POWELL'S DISCOURAGING TASK WAS EMPHASIZED YESTERDAY

Fails to Elicit Anything from Barnes That Reflects on Management

Barnes Declares He Made Nothing Out of Contract to Build Minto-Chipman Section of Central Railway

The Royal Commission on the Central Railway will take a brief vacation until ten o'clock on the morning of Tuesday, July 21, when the commission will resume its sessions in this city. During the ten days which elapse before the next session efforts will be made to have the various books and documents which have been submitted in evidence put into a more convenient form. Efforts will also be made to procure the remainder of the vouchers and check stubs mentioned on Thursday by Mr. Atkinson.

Hon. James Barnes was the only witness examined yesterday afternoon, Mr. Corbett being recalled for but a few questions. Mr. Powell's questions elicited from Mr. Barnes the information that he made nothing out of his contract to build the Chipman-Minto section of the Central railway. The commission's counsel made a determined effort to show that the accounts of the Barnes Construction Company, which Mr. Barnes produced before the commission, made no record of certain moneys received by the government. Mr. Barnes, however, explained that the accounts had been made up by Hammond J. Evans, accountant, and in consequence of that fact he himself was unable to clearly explain all the items shown in the accounts. He thought, however, that if Mr. Evans were produced as a witness the matter could be cleared up.

Corbett Recalled

S. Corbett was recalled by Mr. Powell who asked him to explain concerning the entry of $10,000 which appeared in the pass book, but not in the auditors' cash book. Mr. Corbett said he thought there was a cross-entry.

To Judge Landry witness said he performed all the work in the cash book up to the time he handed it over. The last work was upon March 31, 1908. He had performed his work at the request of Mr. McAvity and not at that of the government.

James Barnes of Buctouche was the next witness called. To Mr. Powell he said he had had the contract for the construction of the line from Chipman to Minto. He afterward transferred the contract to the James Barnes Construction Company, of which he was president. This was in 1901. Some work had been done upon the line, he thought, before the transfer. May, 1904, was the last date upon which construction work was done. Mr. Barnes refreshed his memory by reference to an account between the N. B. Coal and Railway Company and the Barnes Construction Company. The contract price, he continued, was $117,000. The N. B. C. and R. Co. supplied the iron. The line he constructed ended two or three miles the other side of Minto. The construction company may have handled the subsidies but the recollection of the witness on this point was not very clear. The Barnes Construction Company received advances from the People's Bank, Fredericton, and from the Bank of New Brunswick. Witness had had nothing to do with negotiations concerning bonds. The Bank of British North America also handled some of the company's business. In witness' dealings with the N. B. C. and R. Co. he came in contact with the late G. W. Allen and the late A. I. Trueman.

NEW CONTRACT ENTERED INTO.

After some time a new contract was entered into between the Coal and Railway Co., and received 15 per cent. on the cost of construction.

New arrangement was made whereby the contract was given up and the Barnes Construction Company continued the construction with material furnished by the N. B., the two companies. This contract called for more expensive work. The summer season was wet, and it was found that the contract price was not enough to meet expenses.

Mr Powell—"To boil it down, your company became the agent of the N. B. C. and R. Co. and received 15 per cent. on the construction cost."

Mr. Teed objected to this.

The date of the change in contract was May 1, 1903.

At this point there was some dispute about the date on which the Chipman-Minto line was opened. Mr. Powell asserted that Mr. Fowler had stated the line had opened in the fall of 1902. Mr. Barnes said the opening had not taken place until some time later.

Mr. Barnes then read the following items from the account: Paid on construction, $23,377.40; on labor, $117,106.51; on material, $50,247.48; on plant, $7,508.70; incidental expenses, $6,333.97; on interest, $721.64; on the thirty mile section, $84.45; boarding house deficit, $2,087.89; to Engineer Balcolm, $100.

MUCH DISCUSSION.

There was also an item of $26,563.87 floating liabilities. Over this item there was much discussion. Mr. Powell thought it might have been included in the detailed statement. Mr. Barnes, however, showed that it was not including the floating liabilities when the Barnes Construction Company gave up the contract the N. B. C. and R. Co. assumed that liability. This assumption made the total receipts of the construction company from the other company $219,709.59. The total cost including the floating liabilities when the road was handed over to the N. B. C and R. Co. was $234,131.91.

Mr. Barnes went on to say the boarding house deficit was never made up. The books of the company were given to Mr. Sharp, the auditor, before he died and were never received again. Witness never saw the report of Mr. Sharp and never heard that the report had been made. He understood that Mr. Corbett had afterward made an audit, but witness never saw him until he saw him before the commission.

