

THE BIG RAINS DID HEAVY DAMAGE ALL OVER PROVINCE

Railroads Suffer Washouts, Wire Systems Mussed Up, Roads Made Wretched, Logs Running Wild, Mills in Danger of Being Swept Away, and Rivers at Freshet Pitch—Potato Fields of Carleton County Under Water—Waters Receding.

Special to The Standard.

Andover, June 23.—The river is rapidly falling at this point, having receded about three feet today, and no further danger from freshet seems over. Logs have been running by here freely all day, from the Fraser boom on the Tobique, where about ten million feet went out with the dam, which broke on Thursday night.

The latest report from Plaster Rock was that the water was falling off there and the danger of the big Fraser mill being wrecked is about past. At one time the water was up in the mill, and it was thought it might be swept away, but it is hoped now this will not happen.

This morning about twenty piles of sawed lumber that were piled near Fraser's mill floated away, each pile it was estimated would have two cars of lumber. At Wapke, about three miles below Plaster Rock, there is a washout on the railroad and no trains have run over the road since Wednesday. At Rowena, about seven miles above Perth, on the Tobique river, F. D. Sadler's mill dam burst and all his logs, estimated at a million feet, have gone down the river. Unless the freshet goes down quickly both Fraser's mill at Plaster Rock and Sadler's at Rowena are in great danger of floating away, as the water is well up in both.

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Steel Workers To Appeal Direct To B.E.S. Corp.

The petition of workers will include requests as to wages and working conditions.

Sydney, N. S., June 23.—A direct appeal to the stockholders of the British Empire Steel Corporation for the adjustment of various grievances will be made at their annual meeting at Montreal Tuesday, it was decided by Sydney steel workers at two mass meetings here tonight.

The petition of the workers, which includes requests as to rates of pay and working conditions, was forwarded tonight to President R. M. G. Wright with a request that it be brought before the annual meeting.

The document sets forth, in part, that the steel workers "have been sorely tried during the past eighteen months, through unemployment, wage reductions, and so forth, and states that the average wage of 78 per cent of the men now ranges from 24 to 30 cents an hour, which, it is claimed, is insufficient to meet present costs of living.

The petition then requests a minimum rate of 35 cents an hour; an adjustment of rates of skilled and semi-skilled workers; reclassification of the plant limited to three classes for each occupation; recognition of shop committees to discuss with the management changes which would affect the interests of a general committee to deal with problems affecting the plant as a whole.

The petition, which is couched in moderate language, says that the adoption of these requests will "bring your employees a little nearer to that ideal standard of living which every humble working man has a natural desire to attain," and "we can assure you that your approval of the above-mentioned changes will make for a more contented class of workers, and we believe, win hearty endorsement of the citizens as a whole."

Lieut. Governor Pugsley Sets Plain Facts Clearly Before C. M. A. Convention.

OUTLINES SPIRIT OF CONFEDERATION

Pleads That Early Promises of Confederation Be Carried Out to Letter.

St. Andrews-by-the-Sea, June 23.—(By Canadian Press)—Canada should dispose of 1,600 miles of Grand Trunk Railway running between Chicago and Portland, Lieutenant-Governor William Pugsley of New Brunswick told the Canadian Manufacturers' Association at their annual banquet here today.

It was from the fact that the people of the Maritimes who had fought for twenty-nine years after Confederation to have Canadian subsidized mail boats taken away from Portland, now to be owners, with the rest of the Dominion, of railway in a foreign country which was building up their rival on the Atlantic seaboard, that provinces must appeal to the rest of Canada to join with them and bring about the disposal of the railway mileage outside the country. He was confident that the interests of the provinces would be served.

Lieutenant-Governor Pugsley outlined the spirit of Confederation times, and said that the provinces of those days, he said, was the promise that with Confederation the inter-colonial railway would be built as a public highway which would make St. John and Halifax the winter ports of Canada.

Sir Charles Tupper said that not only these, but the port of St. Andrews would be destroyed. There were a hundred things in the British constitution, Governor Pugsley said, which were not statutes. So in the Maritimes the early promises were known and remembered and should be carried out.

Promises Should Be Kept

Sir Wilfrid Laurier in 1902, when he brought in the bill for a National Transcontinental, and Sir Robert Borden in 1914, when he asked the House of Commons for \$45,000,000 for the Canadian Northern Railway, both declared that the railway should be a public highway which would make St. John and Halifax the winter ports of Canada.

Now, Governor Pugsley continued, the board of management of the railway, and parliament, have declared that they had the right to carry traffic through United States ports, if it seemed right from a business point of view, and parliament, in the House of Commons, has agreed to the fulfillment of the promises to Maritime ports, there was no successful movement in these provinces. All the iron republican army would be joined when they read of the expansion of the Canadian West and Ontario and Quebec. It was to the interest of the Maritimes, and the possibilities of the Maritimes be developed.

