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CIVIC RECEPTION TO FOREIGN DELEGATES

Brilliant Scene in City Hall Last Night in Honor of Women of the Fourth Quinquennial Congress.

Dull and dripping skies yesterday morning must have alarmed the lady visitors from overseas, and especially the British contingent, who could have no conception of the capacity of Toronto weather in clearing up and settling down between meals.

The great civic reception tendered by His Wordship the Mayor and Mrs. Oliver suffered not a jot by the rain of the morning, and, indeed, the clean washed streets, absolutely dry and free from dust, were the best encouragement for the hundreds who used the street cars to reach the Queen-street palace.

Motor cars, taxicabs and carriages of all kinds thronged the driveway from shortly after 8 till near 11, and constant streams of visitors in every variety of gala costume, swept up and down the wide steps.

The entrance hall was neatly decorated, not too crowded with tropical flora, and in the west end an hospitable board grinned rather than groaned with good things. By 10 o'clock this was the place to find people you wanted to meet. Two bands discoursed not too classical music upstairs, and a court of law was turned into a robing room for the butterflies of fashion.

Their Tollsome Pleasure.

The council chamber was decorated as a reception room, and at 8.30 His Worship and Mrs. Oliver took their stand and began the tollsome pleasure of shaking hands with the hundreds of guests.

As befitting a woman's congress the ladies had it very largely to themselves, and gentlemen awere comparatively as scarce as plums in the restaurant pudding. About 9 o'clock, and when everybody had asked everybody else where was the Countess of Aberdeen, the strains of the National Anthem were heard at the top of the main staircase, announcing the arrival of the Government House party. His Honor and the Countess proceeded to the council room, and then it was discovered that proverbs are delusive and the early birds had not caught the worm at all. However, they decided not to be defrauded of their due, and nearly everybody trooped back into the council room, and so into the council chamber and getting their names called once more, had a second shake of the mayoral hand, and the coveted grasp of the countess, with an additional pressure from the lieutenant-governor, to confirm the transaction. Sir Mortimer and Miss Clark stood to the right of the dais, and one of the picturesque figures in the procession was the venerable Mohawk Princess, sister of the late Dr. Oronhyatekha. A Canadian Princess of the Six Nations has perhaps as fine a lineage as most of the royalty of the world.

Not in Evidence.

The delegates to the conference were not much in evidence, and the crowd really wished to have them lined up in a row, with their tags on, so that they might be identified and inspected.

The fact is that the group of clever women who have come to Toronto for the quinquennial conference, while quite the equal of any group of ladies in the matter of fashion, are much more devoted to the more substantial affairs of life. What is essential to some women is incidental with them, but it is not the less charming on that account. Their places are with those of whatever sex who "drill the raw world for the march of mind till crowds at length be sane and crowns be just." But at least they could appreciate something of the dignity and importance of our civic life from last night's reception in the splendid city hall. The mayor himself was as massive and majestic as a United States President, and no less democratic.

The Countess of Aberdeen was very sweet and charming, and looked very gracious. She wore a diamond tiara and was dressed in black and silver.

Evening dress was the rule, but a large number came in mufti. It was an orderly and distinguished gathering, and all to the credit of Toronto.

The Business Sessions.

The executive of the International Council of Fomen was in session all day. It met in the senate chamber of the university. The Countess of Aberdeen, presided.

The nominations of general officers for the next five years, as sent in by the various national councils, were approved. They were:

President, the Countess of Aberdeen, by the national council of Great Britain and Ireland; Madame Jules Siegfried, by the national council of France.

For the three vice-presidents: Miss Baeide, by the Netherlands; Laly Edgar by Canada; Baroness Gripenberg by Finland; Frau Marianne Hainisch by Austria; Mlle Monod by France; Frau Charlotte Norrie by Denmark; Mlle Popelin by Belgium; Rev. Anna Howard Shaw by Canada; Mme. Jules Siegfried by France; Countess Spallett Rasponi by Italy; Mrs. Mary Wood Swift by United States; Mrs. Garrison Villard.

