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NEW UNDERWOOD TARIFF WILL HELP NEW BRUNSWICK FARMER

The New Tariff Bill Gives Canada More For Nothing Than We Would Have Received Under Reciprocity.

The new Underwood tariff, is of considerable importance to this province. The sweeping reductions which are made must have a noticeable effect upon the production of and traffic in the goods which are now subject to lower rates of duty.

It is impossible to anticipate the full effect of the new tariff, as this can be learned only as the readjustment of trade conditions occurs and the result is shown in the actual market transactions.

There is no question, however, regarding the value of the new legislation to the farmers of this province. The larger market which was sought through reciprocity has now been partially opened up, not to such a beneficial extent, as under reciprocity, but still enough to be of considerable value to the producer.

Farm products and food stuffs were the chief items affected by the new bill and the great reduction in the duty on these offer the farmer of New Brunswick a new market of vast extent. At present the only farm product in which the province produces a surplus of important size is the potato crop, and this has always been seriously affected by the lack of adequate markets. The New Brunswick potatoes are of better quality than those raised in almost every part of the United States, except the neighboring state of Maine, where conditions are similar, and there will be little difficulty in disposing of all the potatoes which this province can produce. Judging from recent quota-

tions of prices on both sides of the line, the return to the potato growers will be much greater also.

Hay is another produce which will benefit by the new tariff but, apart from these, the province has little in the way of farm produce to export. It is expected that the reduction in the duties will make shipments in the States profitable and will afford a large market the lack of which has been the chief obstacle to successful farming on a large scale.

Predictions have been made that the new tariff will have the effect of bringing greater prosperity to the farmers of the province, and of opening up new land for agricultural development.

The duty on lumber, of \$1.25 per M. has been wiped out by the new tariff, but local operators say that they cannot tell what effect this will have until they learn from experience. At present there is practically no market in the United States, owing to low consumption and even the difference made by the elimination of the duty might not produce a marked effect upon the market. As business begins to pick up again and shipments go forward they will learn of the effect on their business.

A Fredericton despatch says:—"Exporters of lumber and farm produce in this section are looking forward to a big trade with the United States this season as a result of tariff changes. One lumbering concern has been holding thirty-five million feet of lumber pending the passage of the new tariff law."

GOVERNMENT HAS SPLENDID RECORD

Some of the Things That Have Been Accomplished by Borden Government

It is now only two years since the Borden government was returned to power. The administration has a record of achievement for its two years of office of which it can well be proud and which is unparalleled in Canadian history.

The extension of the boundaries of Ontario, Quebec and Manitoba.

The Aid to Agriculture Bill appropriating ten million dollars over a period of ten years for agriculture instruction throughout Canada.

The West Indies Agreement with improved steamship service.

The reduction of cable rates to the West Indies and the British Isles.

The inauguration of a greatly improved tri-weekly mail service between Canada and Great Britain.

The new arrangements in regard to marine insurance on the St. Lawrence and reduction of rates to Halifax.

The magnificent dry dock under construction.

Quebec, with similar dry-docks proposed at Halifax and Esoumalt.

The bill to provide for penitents to the Fenian Raid veterans.

The Naval Bill (defeated by the Senate).

The Highways Bill appropriating \$2,500,000 for road construction in two years. (Defeated by the Senate).

The Branch Railway Bill, providing for the acquisition of branch lines in Quebec and the Maritime Provinces to build up the Intercolonial Railway. (Also defeated by the Senate).

The bill to establish parcels post system, which will be inaugurated shortly.

The development of national harbors at Halifax, St. John, Quebec, Montreal, Toronto, Hamilton, Port Arthur, Fort William, Vancouver and Victoria.

The completion in such a short space of time of the National Transcontinental Railway.

The construction of the Hudson Bay Railway so far advanced that 150 miles have been graded and one-half of the work finished in 1913.

The contracts awarded for two out of three sections of the Welland Canal, with two more sections to be called for shortly.

The construction of a government-owned terminal elevator at Port Arthur to handle 2,000,000 bushels of wheat.

The establishment of a policy of interior terminal elevators owned by the government for which two contracts have already been let at Saskatoon and Moose Jaw.