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Supplementary Estimates Are Brought Down

Clearly Evident There Will Be No Battle in Parliament Over Freight Rates.

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Ottawa, June 23.—There will be no battle in Parliament over freight rates. At an eleventh hour conference of the Rates Committee tonight, a compromise was reached and, as a consequence, the report to be made to the House will probably achieve complete unanimity and permit of a resolution at an early day next week. The compromise reached is, broadly speaking, along the lines suggested by Mr. Crerar, which is to say that the Crow's Nest Pass agreement will be suspended on everything but the rates on grain. Agreement came at the end of a day which saw much activity behind the scenes. Mr. McLaughlin was probably more instrumental than any body else in bringing about a compromise. He let it be known to the Government, as well as to the Progressives, that, so far as he was concerned, he thought the Crerar proposal a reasonable one, this despite the stand taken by some of his party in the Committee.

Supplementary Estimates

The supplementary estimates brought down tonight show no particular evidence of economy on the Government's part. They provide for an additional expenditure of thirteen million dollars, which is larger than supplementary estimates usually are, and which brings the total estimated expenditure for the coming year to a formidable figure.

With the rates question out of the way, the main issue came by Thursday at the latest, which means that the session has lasted four months, all but one week. Taken all in all it has not been productive of important legislation. With the exception of the bills amalgamating the department of defence, and practically scrapping the navy, there were no important measures adopted.

MANITOBA SWEEP BY DESTRUCTIVE CYCLONE STORM

Public Buildings and Residences Suffered Severely — Churches Unroofed and Badly Damaged — Breaking of High Tension Wires Started Fires Which Destroyed Grain Elevators—Several Killed by Toppling Buildings or from Electric Shocks — Communication Lines Ruptured and Trains Off Schedule.

Winnipeg, Man., June 23.—Manitoba tonight is recovering from the effects of the most destructive wind storm of years which, between three and four o'clock this morning, swept down from Eastern Saskatchewan by way of Brandon, Portage La Prairie, Winnipeg and Lydia, to the Ontario boundary leaving a toll of three dead, and many injured, some of them very seriously, and a property loss which will run into the hundreds of thousands of dollars.

At Brandon the storm was comparatively mild and caused no serious losses. Portage was hit by the full force of the blast, which is said to have been of the hurricane variety rather than a cyclone or a tornado, and public buildings and residences suffered severely. The Methodist, Anglican and Presbyterian churches were unroofed and badly damaged. The city's hotels and garages fared badly, and in the collapse of a residence fourteen-year-old Charles Spence was killed.

The breaking of high tension wires started a fire which destroyed three grain elevators, those of the Metcalfe, Forsythe and Premium companies. No estimate of the loss is available.

Rain Of Tropical Violence

Accompanied by a rain fall of tropical violence, the storm struck Winnipeg and blew with an extreme velocity of eighty-four miles an hour, to an alarming accompaniment of electrical disturbances. Terrific gusts of wind shook the city to its foundations. Roofs were carried away from many structures, big and little alike; an ice warehouse toppled in a heap; hundreds of trees were uprooted or deprived of branches, which fell to the roadway; windows were driven in like paper; telegraph and telephone wires were broken down to add an element of danger which, later in the morning, cost the life of a Garfield Price aged eight, who grasped a live wire made to various locals for the relief of unemployment. The total of these loans was given as \$38,488.84.

Severe Damage Done.

The farthest east damage of great severity was done at Lydiat, where the home of Mrs. Pauline Kormiric was dismantled, baby Kormiric, aged nine months, was killed, and Mrs. Kormiric and an older child were brought to Winnipeg very seriously injured. The Canadian Pacific station was shifted from its foundation, a railway sleeping car was overturned, and several employees injured and damage was done to farm buildings and crops.

Train services in and out of Winnipeg have been maintained unbroken but all the other lines of communication were crippled. Hundreds of telegraph poles in the vicinity of Portage and Lydiat went down, and it was the middle of the afternoon before the Canadian Pacific telegraphs had restored direct communication with Eastern Canada, while at that hour their western lines remained broken, although it was expected that the early evening would see a resumption of service. The Canadian National telegraphs were not so hard hit; and maintained a limited service during the day. Telephone lines to Portage had not been re-established at 4 p. m., although a line was working with Brandon most of the day. The city hydro system lost one mile of towers and will provide a strictly limited service tonight. The Winnipeg Electric Company had to discontinue its Salt Lake trains, owing to the poles across the lines, but its Winnipeg service is being maintained and its lighting towers supplied by an emergency plant. Full repairs to both plants are expected on Saturday.

