

TRADE POLICY TO UNIFY EMPIRE

Commercial Congress for Imperial Preference.

107 CHAMBERS FAVOR PLAN

Canada's Taking Over of the Dominion's Defenses is Heartily Approved.

London, July 11.—The resolution in favor of preferential treatment on a reciprocal basis, introduced in behalf of the Montreal Board of Trade at the opening yesterday of the sixth congress of the chambers of commerce of the empire, was carried at today's session amid a remarkable scene of enthusiasm.

The vote was preceded by a further animated discussion for and against the resolution.

The Australian delegates considered it to be impracticable, while the Madras representatives approved of it.

The British delegations appeared to be divided, but when an expression of opinion was called for a forest of hands went up in favor of the resolution, and only eighteen voted against it.

The Canadians then rose in a body and the hall re-echoed with their cheers, while some of them tried to sing "God Save the King."

On the demand of the opponents of the resolution a formal vote was taken by the congress, resulting in 107 delegates declaring themselves in favor of it, 35 against it, and 21 neutral.

Among the chambers which remained neutral were those of London, Birmingham, Edinburgh, Melbourne and Sydney.

Eighteen English chambers voted against the resolution, and the remainder of the opposition was scattered over different parts of the empire.

Dislikes Being Lectured. The discussion throughout was marked by the utmost goodwill to Canada. The result of the British elections was variously interpreted according to the political leanings of the speakers.

Hamar Greenwood, M. P. of York, in opening the discussion, opposed the resolution. It was an enthusiastic agreement as to sentiment, but he disagreed with the suggestion that the empire was in danger of breaking up.

He also objected to his colonial kinsmen, unfamiliar with the conditions, lecturing the mother country.

J. P. McArthur said the union of the chambers of commerce of Sydney was divided. Personally he was opposed.

Charles King, of Melbourne, was likewise opposed.

W. B. Carr, of Adelaide, said the vote of Australia would show a majority in its favor.

R. J. Graham, of Belleville, urged the passage of the resolution as a step towards free trade within the empire.

Hon. A. J. Thibine had a mandate from the Brisbane chamber to support it.

Canada Unselfish. General Laurie, in supporting the motion, defended Canada against the charge of selfishness, and contrasted its present condition with the time he was in Canada in the seventies. England is sending its unemployed to a country like Canada to get work.

George Mitchell, of Johannesburg, supported it on behalf of South Africa.

A. L. Johnson, of Winnipeg, in supporting the motion, said a few years ago the west in yield would produce more than sufficient cereals to supply the empire. Preference was for the interest of Britain as well as Canada.

Other speakers were made in support by B. F. Stibel, of Nottingham; Hon. A. J. Yorke, of Madras; W. Brown, of MacLachlan, and in opposition by F. W. Cook, of Dudley, and C. Dunn, of Cork.

Mr. Drummond, in closing the debate, said that Canada was pressing it, it was because she was in most imminent danger of all the colonies. The growth of the States' trade might mean her political absorption. He asked the indorsement of the principle, leaving the details to the colonial conference.

Imperial Council. The congress, after luncheon, took up the question of an imperial council. A resolution, urging the home and colonial governments to appoint such a body was moved by R. H. Alexander, of Vancouver, and seconded by Arthur Bennett, of Warrington, who argued that this was the time to systematize the affairs of the empire.

On the suggestion of P. H. Matthews, of Montreal, the name was changed to that of an advisory imperial council.

Leon Garneau, of Montreal, opposed it on the ground that it was a step toward imperial federation, meaning the limitation of colonial autonomy.

The resolution was adopted with only a few dissenters.

Defense of the Empire. Mr. Drummond moved a resolution affirming that self governing colonies should participate in the cost of the defense of the empire. He approved the action of the Canadian Government taking over the entire defense.

C. H. Chattel, of Montreal, seconded, and the resolution carried unanimously.

On behalf of the Liverpool chamber, Geoffrey Drage advocated a resolution embodying Mr. Pollock's scheme of an advisory council intelligence department.

In the course of the discussion Sir C. Tupper argued that the functions

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should be performed by the colonial office. He thought the Canadian Government wise when they took exception to the term "imperial council." He instead of "colonial conference." He reiterated that the high commissioner's office would make the best imperial council.

The resolution was withdrawn.

What the Press Thinks.

The Congress of Trade's resolution is the subject of considerable editorial comment. The Post says the resolution is important as it is one of the series of colonial preference of 1907 was as faithful to colonial conference of 1902 as congress of 1906 is to congress of 1903 the Government would be face to face with popular opinion, difficult to evade, on the one hand, and the commercial experience of the Empire on the other, and an academic school of free traders.

