

VOTE IN FAVOR OF RECIPROCITY

RESOLUTION CARRIED IN NOVA SCOTIA ASSEMBLY

Dunrea Grain Growers Repudiate Action of Manitoba Legislature

(Special to the Times.) Halifax, N. S., March 30.—At midnight a vote was taken in the house of assembly on a resolution favoring the reciprocity agreement...

An amendment was moved by the conservative opposition that there had been no mandate from the people for reciprocity...

Langvale, Man., March 30.—At a meeting of the Dunrea Grain Growers' Association, the following resolution was passed unanimously...

PROBES METHODS OF NEW YORK BANK

GRAND JURY CONTINUES ITS INVESTIGATION

Legislature Will Be Asked to Inquire Into Banking Conditions

(Times Leased Wire.) New York, March 30.—Rotten banking conditions in New York, worse even than those shown when Chas. W. Morse fell, are expected to be developed here through the work of the grand jury...

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ALBANY FIRE LOSS REACHES \$8,000,000

Work of Clearing Away the Wreckage at Capital in Progress

(Times Leased Wire.) Albany, N. Y., March 30.—With the total loss through the Capitol fire estimated at \$8,000,000, the work of clearing away the wreckage was begun today with fire engines still awaiting to make sure that the flames will not break out again...

AUSTRALIA WANTS SETTLERS.

High Commissioner Says Government Will Assist Immigrants. (Special to the Times.) Glasgow, March 30.—Sir George Reid, high commissioner for Australia, speaking here, announced that his government had decided on a scheme of assisted emigration. He urged British shipping owners to continue building, as Australian trade was going to stagger the world.

NO WITNESSES WERE PRESENT

INQUIRY OPENED ON SECHLT DISASTER

Captain C. Eddie to Preside Over Hearings—Will Visit Scene of Disaster

(From Thursday's Daily.) At the instigation of the minister of marine and fisheries at Ottawa, a preliminary inquiry concerning the Sechelt disaster in Beecher Bay, on Friday, was opened in the post office building this morning, under the presidency of Captain C. Eddie, Vancouver, examiner of masters and mates, who reached this city yesterday afternoon on the Adelaide.

As there was no public intimation given of the inquiry until this morning, there were no witnesses present at the opening, with the exception of Captain Strongman.

As Captain Strongman, however, did not see the accident, his knowledge of the affair resolved itself into mere hearsay, and was therefore not accepted as evidence.

It is the intention of Captain Eddie to subpoena those people who, in his opinion, are likely to cast any light upon the tragedy. Of course, anyone unknown to the officials who is in a position to give evidence will be welcomed. The sessions will be held every forenoon (beginning at ten o'clock), and afternoon. Captain Eddie proposes to visit the scene of the disaster at an early date.

ZEPPELIN'S NEW DIRIGIBLE.

SETTLERS FROM GREAT BRITAIN

Only 252 Were Turned Back by Canadian Officials Last Year

London, March 30.—William Scott, Canadian superintendent of immigration interviewed here, says that Canada only rejected 252 Britishers last year, whereas she turned back 14,131 persons applying for admission at the United States boundary. Canada was not protesting there in from lessons learned from the States. Canada was getting a better class of emigrant than was the States.

Flocking to Canada. Antwerp, March 30.—The diversion of European emigration from the United States to Canada is said to be seriously affecting the Atlantic steamship lines. The Red Star line yesterday gave to the American-Canadian line two of the best special emigrant steamers, the Gothland and the Siamland. These vessels heretofore in the Antwerp-New York service, are now to be operated from Rotterdam to Canadian ports.

Fifteen hundred emigrants bound for Canada are held up here by a lack of transportation facilities.

Their delay is a proportionate decrease in the emigration to the United States.

SIXTEEN BODIES NOT YET IDENTIFIED

Funeral of Victims of New York Fire to Take Place on Monday

(Times Leased Wire.) New York, March 30.—Thirty women are recovering slowly here to-day from hysteria which attacked them at a great memorial mass meeting for the victims of Washington Place fire which was held in the Grand Central palace. More than 3,000 persons attended the gathering, which was held by the shirt-waist and dressmakers union.

Only 15 bodies of the fire's victims to-day remain unidentified. It is proposed to take most of the corpses through the streets on Monday in a great funeral procession, headed by a chorus of 70 singers from the Jewish choir's union, and followed by 800 surviving employees of the Triangle shirt-waist company. One hundred and fifty thousand sympathizers are expected to join in the demonstration.

Marshall Beers asserted to-day that the Triangle Waist Co. in order to search their employees before they entered the freight elevators after quitting work, built a partition to the elevators and had narrow doors constructed. This, he said, cost 15 lives. Beers also asserted that the company had grossly violated city ordinances by building the partitions and that he had notified District Attorney Whitman.