The train which fell will be of much benefit to crops in the storm belt, but in some areas the added presence of hail was a cause of damage and loss. It is thought that many farm buildings must have been destroyed or damaged, but the disorganization of telephones and telegraphs has made it impossible to secure a detailed information. Further reports of casualties may come from isolated districts.

A \$10,000 seaplane, resting quietly at anchor in Winnipeg, was overturned and wrecked. Cases of minor damage were innumerable, of chimneys toppled, garages carried away and automobile tops ripped; overturned chicken coops and missing poultry.

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PARLIAMENTARIANS IN JOGULAR MOOD

Sir Lomer Gouin, Hon. Arthur Meighen and Hon. W. S. Fielding the Jesters.

Ottawa, Ont., June 23.—(Canadian Press)—When the orders of the day were called in the House of Commons this afternoon, R. B. Hansen, Conservative, York-Sunbury, said there was a vacancy on the Supreme Court bench of Nova Scotia for four months. Important business was being held. He wished to know when the Government proposed to fill this vacancy.

Sir Lomer Gouin, Minister of Justice, replied that the matter was under consideration, and it was hoped to make an appointment shortly after the close of the session.

"Perhaps the Minister will give us a list of the applicants," remarked Arthur Meighen, when the members laughed.

Sir Lomer replied that there were no applicants which caused more amusement.

Hon. W. S. Fielding—"As to the condition of business, the late lamented judge was on a long leave of absence which has not yet expired."

The House laughed again and turned to other business.

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THREE DAYS IN DORY WITHOUT FOOD

Fisherman Picked Up in State of Exhaustion in Fog Off Whitehead.

Canoe, N. S., June 23.—After having spent three days in an open dory, without food, a fisherman said to be named Peterson, who was picked up in a state of exhaustion in the fog off Whitehead this morning and brought to this port by the coastal steamer Chedabucto, to Captain Paul Cooper. Peterson had strayed from his schooner, the Thomas S. Gorton, of Gloucester, while fishing on Stabile Island in the thick fog that had mantled the North Atlantic seaboard during the past week. Despairing of picking up his schooner, he rigged up a sail and started for Whitehead, the nearest mainland point. He was within reach of his goal when he was picked up by the Chedabucto this morning.

Procuring for Wives Equal Treatment

House of Commons, London, Gives Second Reading to Separation and Maintenance Order Bill.

London, June 23.—Another step has been taken in the direction of securing for wives equality of treatment with husbands so far as the law is concerned. The House of Commons has given a second reading to the "Separation and Maintenance Order Bill," to give it its cumbersome official title. It is designed to straighten some matrimonial tangles and remove various matrimonial infelicities which are largely attributed to the fact that in many ways the law does not treat the sexes alike.

As the law now stands, according to the sponsor for the bill, Sir Robert Newman, a wife who wishes to prove cruelty against her husband has to leave home first, and she is torn between fear of him and fear of abandoning her children in his charge.

Under the provisions of the bill a wife, while still living with her husband would be able to take him to the police court for a maintenance order, produce a letter from his employer, stating his earnings, obtain a ruling from the magistrate laying down the proportion of the wages to which she is entitled, and then take the husband home again.

London, June 23.—Trading was quiet and prices were steady on the stock exchange today. Bar gold 91s. 4d, money 3 per cent. Discount rates, short bills, 3 1/2 per cent; three months bills 3 1/2 to 3 3/4 per cent.

BAXTER RESIGNS THE PRESIDENCY

Vote of Censure Taken by Miners of District 26 in Its Effect.

Truro, N. S., June 23.—Following the formal resignation this morning of President Robert Baxter to members of his executive, to take effect as soon as new officers can be installed, the annual convention of the United Miners' Workers of America, District 26, in session here, attacked the remaining items of business in an endeavor to reach an adjournment by noon tomorrow. Yesterday's vote of censure, which had precipitated the general retirement, was apparently forgotten in the general desire to speed up the dispatch of business, and at the end of the day it was found that little remained over for the concluding session of the convention.

The financial report was debated at length and as a result it was unanimously decided to charge off the loans made to various locals for the relief of unemployment. The total of these loans was given as \$38,488.84.

MADE AN "ANGEL" BY TURK POPULATION

American Red Cross Worker Loved by the Inhabitants of Podgoritz.