The Chronicle says: "The thing called preference may, after all, be only protection under another name. Only the Canadian manufacturers can tell whether it is really meant to be a freedom because the mother country refuses to negotiate."

FATAL CRASH

NEAR BUFFALO

Five Passengers Killed and Many Injured in Accident to Trolley Cars.

Buffalo, N. Y., July 11.—A train of two trolley cars, westbound from Lockport, on the line of the International Railway Company, and due at Tonawanda at 9:15 o'clock tonight, ran into an open switch and crashed just west of Martinville, and a sliding into a trolley car motor and a train of seven freight cars, which were lying on the siding waiting for the passenger train to go by.

Five passengers were killed outright and a score injured, some of whom may die.

The passenger cars were going at a high rate of speed when the accident occurred, and the impact was terrific. The foremost car was utterly demolished. The wedge-shaped end of the freight motor cleft it apart, and the rear car completed the work of destruction.

Members of the relief party, hurriedly dispatched on news of the wreck, did not at first realize that two passenger cars were involved, so complete had been the demolition of one of them. The rear car was badly stove in front, but remains on the tracks.

Dead.

John Bittleman, motorman, Lockport, N. Y.

Charles T. Hutcheson, negro, Lockport.

Unknown woman.

Unknown girl and boy, supposed to be brother and sister.

Injured.

Theodore Nestman, Buffalo.

Henry E. Pell, Buffalo.

Dr. E. A. Wieland, Buffalo.

H. J. Walz, Buffalo.

Mrs. Emma H. Maloney.

M. A. Sickles, Buffalo.

Florence Schomberg, Buffalo.

Elizabeth F. Williams, Buffalo.

Mrs. Virginia Sanderson.

Mrs. J. D. Heath, Niagara Falls.

E. F. Brown, Lockport.

Henry E. Riek, Tonawanda.

Mrs. Henry E. Rick.

William Fritter, Lockport.

Lee Johnson, motorman (will die).

A GRAIN COMBINE?

Montreal Merchants Think Canada is Discriminated Against.

Montreal, July 11.—The impression is growing among the grain merchants on "Change as a result of certain incidents which have recently occurred on the upper lakes, that there exists a combine among the lake vessel owners regarding the rates to be charged for the carrying of grain cargoes between Canadian ports direct and between Canadian and American points.

"The Canadian steamer Newmount, one of the boats belonging to the Dominion Marine Association, was recently chartered," a local merchant stated today, "for a cargo of wheat from Fort William to Buffalo at one and a quarter cents per bushel, although the Dominion Marine Association's minimum rate to Canadian Georgian Bay ports was then one and a half cents per bushel, and notwithstanding the fact that the trip is much shorter to the Georgian Bay, which is certainly discriminating in favor of American routes and diverts our own Canadian wheat from Montreal."

Grain merchants do not like this condition of affairs, and they question if the situation is permissible according to the common sense act. Already large cargoes of Canadian wheat have been shipped from United States ports, which, it is said, should have been shipped by way of the St. Lawrence, and this port is suffering in consequence.

It is said that the owners hold occasional meetings, when they decide upon a minimum fixed rate at which vessels shall be permitted to carry grain between Canadian ports, but nothing is said, nor is there any restraint put on the rates to be charged for boats carrying grain between Canadian points and Buffalo.

A LAKESIDE TRAGEDY.

Newark, N. J., July 11.—Mrs. Mary Dougherty, of Brooklyn, who arrived last night at New York with her two young children, to spend the summer at their new cottage on Shap's Rocks, Lake Hopatcong, went down to inspect their new bathhouse and wait for her husband. James Dougherty, a Brooklyn contractor, who was expected on a later train. Rose, the 4-year-old daughter, fell into the lake, and the mother jumped over the railing and plunged into the water, although she could not swim. They were both drowned. The other child ran to the house and gave the alarm. The bodies were found later in about ten feet of water.

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pect this country to tax itself heavily if the only reciprocal compensation is protective tariff raised higher against the foreigner to make it seem lower against ourselves."

The News says: "The danger of a tariff propaganda is once more demonstrated as the danger of cleavage policy so long as England refuses to abandon free trade and the colonies are stimulated to demand tariff reform."

In painting free traders as anti-Donnerstag, Chamberlain is doing his best to create coldness between the component parts of the Empire."

