

LOCAL HEALTH OFFICERS ARE PROTESTING

Tuesday, Feb. 14.
At the monthly meeting of the St. John's Board of Health yesterday afternoon, the opinion of Nova Scotia authorities in allowing the two smallpox patients to come to the city from near Westville (N.S.), last night, came in for considerable criticism. It was decided to bring the matter to the attention of the provincial board of health in Nova Scotia and ask them that their caution be adopted in future. As a result of the indiscretion on the part of authorities in the people of this city were only put to considerable needless expense, but the health of the citizens might, less care, have been endangered. The men referred to were promptly sent to the local officers and are now in isolation hospital.

In addition to routine business, considerable time was taken up preparing suggestions for changes in regulations to be presented at the meeting of the provincial board of health, which will take place in St. John today. Col. Armstrong, solicitor for the local board of health, Thomas, secretary, and Dr. Pratt, chairman, appointed a committee to meet the provincial officers today. It is understood that the local board will be offered the form for use throughout the province for use and physicians in the case of smallpox.

In connection with a complaint about dog fish reduction plant at Shippegan, a committee was appointed consisting of Messrs. D. Mullin, K. C., to inquire into the matter. The committee is securing his co-operation as to the best mode to pursue in having certain diseased conditions removed. This fact is operated by the Dominion Government and is very beneficial to the fishermen in that locality, but there are considerable conditions existing that are remedied by some slight alterations in the plant and mode of handling, which this board feel assured will be as soon the matter is brought to attention of the Dominion authorities. The matter will likely be touched upon at today's meeting.

LOTS OF SNOW UP NORTH, COMMERCIAL TRAVELERS SAY

Commercial travelers who have returned in the North Shore say that in Gloucester and Restigouche counties now there is a lot of snow. It is very deep and packs so hard, they declare, that in driving through the highways in the vicinity of the river one can touch the telephone wires with a whip while seated in a sleigh. Snow has disappeared from view and places new driveways have been made through fields.

NORTON NOTES

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E. HAMILTON, LTD., MEETING

A meeting of the stockholders of A. Hamilton, Limited, held in the company's office, 400 St. John street, Thursday, Feb. 14, 1911. Present: Mr. J. W. Munroe, president; Mr. J. W. Russell, chairman; Mr. J. W. Russell, secretary; Mr. J. W. Russell, treasurer; Mr. J. W. Russell, auditor; Mr. J. W. Russell, auditor.

Bad Weather in Fredericton.

Fredericton, N. B., Feb. 13.—Last night one of the coldest of the season, the mercury registering twenty-two below zero. It was scarcely a breath of wind, but preparations are being made for a board of trade banquet here on Wednesday night. Upward of 100 business men are expected to attend. Matters concerning the city's welfare will be discussed. A young man named McConquid, charged with assaulting a restaurant keeper, was remanded until tomorrow.

Statistics of pauperism in London for 1909 show a decrease as compared with figures for 1908.

GRAIN COMMISSION TO GUARD FARMERS

Cartwright Outlines the Scheme

New Board To Be On Lines of Railway Commission

Will Have Control Over All Elevators and Mixing of Grain in Future Will Be Punishable by Heavy Fines and Imprisonment.

Ottawa, Feb. 16.—In the senate today Sir Richard Cartwright explained in detail the new government measure respecting grain. On moving second reading of the bill respecting grain, Sir Richard said the measure was of great importance and the subject dealt with had been long and hotly discussed, especially in the west where the farmers believed they had been unfairly dealt with by persons acting as middlemen between them and the ultimate consumers.

MAINE TO VOTE ON PROHIBITION

Both Houses Agree to Re-submit Question to the People

ELECTION IN THE FALL

Democrats Carry Out Their Pledge in Last Campaign, and Legislature Gave Big Majority for the Plebiscite, Similar Efforts Failed Many Times in Past Years.

Ottawa, Feb. 16.—Whether the prohibition of the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquor shall continue under the construction of the state of Maine is to be determined by the voters of the state at a special election next September. By a vote of 108 to 49 the house of representatives today passed the senate resolution submitting to popular vote the constitutional prohibition amendment which was adopted in 1884. The resolution passed the senate on Tuesday last, 23 to 7. As both branches have given the measure the necessary two-thirds majority, all that remains is the signature of Governor Hildreth. The bill was elected by the Democrats last fall on a platform pledging re-submission.

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ADVOCATES TEST OF ULTRA LOYALTY

Judge Warburton Would Make British Preference 50 Per Cent.

P. E. Island Liberal Member Ridicules Conservative Member's Statement That Reciprocity is a Scheme Hatched by Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Premier Asquith and President Taft to Destroy Imperial Preference Idea—Union Jack to Fly Daily on All Government Buildings in Seaport, Towns and On the Border.

Ottawa, Feb. 16.—The debate on the reciprocity agreement, which promises to last for the next two weeks, and which is now developing into a somewhat tedious rehashing of the arguments advanced by the leading speakers, was continued in the commons today by Houghton Lennox and J. E. Armstrong on the opposition side of the house, and Judge Warburton, on the Liberal side.

Mr. Warburton characterized as insulting and absurd the suggestion that the prime ministers of Great Britain and Canada had entered into "a foul conspiracy" to detach Canada from the British crown. As a matter of fact, he said, the imperial preference trade propaganda had already been done up by the Unionist leaders of Great Britain.

The disloyalty cry had been worked to death by the drum-pounding Conservatives and the Canadian common sense took little stock in the argument that because Canada would sell more to the United States and reap larger profits, therefore political absorption would follow.