Podgoritz, Montenegro, June 23.—Miss Margaret N. Robins, an American girl, has been made an "angel" by the Turkish population of this city. Miss Robins, who comes from Philadelphia, has been doing Red Cross work among the poor of "Turkey Town," the Moslem quarter of Podgoritz, where she has come to be worshipped as "the American angel." She has saved the lives of many women and children and the grateful natives look upon her with the reverence and adoration of a patron saint.

TWO MORE BODIES TAKEN FROM POND

Herrin, Ill., June 23.—Two more bodies of men slain in yesterday's mine battle were recovered from a pond near the mine of the Southern Illinois Coal Company and brought to the morgue here this afternoon. Earlier reports had placed the number of bodies in the pond at 17 to 18.

NEW REGULATIONS FOR SHAD FISHING

Affects Tidal Portion of Fundy Bay and Its Tributaries.

Ottawa, June 23.—(Canadian Press)—Notice is given today by the Department of Marine and Fisheries that the regulations for the Province of New Brunswick have been amended to authorize shad fishing in the tidal portion of the Bay of Fundy, and its tributary waters, above a straight line drawn from the southern end of the boundary line, between the counties of St. John and Albert to Cape Chignecto, Cumberland county, Nova Scotia, and above a straight line drawn from the said Cape Chignecto to Long Point, Kings County, from the 15th day of June to the 15th day of August, following in each year, both days inclusive.

YOUNGSTER FOOLED THE NEIGHBORS

Sydney, N. S., June 23.—After one hundred men had spent several hours scouring the district, looking for Bolton Mackenzies, age five, the lad was finally found under a bed at his home near Florence. The boy had crawled in there for a lark and had later fallen asleep.

C. P. R. TRACKS WASHED AWAY

Moose Jaw, June 23.—According to reports received here the Canadian Pacific tracks between Minnedosa and Neepawa were washed away by a cloudburst at about 2 a. m. today. Reports here are that approximately two miles of telegraph poles were taken out by the storm, about nine miles east of McGrath.

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SMUGGLERS' CACHE FULL OF RUM

Located Under Floor of Old Warehouse in North Sydney by Revenue Officers.

Sydney, N. S., June 23.—Twenty-nine barrels of rum, believed to be a St. Pierre smuggler's cache, were located by Captain Coffin of the Revenue Cutter Greb under the floor of an old warehouse at North Sydney. A schooner made a successful landing at Green's Cove a few nights before and, although the cutter arrived too late to capture the smugglers, the Greb's commander followed the trail on shore until he ran down the contraband.

SAVANNAH TRADE

Savannah, Ga., June 23.—Turpentine 14 1/4; sales 148; receipts 650; shipments 373; stocks 3370. Rosh, stumps 645; receipts 1,302; shipments 645; stock 70,942.

Material Upturn in Wheat Prices on Chicago Exchange

Extensive Profit-Taking Sales, However, Caused Reaction at Close.

Chicago, June 23.—Anxiety over heat and drought, together with predictions that the winter crop yield would be well below the June first estimate, led to a material upturn in wheat prices today. Extensive profit-taking sales, however, caused a reaction. The close was unsettled at the same as yesterday's finish to 1/4 higher; July 1.13 1/2 to 1.14 and September 1.14 1/2 to 1.15. Corn gained 1/4 to 1/2 and 1/2 to 1c. Provisions finished unchanged to ten lower.

Closing Quotations:

Wheat—July 1.13 1/2; Sept. 1.14 1/2; Dec. 1.18.

Corn—July 63 1/2; Sept. 67 1/2; Dec. 67 1/2.

Oats—July 37 1/2; Sept. 30 1/2; Dec. 22.

Lard—July 11 1/2; Sept. 11 7/8.

Ribs—July 12 3/4; Sept. 12 1/2.

TRIES SUICIDE THREE TIMES AND FAILS

Piper, 27, a porter employed at the Union League, Philadelphia, tried suicide three times here today.

Friends of Piper, who did not like the manner in which he was handling a revolver, took it away from him, but failed to search his pockets. He had some bullets and tried to swallow several of them, but could not make the grade. He then walked out to Gardner's basin and plunged overboard. He started to swim ashore, only to meet Patrolman Page, who arrested him on a charge of attempted suicide.

In his cell Piper made a rope of bed clothing and, fastening one end to the top of the cell door, tied the other around his neck and fell to his knees. Having his wind shut off, he proved too disinterested and Piper regained his feet just as the turnkey reached the cell.

CONCESSIONS TO WHITE STAR LINE

Granted Permission to Do Business in Soviet Russia.

New York, June 23.—The Soviet Government has granted a concession to the White Star Line to do steamship business in Russia, the New York office of the line announced today. An office has been opened in Moscow and passengers can be booked to or from the United States and Russia. It is said that this is the only steamship concession yet granted by the Soviet government.

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