

## MARITIMES HAVE RIGHTS IN WESTERN LANDS

Must be Respected — Judge Patterson Sets Forth Claims in Able Address Before the Amherst Commercial Club — An Appeal to Stand Up for Rights.

(Amherst News.)

The rights of the maritime provinces to a share in the crown lands of the prairie provinces was made plain to the large number of men present last evening at the weekly dinner of the Commercial Club in Blanche's restaurant, which was presided over by James A. Highway, K. C. The learned judge with lucidity and conviction, void of attempted oratory or eloquence, brought home to his auditors a realization that might well be proclaimed not only throughout the maritime provinces but across Canada from Halifax to Victoria. The crown lands of the prairie provinces constitute a big question and one that should, in the interest of Canadianism receive impartial treatment from our federal government.

Judge Patterson, who apparently has studied the matter exhaustively, after humorously expressing his pleasure at being present, said he would first treat with his subject historically. In 1811, Sir Robert Borden, while speaking in Winnipeg on this subject, stated that six of the provinces of Canada already had the right to administer their crown lands, but that the prairie provinces while not having the right of such administration possessed certain compensations.

Sir Robert remarked to his audience that the question would be adjusted when he was elected to office. The Conservatives were returned to power. Before they had properly dealt with the issue the war broke out, which meant the setting aside of any such considerations till peace and reconstruction were handled.

The western land settlement is no partisan question, stated the judge, for in 1919 the Liberals assembled in convention at Ottawa adopted a resolution giving ownership and control of crown lands to the prairie provinces on fair and equitable terms. Hon. McKenna King soon after coming in power proceeded to implement this plank of the Liberal platform. Such is the history of parliamentary treatment of the western lands. "The issue is a big one," stated Judge Patterson, "and if we in the maritime provinces stand idly by while the adjustment takes place we will deserve a continuance of such treatment as we have already received." "All have sinned. It is not party politics."

Going back to the beginning the learned judge cited portions of the British North American Act relative to crown lands. By a special section of the act the four provinces entering into the pact of 1867, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Quebec and Ontario, were given control of the natural resources and land. The prairie provinces coming in later were given in lieu of public lands and natural resources, very handsome subsidies. Later on the federal government purchased from the Hudson Bay Company, Prince Rupert, paying the company for such the sum of \$1,500,000. The maritime provinces as part of the Dominion paid their share of this sum. Manitoba came into the confederation as soon as this land was purchased, she paying her share of the purchase price. The speaker said he wanted to be fair to the province of Manitoba which he described as "the spoiled child of Canada."

To show the favorable treatment that Manitoba had received Judge Patterson stated that Manitoba had within late years had her area trebled by the acquisition of public lands formerly owned by the Dominion. Manitoba formerly had an 80,000 square miles, which is greater than all the maritime provinces combined. In 1912 that province was granted 180,000 square miles of Dominion lands. While the maritime provinces received no compensation for the loss of so much land the cash subsidies to the province of Manitoba were doubled. Sir Clifford Laurier, in commenting on the deal, said "it was a bargain that could only be justified in Manitoba."

Judge Patterson then stated that he thought it was a great mistake that the lands were not given to the provinces at the beginning. Professor Chester Morton of Manitoba has made out a case for his province, but there are some things that the speaker said he thought were unanswerable by Professor Morton or any one else.

"How can we get compensation?" some one asks. "We might follow the precedent of the United States. We followed that country till it came a question of recognizing the rights of the maritime provinces. Then we quit. For instance, why have we 160 acres as a quarter section? They have it in the United States. The school sections in the Canadian west are made up following the United States plan. In 1862 when the United States sought to settle the lands question, which is similar to the one that we are now treating with, she issued land scripts for those states not being able to add more territory to their boundaries. It was provided that each state was to receive 30,000 acres of western lands for each senator or representative she had in the federal house. The eastern states were thus enabled to sell and realize a large amount of money. We followed the United States in some ways, but not in this fair method of compensation for the eastern provinces."

Continuing, the speaker touched on "debt allowances," showing how the maritime provinces had been discriminated against. While, according to the division of federal monies, Nova Scotia was entitled to an allowance for a debt of \$8,000,000, she had but a \$5,000,000 debt.

Nova Scotia and the other maritime provinces were losers in this "debt allowance." The western provinces have been granted a debt allowance amounting to about \$24 per capita. In 1918 Saskatchewan, which, according to the 1911 census, was the same population as Nova Scotia, had a debt allowance of \$480,000, while Nova Scotia had but \$40,000.

We are getting a half a million too little.

Continuing, Judge Patterson spoke of the discriminatory treatment the maritime provinces had received as regards school taxes. Saskatchewan has today to her credit the sum of seven and a half million dollars from school land funds.

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### NARROW ESCAPE IN MOTOR COLLISION

An automobile, said to be recklessly driven, crashed into a touring car occupied by Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Schofield, throwing Mr. Schofield's automobile over on its side into the ditch and hurling the occupants to the roadside. The collision occurred near the residence of H. J. Anderson in Renforth last evening about six o'clock. Both cars were proceeding towards Rothesay. Fortunately neither Mr. nor Mrs. Schofield was injured and they were able to proceed to their home in Rothesay. The car which overturned Mr. Schofield's automobile did not stop after the collision but continued on its way. There were two men in it. The matter was reported to Robert Crawford, provincial constable, who last evening said he had identified the car and intended to lay information against the driver. Mr. Schofield's automobile was still lying on its side in the ditch late last night.