Honorary Corresponding Secretary: Dr. Alice Salomon, Germany.

For Honorary Recording Secretary: Mrs. Foster Avery, United States; Dr. Alexander Skogslund, Sweden.

Hon. Treasurer: Mrs. W. E. Canford, Canada.

Conveners: Finance, Miss Willoughby Cummings, Canada; press, Miss Johanna Naber, Netherlands; peace and arbitration, Mrs. May Wright Sewall, United States; laws concerning the legal position of women, Mde L'Affadie

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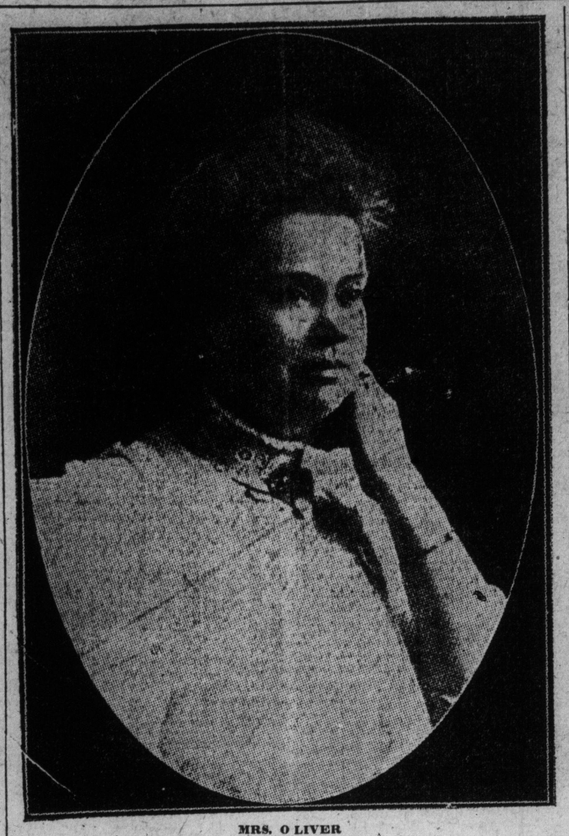

MRS. O LIVER
Wife of the Mayor of Toronto, who received the delegates to the Quinquennial Congress at the City Hall last night.

To-Day's Program

10 a.m. *Meeting of International Council in West Hall, Lady Aberdeen presiding.*

1 p.m. *University Luncheon; Mrs. Samuel Nordheimer, patroness.*

2 p.m. *Meeting of International Council in West Hall, Lady Aberdeen presiding.*

3 p.m. *Closing exercises at Loretto Abbey.*

8 p.m. *Meeting on Public Health in Convocation Hall, with Lady Aberdeen in the chair.*

I.O.G.T. SET ASIDE TAX FOR EXTENSION WORK

Joseph Day of Toronto Elected Grand Chief—A Suggestion on Local Option Voting

PEMBROKE, June 17.—(Special.)—The 56th annual session of the Grand Lodge of Ontario, Independent Order of Good Templars, which has been holding a two-day convention at Douglas, closed to-day.

The official reports showed the order to be making satisfactory progress. There were a number of delegates present from Ottawa, Toronto, Kingston, Hamilton and intermediate points, and from as far west as Fort William.

Next year's meeting will be held in Kingston, on the third Wednesday in June. It was also decided to set aside one-sixth of the per capita tax to be used in extension work, and the rebate to district lodges was reduced from two cents to one cent per head per quarter.

The following were elected as executive officers: Past Grand Chief Templar, John Eagleson, Ottawa; grand chief templar, Jos. H. Day, Toronto; grand counsellor, Jas. Armstrong, Kingston; grand supt. of juvenile work, Tom B. W. Maughton, Hamilton; grand secretary, G. L. McRea, Toronto; grand treasurer; A. H. Lyle, Hamilton; grand vice-templar, Minnie G. Ross, Douglas.

The tax rate was fixed at 12 cents per head per quarter, being the same as last year.

