

LONDON, ONTARIO, THURSDAY, JANUARY 11, 1923.

CRERAR DECLARES PLAN
OF WHEAT BOARD WRONGAddresses Convention of United Farmers of Manitoba—States
Co-operation Is Necessary Between East and West to
Secure Better Grain Shipping Facilities.

EXPLAINS STAND ON "BROADENING OUT"

Special to The Advertiser.
Brandon, Man., Jan. 11.—Free from the responsibility of political leadership, Hon. T. A. Crerar last night told the U. F. M. convention just what was on his mind in the matter of a wheat board and broadening out.

"It seems to be on thorny ground," he said, when he passed from the former topic to the latter. "I have been accused sometimes of being an autocrat; nothing is further from the truth," he went on. "The hope of democracy rests in a free and untrammelled expression of opinion and in the interest taken in the most of the state by the individuals who are agreed on certain principles, and who should march hand in hand. In no other way can the policy which we believe to be furthered. To a resolution thanking him for his services passed immediately at the conclusion of his speech and in which he would continue to represent Marquette, Mr. Crerar said he was meeting his constituency committee today and his course would be determined thereafter.

Says Principle Wrong.
Dealing with the wheat board, which Mr. Crerar did extensively, the former leader declared that the compulsory principle was morally wrong. Apart from that, the furthering of the west's desires in the matter of lower traffic would only be accomplished by pressure from the east to the Dominion. To secure this there must be co-operation between east and west.

The attitude of the west towards compulsory marketing was misunderstood in the east, and this absolutely militated against co-operation to secure the aims of the legislation must be for the good of the Dominion as a whole. He was convinced that the idea of the west that it would secure the balance of grain by compulsory marketing was but an illusion. It was much more essential to cut down the cost of production, and to a question, Mr. Crerar said he would touch on alternatives in the marketing debate today.

The speech was marked by great earnestness. It held the audience so that there was hardly a sound in the huge gathering, his points not even being punctuated by applause. In the face of the stand taken by Mr. Crerar, it is just a question whether the demand for wheat board will be endorsed by the convention today.

Burnell Chosen President.
The United Farmers of Manitoba re-elected Col. Burnell as president, and spent practically the balance of Wednesday afternoon discussing the lake freight rates and policies. The lake freight resolutions were not finally adopted. Hon. T. A. Crerar suggested that one dealing with coasting regulations be referred back to the committee for further study, and another asking for lake rates be placed under the control of the railway commission being also sent back as unsuitable for the convention. The political discussion came in a sense out of a clear sky. A couple of resolutions dealing with broadening out of wheat might have been thought provocative of discussion, passed comparatively simply. Next a resolution was introduced by A. J. M. Poole, one of the district directors, asking for a conference of organized farmers of the Dominion. The resolution sponsored by A. J. M. Poole, member of the board of directors, recommending that a national convention of farmers be called, aroused the delegates to vigorous debate. The resolution was adopted by a large majority, and the delegates divided on the advisability of calling such a convention without some definite indication of the purpose of the meeting. It must be determined. Was it to be political or economic?

Bird Urges Caution.
Mr. Poole pointed out that the resolution suggested no departure from the policy of the convention. It was merely reiteration of the organization's stand declared in 1918, which had favored inauguration of a convention, when the delegates were matters affecting the Dominion as a whole, or other matters beyond the scope of the provincial association work and which may be expected to

REFUSES TO MIDDLE
IN BUSINESS OF CITYGovernment of New Brunswick
Turns Down Request of
U. S. Bankers.

St. John, N.B., Jan. 11.—Representatives of the Investment Bankers Association of the United States and the Bond Dealers Association of Canada waited on the provincial government executive yesterday afternoon respecting their request that arbitration be resorted to between the city and the New Brunswick Power Company for the purchase of the power company's plant. Their argument was similar to that employed at the meeting with the St. John common council in the morning.

Premier Foster maintained the same attitude he had taken in a letter to H. R. Hays, chairman of the public service committee of the Bankers Association. This letter was written on Dec. 22 last.

In it he tells the bankers plainly that the city has a perfect right to erect a electric distribution system in competition with that of the power company. The premier pointed out that "the investors of the New Brunswick Power Company, when they purchased their stocks or bonds, did not secure with such securities the exclusive right to distribute light and power in the city."

Consideration of the arguments presented was promised. It is not thought likely, however, that the provincial government will interfere in the matter.

URGE FRENCHMAN
PRESENT METHOD
TO JAIL INMATESCoue Invited to Pay Visit to
Sing Sing and Clinton
Prisons.