When the fire started the girls rushed to the elevator, closing the narrow doorway, and stood up at the elevator entrance. Other girls, unable to pass, were forced to jump from the windows or die in the flames.



HAPPY DAYS IN OPPOSITION KINDERGARTEN AT OTTAWA.

How the juniors, led by guileless Georgy Foster, make things pleasant for the head boy.

MORE REVENUE FOR ONTARIO GOVERNMENT

Will Receive \$150,000 Additional Every Year From Hotels of Province

(Special to the Times.) Toronto, March 30.—Local hotel men estimate that the Ontario government will receive about \$150,000 additional revenue annually from the hotels by reason of the amendments to the Ontario liquor license act last session. Of that \$150,000, Toronto hotel men will contribute \$82,000. The price of drinks is to be raised and all soda and mineral waters now given away will be charged for. All hotels after May 1st may be run on the European plan.

HEARING COAL LAND CASE AT SEATTLE

Defence Contends No Crime is Charged in the Indictment Against Defendants

(Times Leased Wire.) Seattle, Wash., March 30.—No evidence has been submitted in the Alaska coal-land case so far, it being agreed by the government and the defence that the legal phases of the case be fully discussed first.

C. W. Dorr, one of the attorneys for the defence, presented a motion yesterday requesting the jury to be instructed to return a verdict of not guilty on the grounds that no crime is charged in the indictment, and that prosecution is barred by the statutes of limitation.

In defence of his contention Dorr argued that the Alaska coal-land law of 1904 permitted plural entries, and entitled bidders to transfer their claims.

During the argument the defendants, Monday, Stieglitz and Shibley, sat in easy attitudes and seemed no more concerned than the casual observers that filled the court.

The jury was excused until 2 o'clock.

FIFTY-SEVEN MILES AN HOUR.

Brereton, March 30.—Lieut. Erlerer, with a passenger, arrived here in their biplane from Hamburg one hour and fifteen minutes after the start. This was at the rate of more than 57 miles an hour.

HITCH IN MEXICAN PEACE NEGOTIATIONS

Denies Arrangements Have Been Made for Conference With Rebel Leaders

San Antonio, Texas, March 30.—Denying that he knew anything about a peace conference to be held between himself, Minister Jose Yves Limantour, and the Madero family, former Ambassador De la Barra arrived here to-day, and, accompanied by Mexican Consul Ornelas, at once started southward. No members of the Madero family met De la Barra here.

Before leaving for the south, De la Barra made a statement lauding the friendship of the United States for Mexico, and deploring at length that any arrangements had been made for a conference with the Maderos.

"I know nothing of any such peace-meeting," he said, "but I trust the good sense of the people to end the struggle. I am going to Mexico City. I do not expect to meet Minister Limantour at Monterey, or to attend any peace conference in Chihuahua."

A hitch in the peace plans of the insurgents is suspected here, through reports that Dr. Gomez, the rebel agent in Washington, is opposed to the Madero's conduct of the negotiation, he declaring that the elder Madero is but a lukewarm insurgent.

Duan Ascona, secretary of the Washington junta, is anxious to see Antonio de la Barra to-day to confer with Gustavo Madero, and it is reported that the two, with Francisco Madero, Jr., the rebel provisional president, will be the envoys when a peace conference is held.

Alfonso Madero issued the following: "There is a mistaken notion regarding the part played by my father and myself. We cannot make peace that rests with my brother, Francisco and his soldiers. My father and Senor Limantour met in New York and decided to attempt to bring about peace. My father made his demands conditional upon Francisco's acceptance. What the demands were I am not in a position to state."

Limantour presented the demands to Diaz, who has accepted them. My father is now communicating with Francisco near Chihuahua regarding the proposals.

"Neither my father nor myself will enter Mexico on safe-conduct by the Diaz government. We expect Francisco's arrest within a week. We will present the peace proposals to his chiefs and soldiers. If accepted, he will appoint a peace commissioner to meet a commission named by Diaz."

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TORIES IN PANIC LOOK FOR ASSISTANCE

Borden Consents to Retain Leadership, But Will Endeavor to Secure McBride or Rogers to Aid in Fight for Power.

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, March 30.—A semblance of harmony has been restored in the opposition camp, through a compromise between the Borden wing and the insurgents. Mr. Borden's threat of resignation, leaving the party leaderless and rent by factions, showed the necessity for retreat of the insurgents and the stopping of washing of the party's dirty linen in public.

Mr. Borden, who was prepared to retire unless the caballing against him ceased and an assurance was given that the party as a whole wanted him and badly needed him as leader, had the whip hand. All but half a dozen of his followers, exclusive of Monk and his fellow Nationalists, practically went on their knees to their leader and begged him not to leave.