The amount paid the Barnes Construction Company was made on the basis of the engineer's estimate.

In the accounts Mr. Powell found the following item: $5,932.55 loaned the Barnes Construction Company by W. T. Whitehead and Senator Thompson; $6,183.26 loaned by James Barnes; $1,308.75, the amount of a note of James Barnes.

Witness did not know if this was included in the $26,553.87.

Wintess said his company built branches on the north and south side of the river, the terminals at Minto, sidings at Ironbound Cove.

KNEW NOTHING OF SUBSIDIES.

He did not know that a siding to a ballast pit was put in by the government as a branch line; did not know anything about the subsidies.

To Judge Landry: Witness was president of the Barnes Construction Company. Thinks W. T. Whitehead was secretary and should have the books. Although the contract was not from Chipman to Gibson, it had been the understanding that it might be extended to take in the whole section. Every month until negotiations for the throwing up of the contract were entered into monthly progress estimates were made. Dr. Pugsley took the leading part on behalf of the N. B. C. & R. Co. The amount received on the percentage basis wes $13,464. This was practically a commission for managing the road. The money all went back to liquidate the liabilities incurred in building the road. Witness got none of the money.

To Commissioner McDougall—Witness did the greater part of the work, but received little more than his expenses.

To Mr. Powell—There was one sand cut on the line and one rock cutting. In the others hard pan was struck about a foot below the surface. It was hard pan on the site of Minto station.

Mr. Powell—"Isn't the greater part of that road like a turnpike?"

"Nonsense," replied Mr. Barnes sharply.

Witness went on to say that the estimate on which the claim was made against the N. B. C. and R. Co was $117,567.13. That for work done on a commission basis was $89,780.25.

Mr. Powell—"Who were the other members of the Barnes Construction Company beside yourself and Mr. Whitehead?"

Mr Barnhill—"I don't think the answer to that question would be of any value to the commission. It is not necessary to pry into private affairs."

The question was allowed and Mr. Barnes mentioned the names of Senator Thompson, Engineer Barbour and Willard Kitchen and said he might be able to give other names at a later date.

This concluded the session. Mr. Powell said he would want Mr. Barnes as a witness again.

The commission then adjourned until July 21st at 10 a. m.

SITUATION ASSUMES GRAVE PROPORTIONS

Territory at Chentao in Dispute Between China and Japan

PEKIN, July 11.—Attention has been called again to the gravity of the existing situation in Chentao—the territory between Korea and China that is in dispute between China and Japan—by the increase of Japanese troops on the border. This augmentation of the Japanese force is due in part to the Korean insurrection and the crossing of refugee insurgents into the Ussuri district.

Japan has completed the construction of permanent administration buildings at Chentao.

It is felt here that Japan's extension of the boundaries of the region in Chentao is only a question of time. Her claim to the ownership of this disputed territory is in some quarters held to be absurd, for she has twice in the past abandoned the fundamental principle upon which her claim is based. Japan has gendarmes at no less than seventeen points in Chentao.

The Japanese are stopping and examining all boats on the Tumen River. She has put a stop to Chinese crossing the Chentao-Korean boundary, but she does not stop Koreans who want to enter Manchuria.

POLYGLOT SURELY.

Hewitt—Does your wife know more than one language?

Jewett—She certainly does. She reads French novels in the original, talks in her sleep in English, discharges the servant in German and converses with our youngest in baby talk.—Exchange.

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THE SUFFRAGETTES OF ENGLAND DEMONSTRATE THEIR STRENGTH

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Leading the Monster Procession

Left to Right—
Lady Frances Balfour, Mrs. Fawcett, Mrs. Philip Snowden, Miss Emily Davies and Dr. Sophie Bryant.

SCENES IN CR... G... TE PARADE.

LONDON, July 9.—The suffragette demonstration in Hyde Park, though it has been compared to a monster garden party, naturally did not go off with the machinelike smoothness and precision of the Windsor function. The march of the 10,000 women from the Thames Embankment to the Albert Hall a week before was admitted by all to have been a triumph of order and organization. And although it is urged that the demonstration did not demonstrate what it was supposed to, namely that the majority of English women wanted the parliamentary vote, it is generally admitted that the methods and composition of the 10,000 were the best thing the suffragists have done for themselves as yet.

The demonstration on Sunday too was in many ways a success. The police agree that there was never so large a gathering in Hyde Park, and they believe that there were between 300,000 and 400,000 people present. The vast mass of them were evidently indifferent to the suffragist cause, but on the other hand there was very little evidence of hostility.

