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A PAGE OF NEWS ABOUT THE MARITIME

J. W. V. LAWLOR WROTE PREMIER ABOUT VENIOT

Correspondence is Produced by St. John Man Who Initiated Matter.

ACTION TAKEN WAS PURELY PERSONAL

Saw Mr. Veniot After He Had Received Reply to Letter to the Premier.

J. W. V. Lawlor, of this city, was the author of the letters sent to Premier Meighen last winter, suggesting the Hon. P. J. Veniot of New Brunswick for a seat in the Federal Cabinet. On Saturday the St. John Globe published the following letter from Mr. Lawlor admitting the authorship of the letter and giving his part in the controversy. The letter published is as follows:

"On November 23rd last I wrote Honorable Premier Meighen and suggested wisdom of giving French-Acadians of the Maritime Provinces recognition in the federal cabinet. As a citizen I had a perfect right to do so and neither told any person nor showed my letter, nor its contents to any one. It was a purely personal matter. In reply I received the following perfectly harmless letter:

"Ottawa, Ontario, Dec. 1st, 1920
Dear Mr. Lawlor—I have just received your letter of the 23rd November. I will discuss the subject to which you call attention with Mr. Wignmore. I have had no intimation whatever from the party to whom you refer as to his attitude towards the government or toward the paramount federal issues of the day.

(Signed), ARTHUR MEIGHEN
"J. W. V. Lawlor, Esq., P. O. Box 656, St. John, N. B."

"That is the letter which Honorable Mr. Veniot is trying to make the public believe is an invitation to him from Premier Meighen to become a member of his cabinet. "After receipt of that letter I had conversation with a gentleman well known to Acadians and who takes a keen interest in their welfare, and we discussed 'Acadian representation' and Mr. Veniot quite rilly, and in parting he urged me to see Mr. Veniot at once. As he was a supporter and close friend of Honorable Mr. Veniot I followed his advice and wrote Honorable Mr. Veniot, asking what day he would be in St. John or Fredericton as I wished to speak of a personal matter. Before his reply reached me at St. John a business matter called me to Bathurst, N. B., where I worked about three months a year.

"Meeting Honorable Mr. Veniot there we went to my room at the hotel and I explained my conversation with our mutual friend in St. John and his request to see Mr. Veniot at once. I made my position perfectly clear that I had no authority from anyone to even discuss with him or anyone else Acadian cabinet representation, but that, on my own behalf and because our mutual friend had so requested me to see him at once, I wanted to know if Acadian representation in federal cabinet became a live issue, and if he got the chance to accept, would he accept? I warned him that I was Conservative and he Liberal, but that the conversation was strictly private and confidential, and he agreed to so treat anything that passed between us.

"Now that Honorable Mr. Veniot has seen fit to attempt to make political capital out of that private and confidential conversation, and as Honorable Mr. Meighen is being wrongly accused, I feel bound to give my views.

"Honorable Mr. Veniot discussed

the matter with me for about an hour. He did not resent the suggestion of joining Mr. Meighen's Government if he got the chance, on the contrary he seemed quite pleased and discussed possibility of being re-elected in Gloucester, mentioned that Turgeon would have to have Senatorship to make the vacancy, to which I replied that the custom of all political parties was to provide for interests of any private member who vacated his seat to make safe riding for a cabinet minister. I explained that I mentioned his name in my letter to the Premier as one of the prominent Acadians of the Maritime Provinces, and it was regarding his attitude towards the Government or towards the paramount federal issues of the day that the Premier had no intimation. So that he might know that I had actually written the Premier suggesting Cabinet representation for Acadians, I showed him letter from Premier Meighen as quoted above. We discussed fact that during Laurier's eighteen years in Government the Acadians had not received that recognition to which they were entitled also their great increase in numbers and advancement in every way. We also discussed the formation of the Union Government and he went into details, particularly regarding Mr. Carville's entry, and correspondence between them and I said the entry of those gentlemen made it easier than should opportunity offer. We discussed the advantages of a larger political arena, the greater salary, greater patronage, greater possibilities in every way. He certainly seemed to be pleased with the idea and in conclusion said he would think it over, and as I was going to be in Bathurst some days, he would give me an answer after a few days.

"There was no resentment about that. "Eight days later I called at his house and we had a chat of about twenty or thirty minutes, he saying it would be a serious matter to be away from friends and party with whom he had been associated a lifetime, and I said he could bring his friends along with him, Hon. Mr. Veniot then named four gentlemen with whom he wished to discuss the matter and said one of them, with whom he frequently conferred, was likely to be in Bathurst in a few days and he would see me before I left for home. Up to that time there was no indication of a refusal on his part. He seemed as favorable as at first interview.

"I returned to St. John December 23rd and before leaving Bathurst saw Hon. Mr. Veniot who reported he would have to have more time to decide, as his friend had not yet come to Bathurst, and he had not been able to see the other gentlemen. Again, mind you, no refusal, but simply was giving matter consideration, and would advise me later. About 8th January I wrote him, asking if he had decided re matter we had discussed and in reply received a lengthy political harangue written evidently with the intention of some day publishing it for effect.

"With these facts before you you can readily see why Mr. Lemieux made his inquiry, why Hon. Mr. Veniot on May 5th said to reporter, 'I will not deny that such an offer was made. He might also have added, 'he would not deny' that he was asked to be King of England or President of the United States.

"This above is the result of 'strictly private and confidential' conversations and you and the public can form your opinion as to how Hon. Mr. Lemieux came to mark that 'inquiry' in the House at Ottawa, evidently with the intention of turning a certain vote in York-Sunbury from the Government candidate. "I would call attention to the fact that it took Hon. Mr. Veniot a month to make up his mind that he would decline a certain thing if it ever happened, which surely is good proof that acceptance appeared very strongly to him and one might almost infer that it was those friends whom he expected to see after Christmas who decided on the answer he wrote January 11th."