The report of the committee on political action, whose final report was adopted by the grand lodge, expressed dissatisfaction and regret at the Ontario government's decision to retain the three-fifths clause and expressed the hope that in districts where local option failed to carry by the three-fifths majority, but where a reasonable majority voted in favor of a local option measure the government would allow the vote to be again submitted at the next election.

Y.M.C.A. FUND GROWS.

MONTREAL, June 17.—(Special.)—Nearly $18,000 was subscribed to-day to the Y. M. C. A. fund, including $2000 from Hanson Bros. and $1000 each from Hugh Paton, Drummond, McCall & Co., and a friend, whose initials are A. H. O.

A. A. Ingram, son of A. B. Ingram, of the provincial railway and municipal board, Toronto, has been appointed M.C.R. solicitor to succeed W. B. Kingsmill at St. Thomas, who returns to Toronto.

PREMIER AND LADY CLARK LAY TWO CORNER STONES

For New Wing of Hospital For Incurables and Nurses' Home —The Prize-Winners.

Yesterday marked a new era in the history of the Toronto Hospital for Incurables. It was the day set apart for the laying of the corner stones of the new wing for the hospital and the new nurses' home.

The former was laid by Sir James P. Whitney and the latter by Lady Clark. Each were the recipients of a beautifully engraved trowel, with the date of the event, and having a large ivory handle.

At the meeting held in the dining room, which was beautifully draped for the occasion with large flags and bunting, Sir James P. Whitney said that he was proud to testify to the worthiness of the institution and that he was glad of the opportunity to show his skill as a stone mason.

Ambrose Kent, on behalf of the board, expressed gratification at the large attendance of the influential friends of the hospital. Mr. Kent paid great tribute to the institution and said there was a great deal of good done by it, far more than the public recognized. He then traced the history from the very beginning and in closing said that there were two ladies present Lady Clark and Mrs. Grant Macdonald, who had been closely identified with the hospital during its 36 years of life.

He was followed by Mayor Oliver, who made an appeal to the wealthy citizens to give more of their moneys to the deserving charities and declared by their doing so a great deal of the misery that now exists would be eliminated.

One of the most attractive parts of the program was the giving to the graduating nurses their diplomas and prizes. The splendor of this event was overshadowed a little by a telegram from Lady Aberdeen that she regretted that business would not permit her to attend, as it was expected that she would officiate in giving out the prizes.

The graduation speech was therefore made by Sir Mortimer Clark, who declared that one of the most responsible positions in the world was occupied by nurses.

Mrs. Ambrose Kent presented Miss M. E. Taylor with the gold medal, while Dr. E. E. King gave the silver medal to Miss I. A. Ford. To Miss L. Barrow was given by C. R. Millichamp the third prize. Mrs. Grant Macdonald presented Miss I. A. Ford with a prize for the theory of massage, while Miss M. Woodhouse and Miss E. Bar were each presented by Miss Forsyth with a prize for their work during their period of training. The diplomas were given out by Lady Clark.

The lady superintendent, Miss Helen Forsyth, reported that the staff was now 22 and that during the year 48 patients had been received by the hospital. Regret was expressed at the death in New York of Miss Ethel Miller from typhoid fever. The guests, who numbered over 100, were then shown around the building and lunch was served in the reception room.

WILL SIGN WATERWAYS TREATY.

OTTAWA, June 17.—It is learned on good authority that the International Waterways Treaty will be disposed of by the government without waiting to hear further from parliament. The matter may be the subject of conference between Hon. Mr. Aylesworth and the foreign office in London, but no long delay is apprehended.

PORT ARTHUR WILL LIKELY TAKE OVER BELL PHONES.

PORT ARTHUR, June 17.—(Special.)—The city council has agreed to buy the local plant of the Bell Telephone Company for $3500, subject to ratification by the ratepayers.

Russ Shells Discharged at British Ship

Excessive Vigilance in Protecting Czar From Intrusion in Viborg Harbor.

LONDON, June 17.—Neither the British foreign office nor the Russian embassy here has issued any statement regarding the firing upon the British steamer Woodburn by a Russian warship in the vicinity of Viborg.