BUYS "ROSARIES"

Broker Sends 2,000 Silk Knotted
Strings to Convicts at
St. Quentin.From the North American Newspaper
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New York, Jan. 11.—An invitation to present his method in person before the inmates of Sing Sing and Clinton prisons was presented to M. Coue today by State Senator William Love of Brooklyn, chairman of the Senate penal committee.

The resolution passed at the Progressive caucus was then read, to the effect that the members regarded the Progressive platform broad enough to embrace the present question had been thoroughly discussed. The method of organization would be decided by projected into the deliberations of the state by the individuals who are agreed on certain principles, and who should march hand in hand. In no other way can the policy which we believe to be furthered. To a resolution thanking him for his services passed immediately at the conclusion of his speech and in which he would continue to represent Marquette, Mr. Crerar said he was meeting his constituency committee today and his course would be determined thereafter.

Robert Forke, leader of the Progressive party, voiced himself along similar lines. In reply to numerous queries as to the basis upon which it was suggested to effect national organization, W. R. Wood, secretary of the U. F. M., pointed out that of necessity the primary aim of creating such a body would be to seek to bring about a common understanding among the different provincial farm organizations, and to co-ordinating the strength of the Progressive movement.

It was inevitable that politics would be injected into the deliberations of such an organization, but that was no argument in favor of opposing the idea.

The resolution on political organization submitted by L. M. Mellors and R. F. Chapman was unanimously passed without discussion, as follows:

"Whereas the United Farmers of Manitoba were forced to take political action in order to obtain their proper representation in the House of Commons, and whereas, in order that our representatives might be left free to study and promote legislation in accordance with the principles of the new national policy, we organized to finance and elect a member of parliament in each of the provinces of Manitoba;

"And whereas these constituencies financed, nominated and elected their representatives under the form of a political party, and whereas the organization which we consider the most democratic and representative it is possible to devise at the present time, leaving as it does the control of the political machinery in the hands of the people in the constituencies;

"Therefore, be it resolved that the convention strongly indorse our present organization for political action and stand opposed to any attempt to change the present status of our organization or relationship between the constituencies and their members of parliament."

Truck Lost Through Ice, Loaded With Champagne
Canadian Press Despatch.
Montreal, Jan. 11.—An automobile truck, which fell through the ice on the river between St. Anne de Belleville and Vaudreuil on Dec. 29, was recovered last night by men who were employed at the work by the owner of the car. It was found that the automobile contained 100 bottles of champagne, which were found in the rear of the truck apparently in good condition. Chief Surprant of St. Anne, had been informed that the car had fallen through the ice that the two men occupants had managed to jump out in time to prevent their falling into the water. Nothing more was seen of the owners. Chief Surprant declined to give any information as to the owner of the car.

SAYS FRANCE'S OBJECT TO COMBINE TWO FIELDS
Associated Press Despatch.
Oberhausen, Germany, Jan. 11.—"There are no other important iron and coal deposits in the world lying so near each other as the French ore fields and the Ruhr coal region, and France's whole policy of occupation is based on combining these two districts," said Dr. Arnold Voigtmann, director of the Good Hope Mining and Machine Works, here today.

The Good Hope properties, employing some 50,000 men, lie just off the edge of Duisburg, and thus constitute a virtual doorstep for France's entry, Dr. Voigtmann said.

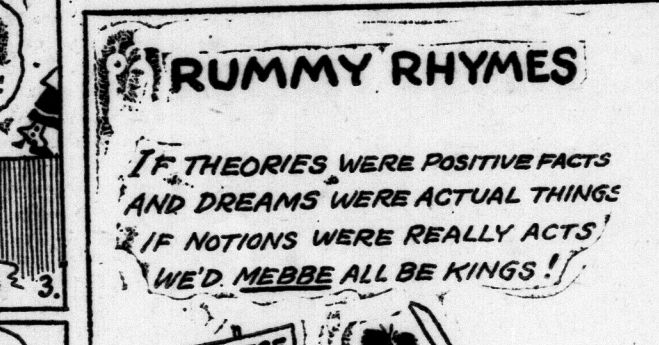
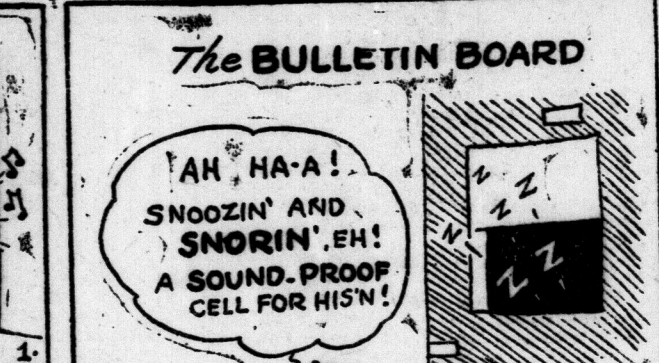
He intimated the opinion that passive resistance to the French on the part of German labor might result in a wholesale shutdown of the great industrial plants of the Ruhr Valley.