A band of some three or four hundred students and a few hooligan boys with bells and other noise producers made as much disturbance as possible. The rushes caused a good many women to faint, but the element of strong opposition was not very prominent.

CROP CONDITIONS ARE OF A MOST FAVORABLE CHARACTER

Largely Increased Acreage in Wheat And Oats, And Prospects Point to an Abundant Harvest

OTTAWA, July 12.—The department of agriculture has arranged for the publication of a monthly bulletin giving an accurate and comprehensive report on crops and live stock of Canada as summarized from information received from a special staff of correspondents, including practical farmers in every district of the Dominion. The bulletin will also give a review of the work done each month by various branches of the department covering dairying and cold storage, experimental farms, seed commissioner, live stock and census and statistics. The bulletin will be known as the census and statistics monthly and the first number has just been issued. It contains a full report on general crop conditions at the end of June.

A summary of the report given your correspondent today by Archibald Blue, chief of census and statistics office, shows that crop conditions generally are of the most favorable character and with largely increased acreage in wheat and oats the prospects all point to an abundant harvest in every province.

COMPARED WITH LAST YEAR.

In reporting upon areas and live stock correspondents were instructed to compare the present with last year, measured on a per cent. basis for their several localities. As regards condition, correspondents were instructed to make the basis of comparison that of a standard, which as applied to crops means the condition for a full crop, and as applied to live stock it means a healthy and thrifty state. "In each case," correspondents were told, "100 represents a standard condition, and any number above or below 100 will show a condition better than or not as good as a standard."

Excepting in a few localities in the eastern provinces the seeding season opened early and fine growing weather has prevailed in the months of May and June. But in a country of such wide extent as Canada it was inevitable that a low rainfall would be reported for some parts. The high average per cent of standard condition, however, is proof of a rain fall fairly adequate.

Wheat is reported with a high average standard of 83 for all the provinces. It is 75 in Quebec and 81 in Ontario and New Brunswick, but in Alberta it is 93, in Saskatchewan 96, and in Manitoba 97. The increase of area in wheat over last year is 468,006 acres for Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba, but in Ontario, Quebec and Prince Edward Island there is a decrease of 18,831 acres.

Oats Show Increase

Oats show an increase of area sown of 537,434 acres and a standard condition at the end of June of 90. Ontario's increase is the largest for any province, being 175,951 acres, but for the three Northwest provinces the increase is 282,047 acres. The area for all the provinces is 7,942,943 acres, which is 1,429,978 acres more than wheat.

Barley's area is 1,746,911 acres. This is only 10,132 acres more than last year, and while there is an increase of 29,207 acres in Alberta, there is a drop of 23,007 in Ontario. The per cent. of a standard condition is 85.

The areas in rye and beans are relatively small and both show a decrease. The former is reported with a standard condition of 80 and the latter with 74.

The standard condition of peas is 82 per cent and the area is 413,082 acres, which is 9,582 acres more than last year.

Mixed grains have fallen off in area by 20,621 acres, but they still occupy the large area of 583,225 acres.

Quebec has alone 133,213 acres, and Ontario 420,945 acres. The standard condition is 84.

The crops of hay and clover show a larger area than any other field crop in the Dominion. The extent of it is 8,209,562 acres, which is 483,227 acres more than last year. Ontario has 3,552,716 acres, Quebec 2,893,338 acres, and the Maritime Provinces 1,573,909. In the Northwest provinces the farmers depend largely on the native or prairie hay. The per cent. of a standard condition for the Dominion is 86 and that of pasture is 89.

The average standard of condition of live stock is high for all kinds of live stock, in particular for horses and milch cows, and for each kind except swine there is an increase of number.

CAMPAIGN'S PROGRESS ACROSS THE BORDER

FAIRVIEW, Neb., July 11.—W. J. Bryan opened the doors of the campaign today with a brief speech touching on publicity of campaign contributions, the platform and the candidates. It was to the Nebraskan delegation returning from Denver with the triumphant banner that Mr. Bryan made his only speech of the day.

WOODSTOCK SCHOOL BURNS.

WOODSTOCK, July 11.—The Broadway school building, a large two and a half story wooden structure, was completely destroyed by fire this morning. The blaze was noticed just after six o'clock but had then made considerable headway and despite the heroic efforts of the firemen, within a little more than an hour, was a total loss. The fire is thought to have been either of incendiary origin or to have resulted from some person's act in careless handling of matches or cigarettes, the incendiary theory being the more likely. Only yesterday the place was inspected by the janitor, when everything was found to be in good condition. No fires had been in the furnaces since May. All the furniture, laboratory apparatus, etc., was lost as well. The piano, kept in one of the departments and owned by a lady teacher, Miss Helena Mulherin, whose personal loss is considerable. All Principal Draper's library went up in smoke. The cellar was full of wood, the year's supply having been laid in.

