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### FOR RECIPROCITY.

THE CONVENTION IN SESSION AT DETROIT.

RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES DISCUSSED.

SEVERAL PROMINENT MEN ATTEND THE MEETING.

Detroit, Dec. 11.—Reciprocity with high protection was the keynote of the speeches and discussions at the annual convention of the National Reciprocity League, which opened here yesterday. There is promise of some straight reciprocity talk at future sessions. The convention so far has attracted about 70 representatives, and the tone of every speaker has been, "Protect our home industries and be careful what articles are admitted on a lower tariff than now prevails." In his opening remarks Mr. Fred B. Smith, President of the Detroit Chamber of Commerce, declared that every member of the chamber favored reciprocity with France, Canada, and Cuba, but neither Mr. Smith nor any of the subsequent speakers said a word about reciprocity with Britain or any of her possessions except the Dominion. Mayor Maybury of Detroit pointed to the immense forest wealth of Canada, and her vast and unlimited mineral wealth, from the full benefit of their share of which the people of the United States were shut out. He believed the Senate of the United States could arrange a treaty with Canada which would mean a great increase of trade for both countries, and which would not injure American manufacturers. Mr. H. T. Slaver of Chicago was in favor of reciprocity with any country which would enter into treaty with the United States on fair terms.

Hon. Eugene Hay of Minneapolis, as a high protectionist, believed that reciprocity was the natural sequence of protection. For fully 25 years the United States had wisely protected its home industries, and would continue to do so. The Chamber of Commerce had requested the delegates to-night, more than three hundred being present. There was no toast list. After singing the national anthems of the United States and Britain, Mr. John Charlton, M.P., delivered an address.

There is beyond question a crying necessity for action in securing changes of that trade policy towards Canada which has been adopted and followed by the United States for the last thirty years. The policy being questioned is absurd, detrimental to the interests of both countries, and calculated most efficiently to promote variance, ill-feeling and hostility of interest. The talk is with the United States, Canada is definitely and deliberately retired from the position of taking the initiative. Her experience in that role has been too unsatisfactory to permit its repetition. The suggestion must come from the other party, and in the interests of both countries it would be well for it to come soon. Allow extreme protection to fasten itself upon Canada, and the interests to spring up that such a policy will call into existence, and the day for broadened trade conditions is past.

Senator McMillen declared that Canada was in no hurry over a reciprocity treaty. One thing he could positively assure the convention of, and that was the Alaskan boundary dispute must first be settled. Canada had offered to arbitrate the whole matter, but the United States had refused. So long as this refusal was persisted in Canada would refuse to even discuss reciprocity. The convention should first send a deputation to Washington to present an amicable settlement of the boundary dispute, and when that was done, and not until then, would Canada listen to reciprocity talk. Mr. Campbell Shaw of Toronto was of opinion that as the Alaskan boundary dispute was in the hands of the diplomats it was in a fair way to be settled. He did not believe reciprocity need be delayed because of the boundary dispute. Canada was not only securing the Yukon trade, but her trade with Britain would soon rival or excel that with the United States, and if the United States were ever to increase its Canadian trade, or even hold what it had, reciprocity was an absolute necessity.

Mr. R. F. Sutherland, M.P. for North Essex, hoped that wise counsels would prevail at Washington, and that a conciliatory attitude would be adopted towards Canada. The feeling was growing in the Dominion that the people of Canada could do without the trade of the United States.

TABLE HEAD WIRES DOWN.

Something Reported to Have Gone Wrong With Marconi's Apparatus. Halifax, Dec. 11.—The Glace Bay Gazette says: "Something strange seems to have happened at Table Head, but that something does not look very encouraging to Promoter Marconi's schemes. The greater portion of the wires connecting the tower and leading to the operating room have been taken down, coiled up and stored away. One story is that a powerful current was put on for the transmission of a message and, though a flaw, the wires burned out. Another is that the arrangement of the wires was different from that at Foulds, and the new plan has been found faulty and a change is necessary. Marconi has not met with the success expected, but he is as confident as ever."