VETERANS WOULD HAVE PENSIONS SIFTED IN CITY
At a general meeting of the G. W. V. A. a resolution was unanimously passed that a representation should be made to the proper quarters that the royal commission appointed by the government to investigate pensions and conditions of the soldiers' civil re-establishment should include London in the list of cities in which it will sit.

In the list of cities as given out some time ago London was omitted, although it is headquarters for No. 1 Military District. This was cause of surprise to local authorities.

DIBS AND DABS

—BY HARRY MOYER

STATE TIME NOT RIPE
TO DISCUSS MEMORIALProminent Citizens Urge Mat-
ter Be Pushed in the
Spring.

Persons interested in the erection of a war memorial monument stated today that its construction this year depended on whether business conditions improved or not.

They considered it unwise to agitate for the enterprise at this time, owing to the stringent demands that have recently been made on the public purse. Col. William Coles declared, however, that with the approach of summer and expected lull in the industry the time might be ripe to solicit contributions. He thought the best place for the monument would be on Dundas street, between the Federal Square and the present municipal offices.

"An imposing memorial would be ideal on that spot," said he. "If necessary, the street car tracks could be removed to the side. It is the widest street in town, and would lend the same effect as the Victory monument in Lower Broadway, New York. Fifty thousand dollars would be the least that would be required."

"I don't think it possible to construct the memorial this year," states Col. C. M. R. Graham. "Victoria Park would be the logical location. There is no doubt but that the statue will be raised, but conditions prevent work on it this season. At least \$75,000 would be needed. Other Canadian cities have either erected a monument to their war dead or contemplate doing so. It will be a great asset to the city. The larger and more impressive the monument the better."

ACCEPT SAMPLE PLANS FOR MUNICIPAL BUILDING
London is accepting two sets of sample plans of a new hall from a Toronto firm of architects. The city will be under no obligation, it is stressed.

Apportion of the same situation, Ald. George Burdick, Ward 4, voices strong disapproval against any suggestion that the council indorse competitive plans should a new administration building be commenced this year.

"It will be a distinct waste of money," he reasons. "Why spend \$25,000 or \$30,000 for this purpose, when we have a competent man in the city hall, Building Inspector A. M. Piper, who is qualified to draft plans and specifications that we will require."

Churches to Hold
Social GatheringLarge Delegations of Method-
ists Expected to Attend
Banquet.

Large delegations from all Methodist churches in the city are expected to attend the social gathering and banquet which will be held in the First Methodist Church Sunday school rooms tonight.

Held with the purpose of drawing together the various churches of the denomination, the meeting will be featured with the address of Rev. E. W. Neil, secretary of the Methodist Council Extension Board of Toronto, whose subject will be "Extension Work in London."

Wendell Hoeman, lay president of the local Methodist Council, will act as chairman for the occasion, and brief addresses from local clergy and laity, as well as excellent music, are also included in the evening's program.

LIBERALS TO OPEN DRIVE FOR ELECTION IN QUEBEC
Associated Press Despatch.
Quebec, Jan. 11.—Premier Taschereau announced at his office at the Legislature last night that the Liberal party will open its campaign for the elections on Feb. 5, in the city of Quebec.

A big Liberal rally will be held in the Martineau Hall in Quebec East division on Thursday night, the 13th instant.

The meeting will be addressed by the prime minister, a number of the ministers, as well as Hon. Adolphe Turgeon, speaker of the Legislative Council, and the local Liberal members of the assembly. Premier Taschereau also stated that he would very likely issue his election manifesto today.

RESCUE U. S. SUBMARINE DISABLED BY FIRE AT SEA
Special to The Advertiser.
Washington, Jan. 11.—The submarine S-19, which became disabled yesterday off Cape Hatteras following a fire in her engine room, was taken in tow this morning by the U. S. S. Savannah, a radio despatch to the navy department stated. No casualties were reported, and the extent and the cause of the fire was not given.

The Savannah, one of the ships ordered to rescue the S-19, will tow the craft to Bermuda.

The submarine was en route from New York to the West Indies.

FIVE DELEGATES GATHER
FOR IMMIGRATION PROBEStewart Outlines Aims of Government in Calling Conference—
All Agree Efficient Agricultural Settler Most Needed—
Believe Railways Will Aid Problem in Spring.

