

TRADE PREFERENCE FOR WEST INDIES

Moderate Reduction on Certain Articles and Free List for Others.

Ottawa, June 15.—(By Canadian Press).—The Canada-West Indies conference will probably close within the next day or two. This afternoon the delegates met again to consider the attitude of the Canadian government on the tentative agreements adopted last week, and any amendments suggested. The agreements are three in number. One deals with tariff preferences another with steamship communications. There is also a resolution on the subject of cable communications.

The tariff agreement, it is understood, provides for three scales of preference ranging from a moderate reduction on certain articles to a free list for others. On the free list are included a number of Canadian and West Indian foodstuffs. It is probable that a substantial preference will be given to West Indian sugar, especially in view of prices prevailing in Canada.

As a result of the visit paid to western Ontario by the West Indian delegates during the week-end, arrangements are being made for a tour of the West Indies by a number of Toronto and Hamilton business men in the early part of next year.

BIG LIQUOR SEIZURE IN NEW BRUNSWICK

Fredericton, N.B., June 15.—The largest seizure of liquor ever made in New Brunswick was reported this morning, and consists of barrels and cases of whiskey and other varieties with a gross weight of more than 12 tons. The seizure was made by Baker Brook, Madawaska county, by Sub-inspector McLaughlin of Grand Falls and Rev. W. D. Wilson. It was shipped out of Montreal as fertilizer. The seized liquor is said to consist of 37 barrels and 200 cases, a total of 385 dozen bottles, which at present prices probably cost about \$14,000 f.o.b. Montreal. There is every reason to believe that the shipment's ultimate destination was the New England States.

Delegation of U. S. Editors Reach Ottawa on Tuesday

Ottawa, June 15.—The 200 delegates of the National Editorial Association of America will arrive in Ottawa at 6 a.m. Tuesday, June 22. At 10.30 that morning they will be taken for a motor drive by the board of trade, the route to cover all the principal drive-ways in Ottawa. The delegates will be entertained to a luncheon at the Chateau Laurier by the city of Ottawa. In the afternoon the delegates will be the guests of the Dominion government.

BUDAPEST'S BIG TRIAL

Budapest, June 15.—Order is being restored and preparations are in progress for the trial of twenty "people's commissaries" who were in authority during the dictatorship of Bela Kun. On the charge of murder. The date the trial will be held is understood to have been fixed for the end of this month. A thousand witnesses have been summoned and the attorney-general has requested that the British, Italian and American officials who were here during the Communist administration be present. Approximately a thousand minor offenders will be brought to trial later.

SHOE PRICES SLUMP

Montreal, June 15.—A slump of approximately ten per cent. in shoe prices has taken place in this city, but it is not regarded by manufacturers to be a permanent change for the better. The new tax on shoes is given as a reason for the slump. Cheap hides, due to accumulation here on account of transportation troubles, are also a contributory factor.



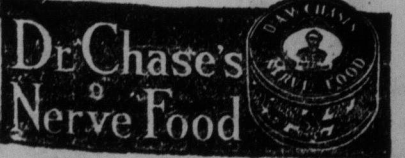
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REPUBLICAN PLATFORM DOESN'T SUIT FARMERS

Washington, June 15.—Benjamin C. Marsh, secretary of the farmers' national council, who clashed with members of the resolutions committee of the Republican National convention last week, issued a statement here today declaring that "the section of the Republican platform on agriculture does not contain a single declaration to reassure the farmers of America."

The Republican platform, Mr. Marsh said, "recognizes several existing evils in farming conditions but does not pledge action to justify them."

"The platform naturally endorses the transportation act and the legislation to turn the people's ships over to the British and American shipping interests," Mr. Marsh added. "These two measures jointly will spell financial loss and perhaps disaster for hundreds of thousands of farmers."

A CANADIAN WHEAT BOARD Seems to be the Opinion of the Farmers of the Western Provinces.

Winnipeg, June 15.—Western opinion as reflected by the press seems to be almost unanimous in favor of nationalizing the marketing of the wheat crop for 1920. There has been some complaint that a higher price might have been realized for the farmers by the Canada Wheat Board, but the feeling is general that the average farmer is better off with a fixed price than when he is left to the mercy of the speculators. The Winnipeg Telegram is almost the only western paper which advocates the return to the open market; nevertheless there is a vigorous campaign on to discredit the wheat board, which is said to be promoted by some of the operators on the Winnipeg exchange and to have sympathetic support from the milling interests.

The Grain Growers' Guide comes to the defence of the Canada Wheat Board against a recent attack upon the board made by Lloyd Harris, at Hamilton, and says that the board handled the 1919 wheat crop "successfully and effectively." While it seems to be understood that with the return of normal world trade conditions there will be a return to the open market, a good many western people believe it would be for the benefit of the farmers to have the wheat crop handled annually by the government so as to stabilize prices, check speculation, and prevent congestion at the head of the lakes after the close of navigation.

ACCUSED OF \$30,000 THEFT.