The Lake Erie employees of this city are looking happy to-day. The pay car passed through this morning with Paymaster W. H. Dennis on board.

### DANGEROUS PLACE

The road forming the north and south approaches to the Aberdeen bridge, has settled so much between the stone walls that the granolithic sidewalks leading up to the bridge have sunk five or six inches, in some parts, towards the inner edges only, causing the walls to slant so much that when coated with ice, as they certainly will be in winter, at times, it will be impossible to avoid falling, and there will surely be bad accidents, made extremely dangerous by striking the head against the iron railings, for which the city may have to pay heavy damages, or a heavier law suit. These parts should now be covered with a board walk properly levelled up and the dangerous defect remedied as soon as the frost goes out in spring.

Huron County Judgeship.

Ottawa, Dec. 11.—Judge Mason, senior Judge of the County of Huron, has been superannuated owing to ill-health. Junior Judge Doyle has been promoted to the vacancy, and Mr. Philip Holt, K.C., of Goderich, has been appointed to replace Judge Doyle. Judge Doyle was appointed to the Bench in 1896, but has been incapacitated from duty for some time past owing to the state of his health. He will receive the usual retiring allowance. The appointment of a Judge to administer the law in the district in which he resides is unusual, but not without precedent. In the case of Judge Holt, his appointment was strongly recommended by members of the legal profession and citizens of Goderich.

### MACDONALD SCHOOLS.

TRUSTEES AND DELEGATES MET AT QUELUP.

Favor the Establishment of a Consolidated Model Rural School.—Prof. Robertson's Explanation of the Scheme.

Quebec, Dec. 11.—At a public meeting in the City Hall yesterday, attended by a large number of trustees and delegates, representing the adjoining rural schools, a resolution was passed favoring the establishment of a consolidated rural school of four or more sections in the vicinity, in accordance with the offer of Sir William Macdonald of Montreal, made to the trustees by Prof. Robertson. The resolution does not bind the school sections, but it represents public opinion, and it is thought the remaining steps will be little more than formal. Prof. Robertson's statement, represented Sir William Macdonald's offer, so far as Ontario was concerned, to establish a model consolidated school, which will serve as a nucleus in the phase of the new education. He offers to build, equip and maintain the new school in exchange for a tax equal to the average of the last few years, and at the end of that time they may return to the old method if they choose. The equipment will include domestic science and manual training. The sections are given until January 1st to accept the offer, as there are many other applicants.

### NO CATTLE DISEASE.

VIGOROUS ACTION TO DISINFECT SUSPECTED CAR.

A Startling Story From London Regarding Toronto Cattle—A Car Disinfected at Little York.

Quebec, Dec. 11.—Hon. Sydney Fisher, who is here attending the Winter Fair, when asked regarding the report of a case of foot and mouth disease at Toronto, said he had just received a message to that effect from Lord Strathcona. "No case has been discovered, and there is no suggestion of any in any way," he said. "You can give that the most emphatic denial. The report probably arose from a newspaper despatch concerning a freight car now at Toronto. That is a car which had been used in the United States to carry diseased stock, which got into Canada before our prohibition, but we got its number, and we have traced it to Toronto. We gave orders that it be not put to any use at all. It is still in Toronto, and our officers are disinfecting it to-day. Even after the disinfection I have forbidden the use of the car in Canada for stock."

The Works on the Nile.

London, Dec. 11.—What is spoken of as the opening of the Nile works at Assuan and Assiout by the Duke of Connaught is in reality the formal function of inspecting them when closed. The flood of the Nile ended in November, and the 180 sluices in the wall of masonry, a mile and a quarter long, were closed at the beginning of this month for the storage of water until the end of March. The completion of this remarkable work was proclaimed by the King's brother yesterday, and the remaining weir at Assiout, 200 miles distant, was readied for final inspection. The utility of the Assiout barrage has already been proved, since it raised the level of the water in the chief irrigating canal very materially during an exceptionally low Nile. The combined effect of the two dams will be an abundance of water for irrigation between March and August, without interruption, and the subsequent flow of the fertilizing current will be a flood. The British press records with legitimate pride this triumph of engineering and beneficent administration.