The owners of the vessel, Whitfield & Co. of Newcastle, have received a telegram from Captain Robertson dated Fredericksbaven, confirming the reports of the firing on his ship.

The steamer was fired upon by a Russian torpedo boat for approaching too close to the bay on the Finnish coast, where Emperor Nicholas and Emperor William are meeting to-day.

First was a blank charge, but this was followed a few seconds later by two shells. Portions of the shells penetrated the bulkheads and the boiler of the Woodburn. The engineer of the steamer was wounded in the leg and was taken aboard the Russion cruiser Asia, where his wounds were dressed.

The incident shows the extreme nervousness for the safety of Emperor Nicholas even at sea.

SPECIAL SCHOOL MARKS FOR BIBLICAL LESSONS

Recommendation at the Synod of Huron—A Resolution Adopted In Church Union.

LONDON, June 17.—(Special.)—The Synod of Huron closed to-day. The following resolution, proposed by Judge Ermantinger of St. Thomas, was practically unanimously endorsed: "That this synod desires to express its satisfaction at the action of the general synod in authorizing a renewal of negotiations with other Christian communions for the furtherance of Christian unity, and it hopes that no effort will be spared to bring about some practical results."

Canon Hague of London was entirely in favor of it, but his ideas coincided with those of the Bishop of Ontario, who had said that probably not until the second coming of our Lord will there be general conformity.

The committee on religious instruction in the schools recommended that a catechism on at least the historical portions of the Old Testament be compiled, the answers to be as far as possible in the very words of Scripture, and that this subject of Biblical instruction be given a value in school standing and high school entrance examinations as a compulsory subject, or, failing this, that it be treated as an optional subject and marks given as a bonus addition to other marks.

A motion was passed making it possible for the synod to meet outside of London.

PRIZE FOR CIVILIAN SHOTS

Dominion Militia Council Offer Silver Salver For Competition.

OTTAWA, June 17.—(Special.)—With a view to the greater encouragement of rifle shooting among members of civilian rifle associations, the militia council will offer "The Dominion of Canada Prize" to each gazetted and efficient Civilian Rifle Association, for competition during this season. The prize is a nickel silver ornamented salver, 10 inches in diameter, bearing the coat of arms of the Dominion, with an inscription. Competitors must be duly enrolled members of the association they represent. To be eligible, it will be necessary for the association to hold four competitions during the season in which at least forty per cent. of the members must take part.

CHEER JUDGE LANDRY.

Public Rebuke to the Insinuations of Politicians.

ST. JOHN, N. B., June 17.—(Special.)—During the exercises of the closing of St. Joseph's College at Memramcook, N. B., this afternoon, Father Guertin, superior of the college, said: "We are proud that Justice Landry against whom some insinuations have been made by a politician, is the president of our alumni. I wish to state publicly and emphatically, that the hon. gentleman is far above these insinuations."

Judge Landry was present and the 600 people in the hall arose and cheered at length.

BIG WINNIPEG FIRE.

Great West Saddlery Company Factory Burned Out.

WINNIPEG, June 17.—Shortly before 1.0o'clock this morning the 75,000 factory of the Great West Saddlery Co. was discovered to be on fire in the fourth storey. The fire spread rapidly and the building was gutted, at a loss estimated at $375,000; insurance $165,-300.

The insurance is: Atlas $5000, British America $3500, Caledonia $4000, Connecticut $5000, Commercial Union $3000, Canada Fire $6500, Guardian $1500, Hartford $4500, Home $3000, London, Liverpool and Globe $12,500, London Mutual $7000, Millers' Mutual $2500, N. British and M. $4000, $10,000, Norwich Union, $8500, North America $10,-000, Northern $600, N. Y. Underwriters $2500, Northwest $2500, Pacific Coast $2000, Phoenix of Brooklyn $8000, Royal $12,500, Roch. German $3500, Rich. and Drum. $8000, Sun Fire $7500, Sovereign $2500, St. Paul $3500, Springfield $3000, Union $6200, Western $5000, York $5000.