SASKATCHEWAN DECLINES INVITATION

Special to The Advertiser
by a Staff Correspondent.
Ottawa, Jan. 11.—The immigration conference, to which the provinces had been invited by the federal government to send representatives, assembled here yesterday, but owing to the absence of certain delegates only very modest progress was made.

The conference did not meet till the afternoon, when five provincial delegates were in attendance. From the west came two Scots, F. M. Black, provincial treasurer of Manitoba, who was formerly treasurer of the United Farmers of Canada, and B. G. Reid, minister of municipal affairs in Alberta.

Quebec sent L. A. Richard, the deputy minister of colonization; Nova Scotia, W. B. McCoy, secretary of immigration, and New Brunswick, Harvey Mitchell, deputy minister of agriculture. Mr. Reid, who is to speak for Ontario, has delayed his advent till today, and Premier Oliver of British Columbia is also expected to put in the afternoon. The real work of the conference has been reserved for today.

Prince Edward Island, which is most afflicted with emigration than immigration problems, has not thought it worth while to send a delegate, and Saskatchewan, which ought to be most interested in immigration than any other province, is said to be abstaining out of malice prepense. The theory is that the prairie government is trying by their absence to press their views on the natural resources question upon the King ministry.

Refuse Responsibility.
Their attitude is that until the province is given full control of its natural resources it should accept no responsibility for any immigration work. However, Mr. Reid, the minister of immigration, was willing to make the best of the delegates who were on hand, and in a short opening address outlined the objectives of the government in calling the conference.

One of the principal aims in view was to obtain from each province some rough estimate of: (a) The number of immigrants whom they could comfortably handle each year; (b) the number of immigrants whom they desired to secure, and (c) the countries from which they wished to attract them. Some of the delegates pointed out that the questions could not be answered off-hand and would require careful consideration and possibly consultation with their colleagues and the provincial officials. Mr. Stewart also suggested that in the event of the federal government spending considerable sums on assisting immigrants, the provinces should undertake some responsibility for the collection of the refunds which were due. He also intimated

PROMISES TO DEMAND
POLICE INVESTIGATIONCommission, However, Believes
Montreal Force Innocent of
Serious Charges.

Special to The Advertiser.
Montreal, Jan. 11.—Alderman Lyon W. Jacobs, B.C.L., president of the law commission of Montreal and member of the Montreal police commission, stated today in regard to the Haywood-Montreal police controversy:

"The matters discussed by Dr. Haywood are undoubtedly important and deserve consideration. I do not think that Dr. Haywood intended to make any reflection on the police department as a body. If I am rightly informed, the doctor specified one detective in his statement before the Canadian Club. If it be established that the charge made against this detective is true I can assure you this man will not be in the force. This is a problem, not for the immigration department but for the whole governments to solve."

"The police force is composed mainly of honorable, efficient, hard-working men who give the citizen the best protection possible. The force is underrmanned at present. Men work seven days a week, and are often compelled to be on duty during the night, and spend the greater part of the day in court."

"In an organization of 1,000 men it may be possible that errors will occur, but the whole of our police force is as efficient and well disciplined as any on the North American continent. In Chief Belenger and Chief of Detectives Lepage, Montreal has two able and worthy officers whose work is devoted to the best interests of our citizens."

"I know Dr. Haywood personally, and I feel sure that the statements he made were in the public interest, and were made after due deliberation and careful observation. I will personally demand a public investigation of the entire matter should any specific charge be brought against the police department."

MANY VALUABLE BIRDS
LOST AT POULTRY SHOW

Special to The Advertiser.
Port Hope, Jan. 11.—Several of the poultry exhibitors at the recent show in Port Hope have been forced to lose many of their prize birds through an epidemic of cold, which seemed to go through the whole show. Captain W. J. Cowell, of this town, was among the biggest losers, thirty-five of his best Bantams, valued at \$150, having succumbed to the epidemic.

The management of the show did everything possible to combat the epidemic. A spray was used not only on the floor and fixtures, but on the birds themselves. It had not been for their foresight and untiring efforts the loss would have been a great deal higher than it was.

SASKATCHEWAN SCORES
FATTY ARBUCKLE FILMS

Canadian Press Despatch.
Regina, Sask., Jan. 11.—A resolution against the reintroduction into Canadian theatres of Roscoe C. (Fatty) Arbuckle films has been forwarded by the executive of the Saskatchewan Social Service Council to Will Hays, president of the Motion Picture Producers and Distributors of America.