### CASTRO DEFIANT.

A PROCLAMATION CALLING PEOPLE TO ARMS.

VENEZUELAN GUNBOATS SEIZED BY THE FLEETS.

BRITISH AND GERMAN FLAGS BURNED AT CARACAS.

President Castro has appealed to the people of Venezuela to take up arms against Britain and Germany. A number of Venezuelan war vessels were seized by the British and German fleets.

Washington, Dec. 11.—But one cablegram has been received here by the State Department from Minister Bowen at Caracas. That relates to the seizure by British and German vessels of the Venezuelan navy at La Guaira. He makes no reference whatever to any seizure of custom houses. Mr. Bowen expresses the opinion that similar seizures of vessels may have been made at other ports.

It was said at the British and German Embassies that the action of President Castro in ordering the arrest of all subjects of the British and German Governments in Caracas was without precedent in the history of civilized countries, supposedly at peace with each other, and that such action would be regarded as sufficient ground for a declaration of war. Members of the diplomatic corps here indeed regard it as being such a declaration in itself. Many years ago, when President Somoza was at the head of the Buenos Ayres Government, Great Britain became involved in a dispute with the South American country, and Somoza issued a decree that all British subjects should be arrested, and the British ships taken off at the first shot fired from the British men-of-war then threatening to bombard cities along the Argentine coast. Fortunately an agreement was reached, and the drastic order was not carried out.

Willemstad, Island of Curacao, Dec. 11.—There was a great patriotic demonstration in Caracas last night, when the news arrived that the British and German warships had seized the Venezuelan war vessels at La Guaira. Crowds paraded the streets, singing patriotic songs. Violent speeches were delivered at various points. The populace marched to the palace of President Castro, who made an address. The mob then moved on to the German Legation, shouting "Death to the Germans." The windows were shattered with stones and attempts were made to force the doors, but the gendarmes resisted these efforts, and Mme. Von Pilgrim-Baltazzi, the wife of the German Charge d'Affaires, who has been ill in bed for the past two months and therefore could not leave Caracas with her husband, was saved from the violence.

Amid cries of "Death to the Germans," and "Down with the foreigners," the populace directed its way to the German residential quarter and gathered outside the Hotel Klindt and the German Club, vociferating and uttering insults. The Belgian Charge d'Affaires, E. J. S. Gossart, was arrested by mistake for a German, because of his fair complexion. In spite of his vigorous protests he was taken to the Police Station, but released ten minutes later. On learning of these incidents United States Minister Bowen and Secretary Russell went at once to see President Castro, and after a long conference succeeded in obtaining the release of Dr. Koehler, Mme. Von Pilgrim-Baltazzi's physician, and Counsel Valentin Blohm. Minister Bowen also obtained the official authorization of the Venezuelan Government to represent British and German interests during the imbroglio. The Government has placed an embargo on the British railroad to La Guaira and the German Central Railroad from Caracas to Valencia. The populace is still intensely excited, and the situation is regarded as critical. The British and German flags have been publicly burned.

In the House of Commons yesterday Under Foreign Secretary Cranborne said the Government had no official information of the seizure by the Venezuelans of 200 British and German subjects, or of the seizure of the Venezuelan warships by the fleets of Great Britain and Germany. Lord Cranborne added that the British claims which represented coercion will be fully disclosed by papers to be laid before the House. They include a demand for compensation for interference with trading vessels, the imprisonment and mistreatment of British subjects and the destruction of property. The Under Secretary asserted that the Government will follow precedent in the enforcement of analogous claims.

Evening News Changes Hands.