TREAT EDITOR LIKE A FELON

In Tattered Clothes, Behind Double Bars, and All for "Contempt of Court."

MONTREAL, June 17.—(Special.)—The Hon. P. Landry, senator of the Dominion, has been visiting Jules Fournier, editor of Le Nationalist, who is confined in the Quebec jail, having been sentenced to three months for contempt of court. The senator says:

"I asked fo rthe prisoner, and he appeared behind a double iron grating which separates by four feet the assassins and the thieves from their relatives and their friends. In the lighted prison cage, which one traverses to reach the grating in question, an ordinary prisoner talks with the members of his family without any restraint whatever; but Fournier, guilty of a newspaper offence, is left without mercy behind a double grating in company with two other prisoners, who were also receiving a visit from several relatives.

"As three people only can sit in front of the grating, I was obliged to trouble the conversation of the two other prisoners, as they were forced by the circumstances to interfere with mine, for the reason that the distance separating Fournier and myself was so great we had to converse in a very loud tone to be at all understood.

"Fournier was dressed in the ordinary prison garb, a sort of blue drilling, barred trousers, and a ten-cent straw hat, all being worn to a fringe, having been used by several prisoners who had used the clothing before him.

"I remember some years ago, when Mathurin, who had been condemned to death was awaiting his execution, of having paid a visit to the miserable man, Mr. Bernatchese being governor of the jail. He personally brought me to the prisoner, whom I could see close at hand, and I also remember that he wore his own clothing. In comparing, therefore, the treatment inflicted upon Fournier and those who visit him with that accorded to Mathurin, it will be easily understood what sentiments such a visit produces and if I do not give expression to my indignation here it is because I do not want him to suffer for the just indignation because of the prosecutions to which he is made to suffer to-day.

"He, however, supports it all bravely, convinced that he had right on his side when he denounced the administration of justice; he has no desire to lessen the value of his act in bowing before those who threatened him with imprisonment. He entered his cell holding his head high. He underwent the ignominious treatment of being made the victim of an insulting inspection like a vile criminal, and after they had stripped him of everything he possessed, they took away his clothing and replaced them with the garb of a vulgar bandit. He endured, however, all these humiliations with the serene conscience of a man who had done his duty. From his prison cell he will walk out carrying high his head."

Justice Some Day.

"Fournier neither asks pity or favor. In fact he has nothing to ask from the reign of despotism and terror which exists all over the Province of Quebec. Fournier will do his time, and others will suffer like him, but the day will come when the cup will run over, and the people will do justice to themselves.

LABOR COUNCIL BARS STEAMFITTERS' UNION 77

Warm Fight Over Recommendation That Craft Be Admitted—Promoting Use of Label.

Red hot was the battle in the District Trades and Labor Council last night over the recommendation of the organization committee that a new local union (No. 77) of steamfitters be allowed to affiliate with the central body. Delegates from Plumbers' and Steamfitters' Local No. 41 raised a protest on account of the number of new organizations having seceded from their craft without meeting their dues and assessments which had accrued during the plumbers' strike. The constitutional point was raised that the new association make good their obligation to local 41.

The meeting decided not to concur in the recommendation of the organization committee.

C.P.R. GETS BLOCK

Of Sixteen Acres in North Rosedale, East of St. Andrew's College.

Yesterday's crop gossip regarding railway matters alleged that the C.P.R. was increasing its land holdings in the vicinity of North Rosedale, and that a block containing 16 acres, immediately east of St. Andrew's College, and south of Summerhill-avenue, had been purchased. The real estate firm of Rice, Kidney & Co., Victoria-street, are said to have put the deal thru; but they would offer very little enlightenment when appealed to for confirmation. Mr. Rice said it was contrary to the practice of his firm to make their clients' business public and he did not think the railway companies, if purchases were being made on their account, would care to have the circumstances known.

Annuities Are Meeting With Public Favor

There Are 228 Applications With Total Payments to Amount of $160,000.