The main part of the building was erected 20 years ago, but in 1896 a new wing was added costing $4,000.

For the coming term temporary arrangements will have to be made for the six homeless departments. A new building, possibly of brick, will at once be placed under construction.

SATURDAY'S VICTIMS OF WILD SEA WAVES

Three Children Drowned at Danforth and Three Rescued With Difficulty

DROWNS AT WINTHROP

DANFORTH, Me., July 11.—Three children were drowned today by the capsizing of a rowboat, and three were rescued with great difficulty by Chas. Blackmore, the father of five of them.

Mr. Blackmore took the six little ones out on Holbrook Lake, a small body of water two miles outside Danforth, and they had been enjoying the fishing till the time arrived to start for home. In pulling up the anchor, the boat was upset in some manner and all were thrown into the lake.

Four of the children managed with the assistance of their father and each other to re-enter the boat, but in the excitement one of them, a boy, was drowned in the water with which the craft was filled. The bodies of the other two were recovered as the water was not deep, and they were only a short distance from shore.

The victims were two boys, aged eight and ten, and one girl, aged twelve. Their names were not given.

SUICIDES AT WINTHROP.

WINTHROP, Me., July 11.—Walking like a king into the water of Lake Maranacook, fully clothed even to his hat, a stranger, supposed to have been Charles Annis of Somersworth, N. H., was drowned tonight. Some boys shouted to him, but he replied "don't mind me," and kept on. When he reached the water he swam a few strokes and then went down. The only thing in his clothing pointing to his identity was a pension certificate bearing the name and address given above.

RESIDENT OF SOMERSWORTH.

SOMERSWORTH, N. H., July 11.—Charles H. Annis had been a resident of this place for many years, and had been employed on jobs of various kinds as a laborer. He was a veteran of the civil war and was about 65 years old. His wife, two sons and a daughter survive.

The cause of his apparent suicide is a mystery to his family. He left town two days ago.

PORTLAND, Me., July 12.—A young man, aged about 19, supposed to be George E. Leonard of Boston, was drowned Saturday while in swimming.

BAPTISTS WANT TEMPERANCE TAUGHT IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Recommendation is Made at Hillsboro Convention—Gratified at Success of Scott Act—Association Pledges Itself to Support Social and Civic Purity—Officers Elected

HILLSBORO, N. B., July 9.—At the United Baptist Association of New Brunswick, after devotional exercises this morning, the bye-law committee reported several additions and amendments to the constitution which were adopted.

Dr. H. C. Creed from the commission on correspondence and resolutions, reported recommending to the serious consideration the question of uniting the New Brunswick Home Mission Board with the Board of the Maritime Convention. Rev. Dr. McIntyre submitted a resolution that the present system of provincial management be maintained and that no salary higher than $200 per year be paid to the secretary. Mr. T. S. Simms, of St. John, presented a Sunday school report recommending teacher training as well as a course of Bible history.

At the meeting of the Women's Society this morning the following officers were elected.

Mrs. C. W. Weyman, of Apohaqui, President; Mrs. N. W. Everleigh, of Sussex, Vice President; Miss R. Bennett, of Hopewell Cape, Corresponding Secretary; Miss L. J. Fullerton, of St. John, West, Rec. Secretary; Mrs. A. A. Rideout, of Fredericton, Treasurer.

A committee was appointed to draw up a district constitution. A strong resolution of appreciation of the corresponding secretary, Mrs. M. S. Cox, was passed.

Upon reassembling this afternoon the election of officers was taken up.

OFFICERS ELECTED.

The following were elected: Moderator, Rev. Z. L. Fash; assistant moderator, Rev. Dr. Phillips; secretary, F. W. Emmerson; treasurer, Jas. Patterson; members of executive, C. W. Weyman, Rev. Dr. Phillips, Rev. F. E. Bishop; members of Home Mission Board from St. John, Rev. Wellington Camp, A. B. Cohoe, Thos Robinson.

It was resolved to ordain to the work of the Christian ministry H. R. McGill and H. L. Orchard. Clifford G. Clark of St. John West was granted an association license.

It was resolved that the home mission work be continued under the direction of a board of this association and recommending that committees of the district meetings should act with the Home Mission Board.

It was resolved that the sums be apportioned to the different districts as was theirs last year.