Toronto, Dec. 11.—The announcement was made yesterday that Mr. J. W. Flavell had purchased The Evening News. Mr. J. S. Willison will be the editor of The News, which will be continued as an evening paper. The change will come into effect on January 1st.

American Syndicate's Offer.

Halifax, Dec. 10.—(Special.)—An American syndicate composed of Armour, Chicago; W. H. Porter, Vice-President Chemical National Bank, New York; James J. Cannon, President Fourth National Bank, New York, and others, offer to purchase 5,000 shares Royal Bank of Canada at \$260.

### CHATHAM MFG. CO.

The annual meeting of the Chatham Manufacturing Company was held in the company's office yesterday afternoon at three o'clock and was attended by the board of directors and a number of shareholders. The financial statement was presented that showed the business of the past year had been a highly satisfactory one that warranted the directors the previous day declaring a five per cent. dividend, and they were able to convey a considerable amount to the rest account. W. R. Landon, the able manager, made a statement of the improvements that had been made in the plant during the past year, and gave the shareholders his impression of what would be the result of next year's business. He was highly complimented by some of the directors, and the shareholders expressed themselves satisfied with the financial statement for the past year. Upon motion of C. R. Atkinson, K. C., the old board was re-elected for the ensuing year.

### BANK NOTE FORGERY.

NINE OF THEM COMMITTED FOR TRIAL IN LONDON.

All Are Germans or Russians, and Had Planned to Carry on Extensive Campaign.

London, Dec. 11.—Jacob Stern, who was arrested in New York in January last, and eight other foreigners, charged with bank note forgeries, were committed for trial yesterday. The forgeries have occupied the London police for several months, and when first discovered created considerable excitement in commercial circles. They aggregated \$50,000. The criminals had laid their plans for an extended campaign, but their schemes were frustrated by the arrest in New York of Stern, who attempted to charge the first forgeries to get money for extending the business. The prisoners are all Germans and Russians.

### BRIBES WERE OFFERED.

OPERATORS TRIED HARD TO BREAK THE STRIKE.

Witness Tells Story of Attempt to Get Union Men to Break the Rank.

Scranton, Pa., Dec. 11.—After two days of a strike, a witness told the strike commission yesterday that 25 per cent. of the children in the mining region were out of the schools, a sensation was caused by the testimony of John Early, a cheap workman, employed at Gypsy Grove colliery of the Erie Company, who was President of the Gypsy Grove "local." Early said he was introduced to a former mine foreman named Michael Grimes in Scranton Hotel. Early and a miner named O'Hara, who was also President of a local union, were each offered \$2,500 to get ten men to pass a resolution ordering the men from the two locals which they represented back to work. The witness told his story in minute detail, and said that the plot had been disclosed to District President Nichols and one other, who had watched developments. Early went on to say that the ministers of the vicinity were to have been approached, but they were not to get as much as the miners for breaking the strike. President Nichols, he said, then gave out a public statement, in which he intimated bribery was being attempted, and the whole thing fell through. Early was dismissed without cross-examination. For the Delaware & Hudson Railway, Mr. Torrey said that company had a large number of witnesses to testify on behalf of the strike, and the case, which has a direct bearing upon the recognition of the union. Chairman Gray replied that mere exhibition of feeling will not have much weight with the commission.

### Killed in London Township.

London, Dec. 11.—Archie Cockburn, aged 23, who lived in London Township, was the victim of a fatal accident to-day. Young Cockburn left home early this morning to cut down a tree on the township line road between West Nisour and London Township. He had been working at his task for some time when unexpectedly the tree fell, Cockburn being caught and instantly killed.

### MR. BRUNET UNSEATED.

Action May be Taken to Disqualify Witnesses.