ADMITS KILLING SIXTEEN PERSONS

Henry Spencer, Arrested by Murder of Mrs. Roxroat Confesses to Crimes

The police began their gruesome investigation of the almost unparalleled confession of Henry Spencer, that he is the murderer of sixteen persons, possessing evidence to support his admission that he killed Mrs. Mildred Allison Roxroat, the tango dance instructor on Sept. 25th. The authorities are convinced that they will in a short time confirm Spencer's guilt to many. If not all, the crimes of his criminal career.

Following his arrest for the Roxroat murder, which was made at the home of a woman who had notified the police of his coming, detectives went to Spencer's room, where they found the rattle suit case, which the tango teacher had taken with her on her fatal trip to Wayne. She was lured there on the pretext that she was to instruct a class in the new dance. In it was part of her clothing, and not far away the revolver with which Spencer ended her life.

Enroute to the detective bureau, Spencer admitted to chief of detectives, John F. Halpin, that "You got the goods on me; I know I'll swing for this job." Then began his extraordinary recital of the murders he has committed, the list of victims growing longer as the investigation continued on through the night.

By morning Spencer had asserted that he had sent sixteen to their graves and told repeatedly the manner of their going.

The man who claims this almost unbelievable record is a Chicago product. He does not know his real name, and the first he remembers he was in the home for the friendless, located within a block of the scene of his arrest. He has spent half his 32 years in the state penitentiary at Joliet. He was sentenced twice for wholesale robbery and was returned twice following violation of paroles. He is short, weighs about 145 pounds, wears glasses and has the appearance of a clerk whose life had known little excitement. He has been a devout worshipper at the prayer meetings.

"Gillie," a man named Barnes, while playing cricket on the western lawn at Balmoral, G. B., with Prince John, hit a cricket ball through the window of a room in the castle where valuable old china which belongs to Queen Mary, and being taken care of for Dowager Empress of Russia, is stored. The ball smashed a Dresden figure worth \$10,000, which was presented to the Empress by the late King Edward.

COUNTY TEMPERANCE CONVENTION HELD ON THURSDAY AFTERNOON

Representatives From Different Parts of the County Present--Resolution Adopted Forming Meeting Into a Temperance Alliance.

NEARLY \$100 PLEDGED TO WORK OF ALLIANCE

A County Temperance Convention was held here Thursday afternoon. F. S. Spence, of Toronto, President of the Dominion Temperance Alliance and Rev. R. H. Stavert, of Harcourt, N. B., Field Secretary, being present, the former presiding.

Representatives present were: Black River Bridge Division, S. of T.—Miss J. M. Cameron.

Miramichi Division, S. of T., Burnt Church—Mrs. Wm. Anderson.

Caledonia Division, S. of T., Douglstown—Stirling Wood.

Whitneyville Division, S. of T.—Wm. J. Sherrard.

Nelson Division, S. of T., Miller on—Rev. J. A. Ives, Mrs. James Lyon.

Millerton W. C. T. U.—Mrs. Christie Miller, Miss Margaret Miller.

Newcastle Division, S. of T.—Ald. James Falconer, W. C. Day, Principal L. R. Hetherington, Rev. S. J. MacArthur, Mrs. F. N. Atkinson, Miss Ella O'Donnell, Miss H. M. McLeod, Miss M. J. Dunnett.

Newcastle W. C. T. U.—Mrs. A. B. Leard, Mrs. L. R. Hetherington.

Newcastle Methodist Church—Rev. Dr. William Harrison, Mrs. Harrison, Ald. H. H. Stuart.

Newcastle Catholic Church—T. W. Butler, barrister.

Mr. Spence addressed the meeting, urging all Christian people to go in to politics to elect clean temperance men to the legislature. In 1898, the vote in favor of prohibition in New Brunswick was 26,919, with only 9,575 against, yet New Brunswick had not since elected any man to a legislature that had stood up to demand prohibition. This was because the temperance men adhered strictly to their party and allowed the rum element to control nominations in both the Conservative and Liberal conventions. He would not discuss which party was the worst.

Ald. Stuart said that the Socialist Party of Canada provided all the machinery by which the will of the majority of the people can be crystallized into law within twelve months after any given date. Had a Socialist government been in power in 1898 the plebiscite would have been a referendum and the will of the majority would have immediately become law. The objections urged against the other political parties re temperance laws did not apply to the Socialist.

Rev. R. H. Stavert said the Temperance Alliance stood for the suppression of the liquor traffic. He moved the following resolution.