It was resolved that $150 be given to the Canaan church. The Fair Haven church was recommended to make use of the discarded church as a nucleus for a parsonage. The association declared itself strongly in sympathy with every movement for the promotion of moral, social and civic purity and calls upon all the members of the churches which it represents to discountenance and oppose in every possible way the deadly evils of profanity, licentiousness, intemperance, political corruption and bribery.

A resolution endorsing the Maritime Baptist was passed.

ALLIANCE IS ENDORSED.

The work of the Lord's Day Alliance was endorsed and the churches urged to zeal in he upholding of the sanctity of the Christian Sabbath. Sympathy was expressed for Rev. J. N. Barnes and Rev. J. H. McDonald, detained at home by illness.

Ministers were urged to faithful attendance at the annual meeting of the association. It was reported that the following ministers had died during the year: Revs. John Hughes, John Henderson and W. H. Perry; also Messrs. Lewis and Miller of Campbellton and Gideon McLeod of Penobsquis, active members of the denomination, and deep appreciation was expressed in favor of their work and character. It was resolved that any minister from abroad settling in this province should as soon as possible have his name, credentials, etc., communicated to the registration committee of the association.

Rev. Mr. Grant from the committee on temperance reported regretting the traffic was still actively ruining the country and protesting against the government receiving any proceeds from the traffic. It was pleasing to note that never was the public sentiment higher against the traffic and the denomination was strongly urged to take action leading to prohibition in this province. It was gratifying to know that the Scott Act was being vigorously enforced and it was recommended that temperance teaching in schools as authorized by law should be carried out. The report was adopted.

There were three new churches instituted during the year, two ministers ordained and three buildings dedicated.

Rev. Dr. McLeod was appointed statistical secretary for the ensuing year.

A committee was appointed to meet a committee of the convention to readjust the times of the meetings of the denominational gatherings so they would not conflict. It was resolved that the maritime convention be requested to have prepared a common manual for the denomination. F. W. Emmerson and D. McLeod Vince were appointed delegates to the maritime convention.

This evening was occupied by an address on Home Missions by Rev. Dr. McIntyre; an address on Our Ladies' Seminary, by Principal H. C. DeWolf, M. A.; an address on Our Educational Work at Wolfville, by President W. B. Hutchinson, D. D., after which H. R. McGill and M. L. Orchard of Carleton County were ordained, the address to the candidates being given by Rev. Dr. Phillips. The association then adjourned.

BULLET ENTERS A NORTH END HOUSE

Inmate of Mr. Dowling's Residence Narrowly Escapes—Police Investigate

Chief of Police Clark wishes to warn offenders against the discharges of firearms near the city. If they are apprehended they will be brought to court.

A case which came to the attention of the police yesterday was told to a reporter for The Sun last evening. A rifle ball passed through the shutters and windows of D. G. Dowling's house on Douglas avenue and narrowly escaped doing serious injury to one of the inmates. One of these bullets, supposed to be the same that entered Mr. Dowling's residence, came near hitting a man on the Spar Cove road. The police are working on the case, but have have not succeeded in landing the guilty party.

PREMIER HAZEN BACK FROM TRIP

Premier Hazen and party who have been spending a few days on the Tobique as the guests of the New Brunswick Guides' Association, arrived in the city on Saturday night's Boston train. Surveyor General Grimmer was also one of the party which came down the Tobique in canoes.

The Premier in conversation with a Sun reporter last evening said that his trip had been most enjoyable. Game seemed to be very plentiful, moose and deer being seen frequently by members of the party. There were also many signs of the presence of beaver. The prospects of the coming game season, said the Premier, were excellent as far as the game was concerned, but it was expected that the presidential elections in the United States would have the effect of decreasing the number of American sportsmen who would visit the province.

The three guides who accompanied the party were Adam Moore, Charles Crunins and Arthur Pringle. Nictor Lake was the farthest point reached. From that place a portage was made to Bathurst Lake and the trip continued down the Tobique to Plaster Rock.

The next meeting of the provincial government is to be held in Fredericton this week. The day will be decided on today.

HOPEWELL HILL

Mr. and Mrs. William Kinnie of California, formerly of this county, are visiting friends at Albert. Mrs. Ernest Shield of St. John is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Calhoun, at Lower Cape.

Herbert L. Brewster and bride, formerly Miss Colpitts of Moncton, are spending a few days at the former's home here on their return from their wedding trip to Montreal.

Jordan Steeves & Son's men are at the Cape this week fitting up a bathroom in the residence of Sheriff Carter.

E. W. Lynds is having his residence at the shiretown improved by the addition of a piazza.

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