The test of increasing the British preference to fifty per cent.

Canada might in the long, long future possibly become independent of Great Britain, though he might doubt even that, but never would annexation to the United States be considered.

As a preliminary to the day's debate, Hon. Mr. Hughes made the announcement, in reply to Col. Sam. Hughes, that orders had been given to fly the Union Jack over all government buildings in seaport and border towns and cities on every day of the year.

ONTARIO SESSIONAL INDEMNITY INCREASED

Members Will Now Receive \$1,400 Instead of \$1,000—A Few Legislators Fought Against It—Proposal to Abolish All Tax Exemptions Falls—Rural Schools to Have Same Vacation as City.

Toronto, Feb. 16.—The increase of the members' sessional indemnity from \$1,000 to \$1,400 was discussed today, when the Ontario legislature went into committee of supply. Four members declared themselves opposed to the increase, they being Mr. Nicke (Conservative), Kingston; Mr. McEwing (Liberal), West Wellington; Mr. Stock (Liberal), North Perth, and Mr. Studholme (Labour), East Hamilton. Mr. Studholme took the ground that his indemnity was to be \$1,000, and he did not intend to accept more, unless the men who elected him were allowed to express their views. The extra \$400, he said, he would either give to charity or return to the government. He opposed the increase in the ministers' salaries without a vote of the people, and he took the same position on the present question. Mr. Nicke, who was one of the few members who opposed the increase, said that he was not in favour of the increase, but he would not vote against it.

FLOUR CHEAPER IN BOSTON THAN IN FOUR YEARS

Boston, Feb. 16.—A further sharp decline of several cents in the price of wheat has been largely the cause of placing the flour market on a lower level than it has occupied for some time. Millers have quoted no such low prices for standard goods at any time during the present crop year, which began on the first of last July, as they are now willing to accept, and it is several years since some grades could be bought at so moderate cost as at present. The product of a well known soft winter wheat mill is offered today at \$4.85 per barrel for patent and \$4.25 for clear or pastry flour. These are the lowest prices which the Boston representative of this

OVER 600 CASES OF TYPHOID AT OTTAWA

Ottawa, Feb. 16.—The local typhoid epidemic passed the 600 mark today, 32 new cases being reported within the last 24 hours. There was one death today, in fact the death rate is considerably low. The civic emergency hospital is now full of patients. Many more having to be made in an annex of the building.

SENATE TO VOTE ON RECIPROcity

STEAMER BRUCE STILL FROZEN IN

Passengers Walk Across the Ice Floes Yesterday to the Mainland

BEEN FAST A WEEK

Is Two Miles From Shore and a Change of Wind Will be Necessary to Release Her—Str. Stanley Also Ice-bound Off Point Aconi.

Halifax, Feb. 16.—The Reid-Newfoundland steamer Bruce, which keeps up communication between Nova Scotia and Newfoundland from North Sydney, but which has been fast in the ice for a week, is still in the grip of the heavy floes, but is so far unharmed.

This afternoon the passengers who had remained on board, including many women and children, were escorted across the ice from the steamer to New Waterford about two miles from the steamer, and from thence driven to Sydney. Captain Roach and his crew remained in charge of the steamer and with the wind changing and the ice moving an effort will be made to reach North Sydney.

The steamer has been in the ice since Feb. 10. It has been in practically the same position today when she came frozen in on the first day. The ice is very heavy blocks and is packed closely, being jammed in by the wind.

The government steamer Stanley, which was sent down to the assistance of shipwrecked vessels, moved a short distance today, and is now in a position to get out of the ice until the wind shifts.

Committee Will Not Smother It

Washington, Feb. 16.—The Canadian reciprocity measure will be considered by the senate committee on finance at a special session to be held Saturday. It is not likely that the bill will be disposed of in the committee in one day, although all its members are agreed that action shall not be delayed unnecessarily. Senators Lodge and Smoot, who are members of the committee, today assured President Taft that the bill would not be smothered in the committee, regardless of how much opposition there might be to it.

From present indications the bill will be returned to the senate about Wednesday. In view of this attitude the members of the committee feel that it would be better to submit the whole matter directly to the senate without recommending all members reserving the right to dissent. The committee members are divided in opinion as to whether the measure should be passed or not. However, all this may be changed when the committee meets.

Senate leaders are not sanguine of reaching a vote and many of them are inclined to the view that an extra session cannot be avoided.

CANADA JOINS IN EFFORT TO SAVE SEAL HERDS

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\$460,000 FIRE IN LOS ANGELES

Los Angeles, Feb. 16.—Fire, of serious proportions, which threatened to destroy the block in the heart of the downtown retail district, bounded by Broadway Hill, Second and Third streets, raged for several hours today at the west corner of Third and Broadway, destroying the Byrne office building and several retail stores. The loss is estimated at \$460,000.

The fire started in the basement of the Collins Millinery Company in the Byrne building and quickly spread to several adjoining establishments in the same building. The Byrne building was of wooden construction with pressed brick front and five stories in height. It contained about 200 offices.

Kaiser Improved

Berlin, Feb. 16.—The condition of Emperor William, who for several days has been suffering from an attack of influenza, was much improved today and he took an automobile drive through the streets of the city. His majesty, it is expected, will resume his public functions tomorrow.

Unionist Held the Seat

London, Feb. 16.—Sir Joseph Larmor, Unionist, today was elected member of parliament for Cambridge University to take the place made vacant by the death of Professor Samuel H. Butcher.