OTTAWA, June 17.—(Special.)—The revenue up to date from the government system of annuities totals $130,-000, and the total number of applications is 228. The revenue of late has averaged $20,000 a week, but on one day of this week $10,000 was received.

The system of annuities was inaugurated only in September last, and the first few months were necessarily devoted largely to matters of organization. A number of agents and lecturers have been engaged, three in Ontario, two in Quebec and one each in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, while the west has not yet been provided for.

The department is about to enter upon negotiations with the large manufacturers of the country, suggesting the purchase of annuities for their employes, or co-operating with the latter in doing so.

REVOLT IN LIBERAL CLUB OVER METHODS OF BOSS

Prominent Party Men Blackballed By Executive and Disruption of Organization May Follow.

Is the Ontario Club to be a donkey engine to an ambitious politician?

This question is agitating the minds of members of the new Liberal club on Bay-street, and those who have given their support to the scheme for the general interests of the party object to its being made a catspaw to boost the senatorial aspirations of Michael J. Haney.

Ever since J. H.W. Mackie was given the double cross for the secretaryship, after faithful work in organizing the club, a portion of the membership have been in revolt.

Now the fat is in the fire thru the action of the executive in rejecting the applications of well-known Liberals thruout the city, men who have advanced the party interests for years, but who merely are non persona grata with the ruling faction.

"For instance," said one of the charter members to The World yesterday, "the gentleman who presided at a Liberal banquet last winter was blackballed."

"A prominent business man on West Queen-street, who also wields a large influence in Centre Toronto, was denied membership, ostensibly owing to his nationality," said another. "No social objections can be urged against him."

"Applications from party stalwarts all over the city have met a similar fate," said another dissatisfied member.

What the ultimate result will be is the most imminent question in party ranks now.

"It looks," said one Liberal, "as tho a large number of the substantial supporters of the party will drop out of the club, and even withdraw support from the party, unless there is an immediate change."

There is no stock and the $25 annual subscription is all that is asked of any.

SENTENCES FOR SMUGGLING

Fifth Ave. Merchants Go to Penitentiary; Woman is Fined $5000.

NEW YORK, June 17.—George C. White, William Kilgannon and the latter's wife, Elizabeth Kilgannon, pleaded guilty to-day to indictments charging them with smuggling. White and Kilgannon are engaged together in business, as dealers in dressmakers' supplies on Fifth-avenue, and Mrs. Kilgannon is a dressmaker.

Kilgannon was sentenced to one year in penitentiary, and White to two years in the federal prison at Atlanta. Mrs. Kilgannon was fined $5000, which she paid.

FAST FRUIT EXPRESS

Berries Picked To-Day in Winnipeg For Sunday Breakfast.

Express rates are being arranged by the C. P. R. for the thru shipment of fruit to Winnipeg. These will be completed in a few days and then cars may be loaded at points in the Niagara peninsula and be shipped to Toronto on a fast express to meet the 10.10 p.m. train for Winnipeg, at which place it will arrive in 36 hours from Toronto. Thus, berries picked to-day can be on the tables of Winnipeggers for breakfast on Sunday.

No shipments of strawberries by car lots have been made from the Oakville district. These growers may arrange for the shipments also when the rates are equitably adjusted. Express cars should have the single thru fare only, each company getting its proportion only.

Loretto Academy Commencement.

NIAGARA FALLS, Ont., June 17.—(Special.)—Commencement exercises were held at Loretto Academy to-day. Monsigneur McCann of Toronto presented medals and diplomas. Right Rev. Hugh MacSherry, D.D., Bishop of Port Elizabeth, South Africa, also addressed the graduates, Miss M. Eagan, Miss M. Shepherd, Niagara Falls; Miss L. Spence, Toronto; Miss S. Sears, Welland; Miss M. Leary, Buffalo.

In the importation of unfortunate girls for unlawful purposes, New York stands first in the list, with Seattle second and Montreal third.

UNION OF CITIES ON CANAL POLICY

Organization of the Influential Business Interests to Request Government to Deepen Welland

"That a permanent organization of municipalities, boards of trade and other public bodies be formed to urge on the government the deepening of Welland Canal at once and that a joint deputation from the permanent organization wait on the government at a suitable time to be arranged."