Then in order to cover the retreat of the insurgents, and bring them back into the fold, it was agreed that an effort should be made to bring in "outside talent" to help the opposition in the Commons and strengthen the party generally by a show of re-organization and promises of a fresh start. Mr. Borden promised to again appeal to Premier McBride to come in and help him learn the game of politics as played on the basis of expediency rather than on the basis of

honest statesmanship. Also it was agreed that assistance should be sought from Hon. Robert Rogers, who is a past master in the art of running a political machine and who believes everything is fair in politics.

Both elements of the party are not in cordial support of the proposed active alliance with McBride and Rogers, but it was agreed that some intimation of new mood was necessary about the outlook under present conditions was practically hopeless. Consequently a story was sent out from the opposition camp this morning that McBride and Rogers would come in as soon as arrangements could be made, and that better things might be expected. Meanwhile everybody is urged to fall in line behind Borden and stop plotting. Rogers will for the present discreetly hold his safe provincial cabinet post and come to Ottawa as extra mural teacher of political and electoral strategy.

FORT ST. PROPERTY IS GOING STRONG

Moore & Johnston Put Through \$40,000 Deal—Business Sections Booming

Fort street has recently come in for a good deal of attention among local real estate men. Its central position and amenable surroundings give it a peculiar advantage as a business location.

To accession of popularity was emphasized yesterday afternoon, when Moore & Johnston, that enterprising firm of agents on Yates street, put through a deal covering two lots on this street, lying between Quadra and Blanchard, for a sum in the vicinity of \$40,000. The lots, which are full sized, 60 x 120 feet, have been purchased as business sites, and it is possible that they may yet be seen occupied, or at least on the way towards occupancy by substantial business houses.

The same firm is handling one of the finest sites on Yates street, between Broad and Government, and anticipating being able to close a deal on the property this afternoon. The property in question is valued at \$30,000.

The demand for home lots throughout the city continues to be good, as also does the demand for houses. In fact, business is so keen at the present time that a number of firms have to keep their premises open in the evenings to accommodate their clients.

MINISTERS' STIPEND MAY BE INCREASED

Presbyterian Augmentation Committee Trying to Raise \$63,000 for Purpose

(Special to the Times.) Toronto, March 30.—The minimum standard of stipend for ministers of the Presbyterian church, fixed by the general assembly, will be paid this coming year if the augmentation committee now in session here is able to raise \$63,000 for the work. Last year the supplemented stipends were: Ontario and Quebec, \$850 and manse; \$950 and manse in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta; \$975 and manse in British Columbia. The new schedule aimed at by the committee for the coming year is: Ontario and Quebec, \$900; Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, \$1000; British Columbia, \$1,100.

ALBANIANS TAKE TOWN. Constantine, March 30.—Reports were received here to-day through private sources that Albanian rebels have captured the town of Scutari in the vilayet of that name. A Turkish force is being sent from Dalmatia, 40 miles away, to dislodge them.

DOMINIONS AND IMPERIAL AFFAIRS

BRITISH M. P.'S FAVOR CLOSER RELATIONS

Question Will Probably Be Brought Before Imperial Conference

(Special to the Times.) London, March 30.—Three hundred members of parliament have signed a petition to Premier Asquith urging the close association of the Overseas Dominions in the conduct of Imperial affairs. Among the signatories are W. H. Alden, Austen Chamberlain, H. Pagaroff, Hamar Greenwood, Norton Griffiths, Sir Gilbert Parker, F. E. Smith, E. Marshall Hall, Will Crooks (Labour), Arthur Henderson (Labour), Rt. Hon. A. Lyttleton, George Lansbury (Labour), and Rt. Hon. T. Burt (Liberal).

The significance of this movement, which comprises not far short half of the total membership of the House of Commons, is the support accorded it by Labor members, and by a liberal of the official standing of Mr. Burt.

Indications are not lacking that the question of overseas representation in Imperial councils will be brought prominently to the front at the forthcoming Imperial conference.

WILL CHECK LAWLESSNESS.

(Special to the Times.) Montreal, March 29.—In the court of King's Bench this morning Judge Lavergne handed down several sentences which will tend to check the lawless tendencies of Montreal's foreign population. Pasquale Bianco, for slaying Antonio Manetti, was given twelve years in the penitentiary. Sebastius Corlati got three years for a similar crime. Rosero Casavita, a young French-Canadian, who killed Ernest Biggoff during a quarrel, will serve six years on the manslaughter count.

ONTARIO'S LOAN.

(special to the Times.) Toronto, March 30.—Since Hon. A. J. Matheson announced in the legislature that the province would float a loan of \$5,000,000 for the T. & N. O. railway and for extensions of the Hydro-Electric transmission system, offers have been received from New York financial houses to take part of the whole of the loan but the government has decided to go into the English market.

RUN-DOWN BY TRAIN.

Seattle, Wash., March 30.—James Ryan was killed by a train near Monroe and his body literally cut to pieces. Fragments of flesh being found scattered along the right-of-way for a considerable distance. Ryan recently arrived in Monroe from Canada, and was a laborer, by occupation. He was about 30 years of age.