The Times says: "Coming so soon after the general election, the congress resolution is important and significant in that it shows the Chambers of Commerce mean business." In regard to India it says that if India doesn't want to give and receive preference, she is quite free to abstain from all arrangements. If the Chamberlain policy was put in force tomorrow and every portion of the Empire left free to bargain with every other country or not, all as at present, there would be no freedom because the mother country refuses to negotiate."

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FOR UNCLE SAM

This Year's Yield Promises to Break Records—Good Prices Ahead, Too.

Washington, July 11.—Indications that United States farmers this year will harvest the largest grain crop in the history of the country are given in the Government report on conditions as at July 1, made public today, and nothing now seems in the way of unprecedented prosperity throughout the farming regions.

Not only is the prospect for a bountiful harvest most bright, but market quotations show that the farmer will get a fair price for his grain, while reports from Europe are that the wheat crop will be 150,000,000 bushels short of that of 1905, indicating that the export demand will be large and that America will have to fill a good share of it.

It was thought when last year's bountiful crops were harvested that the high-water mark for production in the United States had been reached. The percentage estimates of condition of the department of agriculture this year, however, indicate that even that record will be surpassed. In spite of the fact that the oat crop bids fair to fall short by 30,000,000 bushels, the total crop of all grains this year promises to be 4,291,440,000 bushels, using the July 1 condition as a basis of calculations. This is about 8,000,000 bushels above the indication at this time last year, but 225,000,000 below the final figures. The weather in all the grain-producing states, however, since July 1, has been all that could be desired, and the prospects are that the final figures will be as much, if not more, above the July promise this year as they were last.

THE GALT ACCIDENT

Coroner's Jury Meets—Muma May Recover—A Third Navy Dying.

Galt, July 11.—This evening the coroner's jury met to inquire into the fatality on the C. P. R. yesterday. They viewed the scene of the collision and made due notes of all that seemed to have a bearing on the occurrence and that would justify the impression that this is a dangerous curve.

The inquest was adjourned till Friday night, when the coroner's jury will be present and a large number of witnesses will be examined.

Samuel Muma, the Canadian foreman from Innerkip, who was reported as instantly killed, is still living, and the doctors say he has a "fighting chance" for ultimate recovery. He regained consciousness last night. A number of ribs were fractured, and the splintered bones pierced his lungs in several places. He is a strong man physically, and is putting up a good fight for his life against overwhelming odds.

When Muma was picked up he was unconscious, and those who saw him concluded that he was dead, as he showed no signs of life. It was true that the report started that he had been killed.

Last night Mrs. Muma was driven from Ayr to the hospital. Her distress was pitiful, but she was somewhat encouraged by being told that her husband, who had recovered consciousness, had a chance for his life.

Dr. Beaty, the C. P. R. surgeon, arrived at the hospital with Dr. Radford and made an exhaustive examination of the injured man. Another Italian, Pietro Salvano, is said to be in a dying state.

BATTLE HIGH IN AIR

Ironworkers and Police Fight on Flimsy Structure Stories Up.

New York, July 11.—Eight stories above the street on a flimsy flooring of planks laid across girders, nearly a hundred union ironworkers employed on a hotel building going up at Fifty-ninth street and Fifth avenue, attacked three special police kept there to prevent trouble between the union workmen and non-union workmen employed on the same building.

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GRAND LODGE K. OF P.

Will Meet in Toronto Next Year—Election of Officers.

Sarnia, July 11.—At yesterday's session of the Knights of Pythias' Grand Lodge, the committee on the state of the order reported that the increase in membership in Ontario for the past year was over ten per cent.

The grand lodge instructed the supreme lodge representative to support the amendment reducing the age limit from 21 to 18 years.

In the evening the visiting brethren and friends enjoyed a moonlight excursion on the St. Clair River on the steamer Conger. During the trip the visitors were entertained by the members of Johnston Lodge, Sarnia, to an excellent musical show and musical programme.

At today's session the grand lodge elected officers as follows: Grand chancellor, V. C. Campbell, Sault Ste. Marie; grand vice-chancellor, Bruce Dunlop, Petrolia; grand prelate, W. F. Daniels, Toronto; grand K. of R. and S. Alex. Coulter, Toronto; grand M. of E. John Burns, Hamilton; grand M. at A. H. T. Gough, Strathroy; grand inner guard, Fred B. Hubbard, Brantford; grand outer guard, Thomas H. Manley, Sarnia.

The newly-elected officers were installed by P. G. Chancellors Fitzgerald, McKay and Barnsdale, and the lodge adjourned to meet in Toronto next year during the first week in July.

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