### THE WESTFIELD COUNTRY CLUB IS GOING AHEAD

The annual meeting of the Westfield Country Club was held in the board of trade rooms last evening with the president, W. E. Golding, in the chair and a large attendance of members.

Reports from the various committees showed the club to have had a most successful year in all its various activities. The treasurer's report showed the total receipts to have been \$6,400.61, while the expenditures amounted to \$5,808.62, leaving a credit balance of \$592.00.

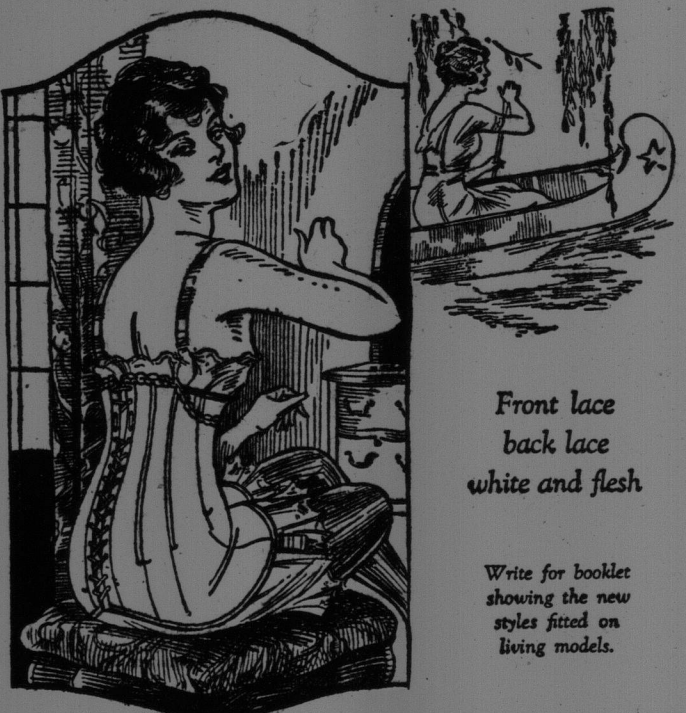
The plans for the new nine-hole golf course were approved and it is expected construction will be pushed along as rapidly as possible.

The members decided an increase in dues was necessary and an initiation fee also was decided upon.

The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows: President, W. E. Golding; vice-president, George L. Warwick; directors, F. J. Likely, D. W. Ledingham, D. W. Fiddington, H. W. Rising and F. P. Ekin.

At a subsequent meeting of the directors Lawrence T. Allen was appointed secretary and Frank N. Robertson

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Boutonnieres to wear on fur neck pieces or to give a touch of color to the new tweed suits are in pale colored organdies or deep, rich toned crepe de chine.

You should see these things to realize just how fascinating they really are.

(Neckwear Dept., Ground Floor.)

was appointed treasurer. Harry Menley was engaged as golf professional for the season.

### RECENT WEDDINGS

**Doane-Lackey**  
The marriage of Adelbert John Doane and Miss Muriel Alice Lackey was solemnized last evening at the residence of the officiating clergyman, Rev. J. A. Suetnam, 388 Union street, in the presence of a few immediate friends. Mr. and Mrs. Doane will reside in St. John.

**Harvey-Saint**  
A quiet wedding took place last evening at the home of Mrs. Gleason Ellsworth, 111 Britain street, when Miss Phoebe Saint was united in marriage to Kenneth Harvey by the Rev. E. E. Styles, pastor of the Carmichael street Methodist church. Miss Phoebe Green-ly was bridesmaid, and the groom was supported by Gerald Cooper. After the ceremony, a dainty supper was served to about forty guests. Games and music followed. The bride received many beautiful gifts, including silver and cut glass. The bride and groom were formerly of Newfoundland, but will now make their home in the city.

### RECENT DEATHS

**John J. Corcoran**  
The death of John J. Corcoran occurred at his residence, New York, on March 27, after a short illness. He was a son of the late W. Corcoran of Bathurst, and was sixty-three years of age. He is survived by two sisters and two brothers.

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## WILL DISCUSS SITUATION, HERE

(Canadian Press Despatch.)  
Moncton, April 5.—At a largely attended meeting of baseball players and supporters here tonight, the situation was discussed at length and three delegates were finally appointed to attend the meeting of the Maritime branch of the A. A. U. of Canada at St. John on April 12 and 13, and urge the withdrawal of the Covey affidavit. In case they are unsuccessful they will suggest the formation of a New Brunswick Baseball Association, which will permit amateurs to play with professionals and still not affect their amateur standing.

### FOR NEW ROAD TO THE N. B. BORDER

Washington, April 5.—The Eastern Maine Railroad has applied to the Interstate Commerce Commission for a certificate allowing it to build a new line of railroad in Aroostook, Hancock and Penobscot counties (Me.), to Bancroft, a point on the Maine Central Railroad, with which the new line will have a junction. The road also proposes to build a branch three miles long to the New Brunswick border.

A supplemental application to build a new line 13.3 miles long in Penobscot county in connection with the proposed construction of the Eastern Maine, also was filed today by the Mattawamkeag and Eastern.

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