ARREST WOULD FOLLOW AMONG THE JAPANESE

Missionary Says Canadian Styles Would Shock Nipponese.

CALLS ON CANADA TO LEAD REFORMS

Scores Present Dances and Lack of Dress—Says We Are Immoral.

London, Ont., May 22—Social evils are countenanced in Christian countries like Canada which would not be tolerated for one moment by non-Christian countries like Japan. This was one of the points brought out by Mrs. (Dr.) D. R. McKenzie in an address on "Christianity vs. Buddhism," before an open meeting of the London Methodist District Council, held in Colborne Street Church last night. The ministerial session of the annual district meeting was held in the afternoon when eight candidates for the ministry were examined as to their qualifications.

Mrs. McKenzie attacked in a fearless manner dancing, the liquor traffic, immodest dress, gambling and the social evil in order to awaken the Christian people to the necessity of living better moral lives if they were to Christianize the heathen nations. The eyes of the world were on Canada, she declared, and just as long as she permitted social evils to continue, so long would it be difficult to convert the Japanese, Chinese and other nationalities.

It was instanced that if women in Japan wore dress as immodest as is to be seen in the streets of America that they would forthwith be arrested. To support her statement, Mrs. McKenzie cited the case of an American woman who was arrested on the streets of Tokyo while going to a theatre in evening dress, and was made to put on more wraps until she was allowed to proceed.

"Trees, Use And Value To Nation"

Rev. Dr. Morison Preached Eloquent Sermon on This Subject Last Evening.

Rev. Dr. Morison at the First Presbyterian church, West St. John, last evening, preached an eloquent sermon on the subject of "Trees, their use and value to the Nation." In this connection he brought before the people the necessity of guarding our forests. He pointed out the tremendous damage done by forest fires in the past, referring to the half million dollar damage done last year. He said two million acres of land had been made unproductive in the past because of these fires. The revenues from the forests he said contributed about one-half of the revenues from public utilities. Their protection should be a paramount consideration.

FOREST FIRES THREATEN
Halifax, N. S., May 22—At midnight after an all-day fight against a forest fire which threatened to destroy their homes, the exhausted villagers of Bristol, a suburb of Liverpool, were able to snatch a brief rest tonight while rescuers from Liverpool and Milton kept watchful eyes on the still unconquered flames.

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Designer of Bluenose Says He Is Satisfied

Believes She Can More Than Hold Her Own With Any Boat Now Afloat.

Halifax, N. S., May 21—"I am confident that the Bluenose can hold her own with the Mayflower or any other vessel on the North Atlantic," said W. J. Rowe, designer of the Nova Scotia challenger and a member of the committee which inspected the Boston challenger on the stocks, in a statement issued today. "She has been designed for two purposes—fishing and speed—but neither to be sacrificed for the other. According to reports it is amply fulfilling her purpose. She has already reported a big catch with her spring bait, and fishermen coming in from the banks since she is speedy."

Mr. Rowe said that he had no fear whatever of the Mayflower and was certain that when the time came, the Nova Scotian would give an account of herself that would completely satisfy those who look for the international trophy to be returned to Canada this year.

New Glasgow Has A Hospital Fire

New Glasgow, N. S., May 22—Patients in the New Aberdeen Hospital here, whose quarters were endangered by fire early this morning, were rapidly and carefully removed to the annex and the adjoining nurses' home by Miss M. E. Grant, matron, and the resourceful medical and nursing staff of the institution. An hour and a half after the flames were discovered and after they had done about \$10,000 damage, the firemen were able to report that there was no further danger.

Games and amusements at Seaside Banner Opening.

Miss Helen Lawrence was toastmistress. Miss Mary Allison, maritime girls work secretary, was present and gave an instructive address on the work being done. Following the banquet the girls gave a play and a pleasing musical programme which were greatly enjoyed by all.

HUSBAND KILLED FAMILY HURT BY LIGHTNING BOLT

Arthur Reynox Victim of Tragedy at Tracey Settlement in Electric Storm.

WIFE PARALYSED FROM HIPS DOWNWARD

House is Burned to Ground in Fire That Followed Bolt.

Tracey Settlement, N. B., May 22—Arthur Reynox was instantly killed, his wife paralyzed from the hips downward and his child injured, by a bolt of lightning which destroyed his home here, during a violent electrical storm at about 7 o'clock Saturday evening. Fire burst out in the house when it was struck and when Mr. Reynox's brother, who lived some distance away, hastened to the scene, he found Mrs. Reynox paralyzed as she was, endeavoring to drag her husband's body from the burning house.

Don't Want Them To Hold Convention There

Halifax Organizations Place Themselves on Record as Opposed to Irish League.

Halifax, N. S., May 21—A meeting of the British Empire Alliance, held here last night, put itself on record as strongly opposed to permission being given the Self-Determination League of Ireland to hold a convention in Halifax in June. A committee was appointed to take action against the holding of the convention. Representatives of St. George Society, Royal British Veterans, British Empire League, Loyal True Blues, Orange Lodge and other bodies spoke in opposition to the proposed convention.

CHILDREN'S DAY

All children from grades four to eight inclusive who are interested in the Juniors' Red Cross can attend the performance at the Imperial Theatre on Wednesday, May 25th at four p.m. by obtaining a flag or badge from the Red Cross Depot, 160 Prince William Street on Monday, May 23rd, four p.m. No other fee required. West St. John children are requested to call at Mrs. E. R. Taylor's, 224 Guilford, Street between 12 and 1.30 p.m.

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