"1—That this meeting hereby resolves itself into an association of Temperance workers to be known as the Northumberland County Temperance Alliance, to be constituted of those present and other persons appointed from time to time by churches, societies and other organizations favoring the suppression of the liquor traffic;

"2—That the officers of this Alliance shall be a president, a number of vice-presidents, a secretary and a treasurer, who shall be chosen at the annual meeting of the Alliance and shall hold office for one year or until their successors are chosen;

"3—That there shall be an executive committee composed of the officers named and ten other persons to be chosen at the annual meeting under the same conditions as the officers;

"4—The Executive shall carry on the business of the Alliance between conventions of the representatives, five members of the committee to constitute a quorum."

Ald. Stuart asked to have the constitution of the Dominion Alliance read. He wanted to know if it said anything about who should manufacture the alcohol allowed for industrial purposes.

Mr. Spence replied that the Alliance dealt only with the liquor manufactured and sold for beverage purposes. After the prohibition of its sale for such purposes was obtained it would remain for the Dominion Government to deal with the alcohol needed in industry.

Principal Hetherington seconded Mr. Stavert's motion.

Mr. Butler objected to the use of the word "churches" in the motion and moved that it be eliminated. This was seconded by Rev. Mr. MacArthur.

Rev. Dr. Harrison thought that the meeting was too poorly representative of the county to give the desired effect to any resolution it might adopt.

Ald. Stuart said that every church in the county had been notified and requested to send delegates two clear Sundays before the convention and that notice had been sent to every temperance society—to the Sons of

Temperance directly and to church temperance associations through their pastors.

T. W. Butler told the meeting that if ten other temperance men besides himself would put up \$20 apiece to retain another lawyer he would undertake to dry up the liquor business in Newcastle. His offer was referred to the Executive. Mr. Butler submitted a copy of a letter he had sent outside liquor dealers warning them not to ship any more liquor to Newcastle for illegal purposes.

Rev. Mr. MacArthur spoke in favor of the amendment. He was a prohibitionist, and so were the Presbyterian General Assembly, yet he had no such mandate from his congregation. The name did not count.

Rev. Mr. Ives did not want the churches debarred from sending delegates to the Alliance. He suggested the substitution of "religious bodies" for "churches." To this Mr. Butler and his second agreed, and the motion thus amended was received and considered section by section.

Section 1, 2, 3 and 4 were adopted, and on motion of Dr. Harrison and T. W. Butler, the resolution was adopted as a whole.

After short recess the following officers were elected:

President—Ald. James Falconer.

Secretary—Ald. H. H. Stuart.

Treasurer—Principal L. R. Hetherington.

Vice-President—Harold C. Stothart, Ferry Road, and official heads of temperance organizations in the county.

Ten additional members of the executive were left to be nominated by the above members.

On motion of Stirling Wood, seconded by Rev. Mr. MacArthur, Mr. Butler's challenge re enforcement of the C. T. A. was referred to the Executive. (Mr. Butler has since extended the time to Saturday evening, October 11th.)

On motion adjourned.

Evening Meeting

A mass meeting with Ald. Falconer as chairman was addressed in the opera house by Messrs. Stavert and Spence. Nearly \$100 was pledged to the work of the Alliance. Miss Lucy Lingley gave a reading and an efficient choir of 25 rendered music.

Parish Alliances will be organized throughout the county.

ATTEMPTED TRAIN WRECK NEAR JONES' CROSSING

Conductor Stephenson's West Bound Special Strikes Sleeper on Rail--Two Cars Damaged Investigation Should Follow

Another attempt to wreck a train was made about 2 o'clock this morning at Jones' crossing, about a mile east of Newcastle, and in about the same place where a similar attempt was made last July, when the Maritime express had a very narrow escape from being badly wrecked.

As Conductor Stephenson's west bound special was coming along at her usual rate of speed, they struck a tie lying across the track. Fortunately it did not derail the train, but broke part of the air brake gear between two cars, bringing the train to a standstill.

Upon examination they found the sleeper cut into two pieces and two cars badly damaged. These were brought into Newcastle and the matter reported.

If an investigation follows, the matter should be taken up more seriously than was the case with the Maritime, when the opinion was expressed that the tie had fallen off a passing train and stuck in the ballast.