Montreal, Dec. 11.—When the St. James' election case came up in the Superior Court yesterday before Chief Justice Tait and Mr. Justice Lorange the court announced that sufficient evidence had already been given to annul the election of Mr. Brunet. Mr. F. J. Bisillon, K.C., on behalf of Mr. Bergeron, asked that the case be adjourned until Friday, in order to allow the prosecution to decide whether it would take action to disqualify certain of the witnesses in the case for corrupt practices. This request was granted, and the court adjourned until Friday. Any person disqualified by the civil courts for corrupt election practices is deprived of the right to vote or hold public office for a period of eight years.

### WILL CLERGUE GET IT?

GERMAN TENDERS LOWER THAN 800 RAIL MILLS.

Probability that Provincial Government Will Give Preference to Canadian Industry in Buying Steel Rails.

Toronto, Dec. 11.—It appears to be more than probable that Mr. F. H. Clergue will obtain for his mills at the Sault the order for the steel rails required for the Ontario Government's Teniskaming Railway. It is understood that the German tenders are lower than 800 rail mills, but it is reported there is a strong feeling among members of the Cabinet that the Government of Ontario, having undertaken the task of developing the natural resources of the Province, and the Dominion Government having offered material inducements to manufacturers to establish the steel rail industry in Canada, should not now be the first to encourage the foreign competitors of the Canadian industry. Hon. Frank Latchford, Commissioner of Public Works, when interviewed on the subject yesterday, stated that the matter has not yet been settled, but he thought if the Government did award the contract to Mr. Clergue under the circumstances it would have the support of the people in doing so. It is not a very large contract, but it will help the Canadian firm if they get it to carry on their industry. The subsidy acts contain a provision giving Canadian mills the preference over foreign establishments when the price is the same, but the fact that a very great depression exists in Germany has caused the manufacturers there to sell rails at less than cost, and it therefore appeared as though some further restrictions were necessary. The Teniskaming Railway Commission at its last meeting adjourned till tomorrow.

### Dr. Sparrow Exonerated.

Toronto, Dec. 11.—The jury in the case of Dr. Malcolm M. Sparrow, dentist, was charged with negligent and careless work in attending the teeth of Mrs. Hendron, brought in a verdict yesterday saying they disagreed as to when the tooth fell out of Mrs. Hendron's throat, but were unanimously of the opinion that Dr. Sparrow had not been guilty of negligent or careless work.

### Rosebery's Daughter Engaged.

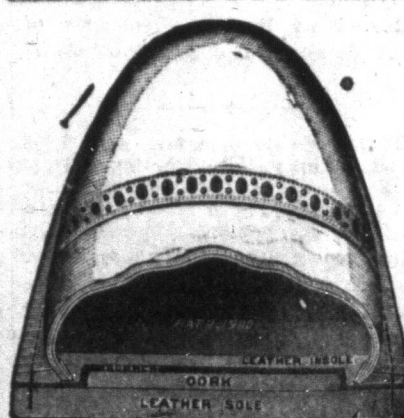
London, Dec. 10.—The Earl of Rosebery has announced the engagement of his daughter, Lady Sybil Myra Caroline, to Lieut. C. Grant of the Scots Guards, son of General Sir Robert Grant.

### KING'S DAUGHTERS

The December meeting of the King's Daughters was held Tuesday afternoon at the residence of Mrs. Wm. Hayley. The principal business before the meeting was the arranging for distribution of Christmas cheer to the poor of the town. Mr. Henry Deane has most generously offered the society 1,000 lbs. of flour for the needy, for which the King's Daughters wish to tender him their sincerest and heartiest thanks. In addition to distributing this flour the society decided to make donations of groceries to all those they are in the habit of assisting. To the inmates of the Home of the Friendless they will give a supper on Monday, Dec. 29th. After the supper a program will be given.

### PAINTERS' UNION

The boss painters of the city are contemplating the formation of a union in the city. A meeting for this purpose was held the other evening but nothing definite was done. There were present at the meeting Jos. Tilt, Mr. Morrison, E. J. Willard, Mr. Plummeridge, Mr. Palmer and F. Judson. The aim of the union is to set a scale of prices for all work done. Another meeting will be called soon, when the matter will be fully gone into.



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