The foregoing resolution, moved by Mayor Campbell of St. Catharines and seconded by H. W. Richardson, president of the Kingston Board of Trade, was unanimously passed at a meeting representing the city council, local board of trade and manufacturers' association, and the marine and business interests of Ontario lakeport cities.

The meeting was presided over by Ald. Church, chairman of the special committee of the city council. The representatives on hand were:

Toronto Board of Trade and Manufacturers' Association—Peleg Howland, A. E. Kemp, J. B. Miller, F. G. Morley, W. E. Tyndall and Joseph Russell, M. P.

St. Catharines—Mayor Campbell, Ald. W. H. Merritt and S. W. Secord.

Dominion Marine Association—Thos. Conlin, Thorold, and Francis King, K. C., Kingston, counsel for the association.

Hamilton Board of Trade—R.A. Robertson, A. B. MacKay and H. H. Champ.

Kingston Board of Trade—H. W. Richardson and J. S. A. McCann.

Toronto Harbor Board—F. S. Spence.

The new organization will be called the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Navigation Improvement Association. Jos. Thompson, commissioner of industries, who was appointed secretary, was instructed to write to each of the bodies represented and ask that each elect a representative to form the executive and wait upon the government.

Cost Twenty Million Dollars.

It is estimated that the reconstruction of the Welland Canal would cost about $20,000,000. It was made clear that a practically new canal, not a deepening of the present one, is needed. The present canal can only accommodate freighters about 250 feet long, which means that the 500 feet and 600 feet freighters on the upper lakes cannot come below Buffalo. It is computed that from two cents to three cents a bushel on grain would be saved shippers in getting thru consignments to Montreal.

H. W. Richardson, Kingston, declared that the outlay required to get proper advantage from Canada's magnificent stretch of waterways was small compared with the enormous profit. Even with the small water competition which the Welland Canal was able to offer the railways the latter had been compelled to lower their rates two cents a bushel. If large steamers could use the canals, the transportation would be much cheaper.

Need to Wake Up.

Mayor Campbell, St. Catharines, said the Georgian Bay Canal scheme had been so exploited thru the press and parliament that it was time Lake Ontario ports wakened up to their own interests. A strong deputation should be sent at once to Ottawa.

Thos. Conlin, Thorid, speaking as a vesselman, said the deepening, not only of the Welland Canal, but of the St. Lawrence River as well, should be urged. Vesselmen got only a small share of the transportation charges. For instance, the railways get 20c a bushel for carrying grain from Calgary to Fort William. All that the freighters got was four cents a bushel for transportation from Fort William to Montreal, while from Montreal to Liverpool the charge was six cents.

A. E. Kemp thought that freight should be carried by water as far as Prescott or Kingston, but was doubtful whether it would pay a 600 foot vessel to take the slow canal route to Montreal.

A Serious Situation.

A. B. MacKay, Hamilton, said that if the Georgian Bay Canal were built Toronto and Hamilton might as well be 100 miles inland. The present Welland Canal had outlived its usefulness. Traffic thru it had so increased that the time occupied by a vessel in going thru had doubled.

Controller Harrison, for the city, and Peleg Howland, for the board of trade, endorsed the plan.

Francis King, K.C., thought that the views of the Dominion Marine Association in support of the scheme as against the Georgian Bay Canal would have great weight with the government.

F. S. Spence pointed out that if the farmers could be saved one cent a bushel it would mean a million dollars to the northwest and that Toronto and Hamilton, which supplied its needs, would benefit.

J. B. Miller estimated that the improved route would mean that grain could be carried from Duluth to Montreal at 3 1-2c a bushel as against 6c at present. The grain could be carried by steamer to Kingston and from there by barges to Montreal.

Others who spoke in favor were: H. H. Champ, Hamilton; Joseph Russell, M.P., W. E. Tyndall, Ald. McGhie, Ald. Merritt, St. Catharines; and J. S. R. McCann, Kingston.

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