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GOT MOOSE WITH 62 INCH SPREAD

American Hunters Got Three Moose, Three Caribou and a Bear, Best Heads of the Season

Mr. T. P. Lindsay and wife, of Southboro, Mass., and Elton Clark, of Framingham, Mass., who have been enjoying a three week's hunting trip in the Miramichi forests, left for home Saturday morning, with the honor of having taken the largest moose head that has been shipped for a number of years, having a spread of 62 inches.

Besides securing such a magnificent head, Mr. Lindsay got an exceedingly fine caribou with 36 points. He also got a bear. Mrs. Lindsay was successful in getting a moose and caribou, and Mr. Clark also got a moose and caribou.

The heads were brought to town on Friday evening, and those who saw them say they were the finest they have seen for some time. They were shipped by the Maritime Express Monday morning.

SIXTY THOUSAND SIGN PETITION

To Save the Life of Charles Gibson Convicted for the Murder of Joseph Rosenthal

The Gibson case was discussed at the meeting of the Ministerial Association Monday at the Young Men's Christian Association, and a general endorsement of the petitions was given and the president and secretary were instructed to send a telegram to the Minister of Justice, asking that clemency should be exercised.

Sixty thousands persons have signed the petitions scattered all through Toronto asking that the death sentence imposed on Charles Gibson, following his conviction for the murder of Joseph Rosenthal, be commuted to life imprisonment. Up to Sunday night 37,200 had affixed their signatures. By 10.30 o'clock Monday morning six thousand more had joined the number asking for mercy.

Never before in the history of Ontario have such vigorous efforts been taken to save a man from the gallows. Between 700 and 1,000 petitions were placed in every part of the city—churches, car barns, restaurants, hotels, drug stores, garages and on street cars.

Fred White, in front of the City Hall between the hours of 10.30 and 11.30, obtained four hundred signatures. People almost fought to get near him.

Ottawa, Oct. 6.—Herbert Lennox, K. C., Rev. Mr. Laing, of Bloor street Presbyterian church, Toronto, Claude MacDonnell, M. P., and Dr. Preston, M. P., met Premier Borden, Hon. W. T. White, acting minister of justice, Hon. T. W. Crothers, and Hon. A. E. Kemp to-day in regard to the final effort to save the life of Charles Gibson, under death sentence at Toronto. The evidence was fully gone over and the cabinet's decision is expected any time. Though it is most unusual to re-open a case already passed upon by the cabinet, and concurred in by the representative of the Crown, there is a precedent in a

ST. JOHN CITIZENS VERY INDIGNANT

Board of Trade Makes Vigorous Protest Against C. P. R. Will Send Delegates to Ottawa

The Board of Trade of St. John held a big indignation meeting in the Nickel theatre Monday evening, protesting against the C. P. R. for withdrawing the Empresses from that port and sending them to Halifax.

The citizens, irrespective of politics, are very indignant and are making a vigorous effort to induce the Dominion Government to take steps to rectify the injury done their port.

A strong resolution was introduced by Senator Thorne and seconded by Senator Daniel, supported in strong speeches by other leaders of the Conservative party and carried unanimously.

Another resolution providing for the organization of a delegation of twenty prominent citizens to go to Ottawa and urge the claims of St. John was introduced by D. F. Pidgeon and seconded by W. E. Foster and others and was also passed.

The question at issue is whether it was a fair deal to use the government road, the people's railway, to deprive St. John of her position it had gained by giving the C. P. R. discriminating rates. Not only St. John, but the people of Canada had an interest in the question, they had to bear any loss the I. C. R. would incur, and also they had to suffer a delay in the mail service if the statements of the C. P. R. officials were true that much quicker dispatch could be made by landing the mails at St. John.

If arrangements can be made to arrange an interview with the government, a delegation will leave at once for Ottawa.

ATTEMPTED MURDER FREDERICTON JCT.

A warrant has been issued at Fredericton Jct. for the arrest of John Segee, of Tracy Station, charging him with attempted murder.

The warrant was issued by Magistrate George Smith on the complaint of Lewis Golden and Hazen McClary, two young men and who are employed on the C. P. R. Up to the hour of writing it has not been definitely learned as to whether or not an arrest has been made.

Messrs. Golden and McClary were on a hunting trip and were walking along without paying any particular attention, when suddenly they were led to believe that they had struck the war zone of Mexico, for shots were whizzing by them and they put in an uncomfortable few minutes.

