John B. Stevenson, a lumber scaler in the employ of the government and against Wm. Vassor, a game warden.

On Floor of House. The statements were made on the floor of the legislature. The case against Stevenson was taken up first. Mr. Tweeddale was presented and represented by his counsel, W. P. Jones. Mr. Stevenson who was also present, had as his counsel C. E. Elliott, of Andover. The statement made in this case was in effect that Mr. Stevenson who had been appointed by the present government, was a defaulter and discredited to the county and province, that he had been in jail and had embezzled the funds of the Foresters.

Last evening was mainly taken up with the evidence of John Campbell who testified as to alleged irregularities of Stevenson in making returns to the high court of funds in his hands as financial secretary, which the witness said resulted into a long correspondence between him and certain officers of the high court and led to an investigation being made by Mr. Kennedy, the district organizer. The letters were admitted in evidence.

Examined Fully. The witness was examined very fully as to the relations of Mr. Stevenson with the local court and its funds. He said that Mr. Stevenson was until a member of the court, in good standing.

Herbert Camber was another witness, as also was Sheriff Tibbitts, who, as jailer for the county of Victoria, stated that Mr. Stevenson had been in his custody in a matter of debt, but never in any criminal proceeding.

The case was then adjourned on the application of Mr. Jones in order that Mr. Kennedy might be secured as a witness, until September 30 at Andover, when after the case for the complainant is concluded, Mr. Stevenson will present his side of the case.

Two Brothers. Mr. Curless who represented Mr. Vassor, who was not present, asked Mr. Tweeddale if he had not heard afterwards that there were two brothers, Vassor, and the one who was the game warden was not working in the mill. However, Mr. Tweeddale would go on the stand in the meantime, Mr. Tweeddale said that he had received the information from Mr. Burgess.

CANADIAN CLUBS DECIDE TO UNITE. Great Organizations Planned Extending From The Atlantic To The Pacific—Mr. H. D. Miller, President.

Special to The Standard. Montreal, Sept. 17.—A federation of Canadian Clubs was definitely decided upon at today's meeting of the convention of members of bodies, representing all the important organizations from the Atlantic to the Pacific. Although there will be a central organization individual clubs will be left free to look after their own interests. The first president of the association of Canadian Clubs is W. H. D. Miller, of Montreal; Vice Presidents, C. R. McCullough, Hamilton; J. D. Mitchell, Winnipeg; Mayor Chisholm, Halifax; F. C. Wade, Vancouver. The appointment of a general secretary was left in the hands of the Montreal club.

FISHERMEN IN DIFFICULTIES AT ST. STEPHEN

Back Bay Mar Gets Weir Privilege And Attempts To Shut Out Fellow Fishermen—Trouble Speedily Follows.

Special to The Standard. St. Stephen, N. B., Sept. 17.—The pursuit of wealth has led to strife of considerable proportion among some of our residents. It is all on account of the elusive but very valuable sardine herring, which are being pursued here by fishermen from Deer Island and the mainland shore.

Place of the Encounter. Where Dennis stream enters the river just at the eastern extremity of the town a natural basin exists several acres in extent that is each night at this time of year, alive with the little fishes.

On the shore of the basin Douglas Duplisse's home has been located many years and he claims ownership of the place and thereafter understood to bar out his competitors.

DIGBY TO BOSTON BY DIRECT STEAMER. Prominent Railway And Steamship Men In Halifax It Is Said To Discuss New Steamship Line.

Special to The Standard. Halifax, N. S., Sept. 17.—The Blue-nose from Yarmouth tonight brought some prominent passengers including Calvin Austin, General Manager of the Eastern Steamship Company, H. H. Raymond, President of the Malory Line and General Manager of the Clyde Line, Eugene Foss, C. W. Burroughs and G. P. Stern, officers of the Eastern. After an inspection of the present shipping facilities at Digby they came to Halifax where it is understood they are to confer with W. D. Barclay, General Manager of the eastern division of the MacKenzie & Mann R. R. system who will arrive tomorrow from Montreal in regard to the placing of a line of steamships between Boston, Digby and Port Wade making the latter place the Bay of Fundy terminus of the H. & S. W. Railway.

SCHOONER BRADLEY ARRIVES AT CANSO. Famous Schooner Which Conveyed Dr. Cook Into Arctic—Turns Up At Nova Scotia Port.

Special to The Standard. Halifax, N. S., Sept. 17.—After two years battling with the ice floes in the Arctic regions the world famous schooner John R. Bradley, which conveyed Dr. Frederick Cook and his party into the wilds of the far north reached Canso today. She is on her way to Gloucester and called for supplies. None of the present members of the crew were on the famous trip.

POLICE STOPPED BOUT. Duquesne Garden, Pittsburg, Pa., Sept. 17.—The McGinn-Klaus bout before the National A. C. here scheduled for six rounds, was stopped in the third round tonight, by the police after McGinn had been repeatedly warned not to strike low.