New York, June 15.—Benjamin Silverman was arrested today charged with having received and sold securities valued at \$30,000, alleged to have been stolen from a Wall street broker. Police say the securities were recovered in Providence, R.I. The signatures on the bonds are in the handwriting of Leroy Gardner, a messenger, who was convicted of stealing \$118,000 worth of bonds from a Broadway firm, detectives said.

DOUBLE DAILY SERVICE BETWEEN TORONTO, PORT DALHOUSIE AND ST. CATHARINES.

Effective June 15th, the Niagara-St. Catharines Line will augment their service by placing in commission the twin screw steamer Northumberland, of about the same dimensions as the favorite Dalhousie City. Double daily service will then be inaugurated as follows: Steamers will leave Yonge Street Wharf, Toronto, for Port Dalhousie at 8.00 a.m., 2.00 p.m., and 5 p.m. daily, except Sunday, and northbound will leave Port Dalhousie 9.30 a.m., 11.00 a.m., and 7.00 p.m. daily.

Picnickers and excursionists should not fail to take advantage of the splendid facilities offered by this service to and from the picnic grounds at Port Dalhousie and Niagara Peninsula points.

On Sundays, June 27th to September 5th, inclusive, steamers will leave Toronto 8.00 a.m., 2.00 p.m., and 7.00 p.m. for Port Dalhousie, Niagara Falls, N.Y., and Buffalo; northbound, will leave Port Dalhousie 9.30 a.m., 11.00 a.m., and 7.00 p.m.

Special fares for picnics and excursions with full information obtainable from City Ticket Office, Canadian National Railways, No. 52 King Street East.

HOUSE TO SIT SATURDAYS

Ottawa, June 15.—(By Canadian Associated Press).—Another move to start Saturday sittings of the house will be made in the commons on Thursday. Sir Robert Borden has given notice that on that day he will move that the house sit on Saturday, June 19 and subsequent Saturdays, until the end of the session.

LORD FORSTER'S CLAIMS.

London, June 15.—(By Canadian Associated Press).—Lord Forster, formerly H. W. Forster, who has been appointed Governor-General of Australia, represented the Seven Oaks division of Kent for sixteen years. The London Times in an editorial today remarks that he was long well-known and liked as a first-class cricketer, and in that capacity needs no passport to fellow citizens of the great commonwealth.

ATTITUDE TOWARD RUSSIA.

Paris, June 15.—Representatives of ten nations attending the international conference for the protection of foreign interests in Russia, have decided on the principle that all states of the former Russian empire must give guarantees that they will carry their share of the engagements of the imperial regime, according to The Matin. It has been decided to oppose resumption of commercial relations until an international agreement giving satisfaction to holders of Russian bonds has been concluded, the newspaper says.

ITALY'S CLAIMS.

Paris, June 15.—Italy's claims on reparations paid by the Central empire, including pensions, have been fixed at 60,000,000,000 lire (normally about \$12,000,000,000) according to Rome dispatches to newspapers here.

PRINCETON HONORS GEDDES.

Princeton, N. J., June 15.—Sir Auckland Geddes, British ambassador to the United States, and eleven other distinguished men were today awarded honorary degrees at the 175th commencement exercises of Princeton University.

Mr. Byatt's Wages

In yesterday morning's press mention is made of a statement issued by Mr. W. D. Robbins, Secretary of the Street Railway Men's Union, from which the following is quoted:

"Mr. Robbins showed as an exhibit a letter from the private secretary of Sir George Foster to James Byatt, 112 Kintyre Avenue, acknowledging the fact that this man, who is on the re-establishment department, has received since May, 1919, wages totalling \$1,228.08, or an average of \$23 per week, from the Toronto Railway Company. This, said Mr. Robbins, was a fair sample of the average wages of the street railwaymen on the T. S. R.

In the first place, J. H. Byatt, badge 1893, is an extra man, having entered the service on May 10, 1919.

In the second place, when this man entered the service the initial rate of wages was 32½ cents per hour, whereas now it is 50 cents per hour; and it was not until July 4, when the men returned from the strike, that he received the latter rate. On August 10, 1919, his rate advanced to 52½ cents, and on May 10, 1920, he received the maximum rate of 55 cents per hour.

The period quoted in which Mr. Byatt received \$1,228.08 was between May 10, 1919, and May 15, 1920, so that he received the maximum rate for only five days in that period.

The records show that Mr. Byatt was away from work for three days in the first half of June, 1919, on his own account, two days in the last half of June on his own account, nine days in the last half of June and three days in the first half of July on account of the STRIKE, the first half of January, 1920, ten days on his own account, the last half of March thirteen days, first half of April one day on his own account; a total of forty-one days, not including his weekly off days.

Taking the period since July 1, 1919; during which he received the current rates of pay, he earned \$1,207.61 for eleven months; but it must be pointed out that he was off duty twenty-seven days in that period on his own account.

Had he worked full time, as he could have done, he would easily have made \$1,300 for the eleven months, or about \$120 per month, equivalent to \$1,440 per year, and he is an EXTRA man.

In the last half of May, 1920, he earned \$86.67.

This is hardly a fair sample of the wages paid to street railwaymen under prevailing rates.

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