From a window in his home Segee was doing the shooting with a rifle. In all he fired four shots at the two young men, but fortunately none of these took effect. Segee is doubtless mentally unsound, and if not arrested will probably be placed in the Provincial Hospital at Fairville, having formerly been a patient there. He is a middle-aged man.

Harry Martin, of Chatham, is spending a two weeks' vacation in Boston and New York.

Montreal case of last winter, and the big petition brought down from Toronto has led to the decision to again go into the Gibson case.

FREDERICTON MEN SHOOT CALF MOOSE

A "Spike Horn" Head was Found in Wagon on Their Return From Trip

Two Fredericton men are on trial in Burton, Sunbury County, charged with having violated the game law by shooting a calf moose at the Bartlett Mill Stream.

They were returning from their hunt some days ago when the Game Warden of the district met them and inspected the game they had with them. The head of a moose with "spike horns" was found on their wagon and thus the Game Warden laid the information against them.

Section 4 of the game law declares it to be an offence to shoot a calf moose and explains that the "term calf shall be construed to mean that the animal is a calf until it is at least three years old and has at least three points, or tines, not less than four inches on each horn." The penalty for such an offence is a fine of not less than \$100 or more than \$200, or imprisonment, from one to three months.

Figures tabulated by Controller Prendergast, of New York, show the interesting fact that New York spends more money for the education of the public than the combined cities of Chicago, Philadelphia, St. Louis, Boston, Cleveland, Baltimore and Pittsburg. These cities together spend \$30,236,234, and their combined population is 6,744,958. New York spends \$30,753,423, and its population is 4,766,883. Boston spends the most money per 1000 of population, however, the tabulation revealing that the Massachusetts city puts out \$6,589.60 and New York \$6,451.50.

STRUCK HAND CAR ON CANADA EASTERN

Marauders Ran it to Durham and Left it on the Track

During Friday night some party or parties broke into the car shed at Covered Bridge on the Canada Eastern division of the I. C. R. above Marysville and stole the handcar which was stored there and which is used by the section crew.

They ran the handcar to Durham Bridge and there left it on the track. The next morning the outgoing freight from Fredericton struck it, the handcar was demolished and the step broken off the locomotive of the freight train. Section Foreman Norman Van Horne reported the matter to Station Master Hallett at Marysville Saturday morning.

The I. C. R. authorities will doubtless cause a rigid investigation of the affair.

SOLD FOXES FOR \$12,500

Ald. E. A. Fryers, on behalf of the Coverdale Black Fox Co., Saturday, sold and delivered to Mr. J. C. Kendrick, of Charlottetown, of the Massachusetts Black Fox Company, a pair of black foxes. The cash was handed over for the purchase to the amount of \$12,500. These foxes were raised in Coverdale, within three miles of the city of Moncton. This purchase was made under an option given in March last. Subsequently to that option being given, the company was offered \$30,000 for two pairs of black foxes, but the company determined to retain the young stock on its own ranch rather than sell it.

SAD DEATH OF LOGGIEVILLE MAN

Finger Crushed in Cogs--Passed Away While Having Joint Amputated

A very sad death occurred at the Hotel Dieu Hospital Saturday evening, the outcome of an accident, which at first was not considered serious.

Frank Brideau, while at work in A. & R. Loggie's box mill, Saturday afternoon, his fingers in some cog wheels. As he was working he was not at home at the time he went to the drug store to have it temporarily dressed until the doctor's return. On being advised to have it properly attended to at once by a surgeon, Mr. Brideau drove to Chatham and was taken to the hospital for treatment. It was deemed necessary to amputate the finger, and the young man passed away while under the anesthetic before the doctors had completed the operation.

The news of the unfortunate young man's death came as a great shock to his relatives and friends, and was at first hardly credited. Deceased was about 38 years of age, and leaves a wife and two small children to whom the sympathy of the community is extended. Quiet and industrious, the late Mr. Brideau was well liked by his fellow workmen and respected by all who knew him.

The funeral was held yesterday morning at Loggieville and was largely attended.—Chatham Commercial.

Thomas Carson, a retired I. C. R. section foreman, died at his home in Elmsdale, N. S., Wednesday, October 1st, aged 82. Mr. Carson began his railway career when the Nova Scotia Railway to Truro, was under construction.