

HON. ADAM BECK MAY SUCCEED LORD STRATHCONA AS CANADIAN HIGH COMMISSIONER

WIDESPREAD STRIKE IN SOUTH AFRICA—INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES ACT TO BE GENERAL—MANITOBA LEGISLATURE DEMANDS FREE WHEAT

STRIKES OR LOCK-OUTS ILLEGAL IN ALL BRANCHES OF INDUSTRY UNTIL INVESTIGATION IS HELD

Dominion Government to Enact Most Advanced Legislation for Prevention of Industrial Warfare Known to Any Country—No Private Enterprise to Be Exempt.

(Special to The Toronto World.)
OTTAWA, Jan. 12.—The most radical action yet taken by any country regarding labor and labor men is announced by the government for this session of parliament, which opens on Thursday. The industrial disputes act, which at present affects only those men engaged in work on public utilities, is to be extended to take in all branches of labor, public and private.

The chief purpose of the industrial disputes act, as constituted at present, is to prevent strikes and lockouts until the matter of the dispute has been under consideration by a board of arbitration and conciliation and a finding come by the board. Neither employers nor men are compelled to abide by the decision of the board, but the effect has been that a fair examination of the case has induced harmony and agreement in a vast number of cases, and has reduced the number of strikes and lockouts in the Dominion.

Will Extend Principle.
Hon. T. W. Crithers, minister of labor, therefore, feels that a great deal of good can be accomplished by extending the scope of the act to include all labor. Private enterprises, from the point of view of both employer and workman will be conducted under the eye of the department. In cases of dispute there can be no strike or lockout until a board of arbitration has considered the case and reported.

An important point in the new legislation will be that no employer will be allowed to dismiss or refuse to employ a workman on the ground that he is a member of a labor union, nor will union men be able to refuse to work against a man on the ground that he is not a union man. Men or employers who do so will be subject to severe penalties.

The new labor act will be an amalgamation of the labor legislation of 1902, which referred exclusively to railways, and the industrial disputes act of 1907.

Parcel Post With Australia

OTTAWA, Jan. 12.—(Special.)—Hon. L. P. Pelletier, postmaster-general, announces a new agreement with the government of Australia for the direct exchange of parcels, under which the present rate of 34c a pound up to 11 pounds either way is reduced after the first pound to 12c a pound. The reduced rate takes effect from Jan. 1, 1914. This will no doubt lead to an increased volume of parcel post business between the two countries.

PREMIER AGAIN SUFFERS RELAPSE

Watches Are Losing Hope, But Maintain That Fatal Termination is Not Immediate Danger.

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The attitude of the government, so far as any tariff revision is concerned, has already been foreshadowed in the semi-official promise of a tariff commission to enquire into the subject during the next parliamentary recess, with a general revision at the fall session.

The delegation will press for the appointment of R. B. Bennett, M.P. for Calgary, to a place in the cabinet. At present there is no vacant portfolio but the scheme of dividing the interior department is again under consideration.

The allocation of parliamentary seats under the forthcoming redistribution is being worked out today by the Alberta contingent, and the delegates upon which will be formally presented to the government tomorrow.

Restoration of Resources.
The most troublesome question under consideration is the restoration of her natural resources to the Province of Alberta. The province and Edmonton in Alberta as well as in Saskatchewan for many years demanded that the lands, minerals and waterways of the province be surrendered by the Dominion to the provincial governments. Now, however, with the Conservatives in control at Ottawa and the Liberals in control at Regina and Edmonton and Alberta alike are less inclined to transfer the enormous patronage incidental to the restoration of the province, and mineral rights from the federal to the provincial governments. It is likely that the delegation tomorrow will contend itself with asking that considerable grants of land be made by the Dominion to the Alberta Government in the way of compensation for some time.

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WEST'S DEMANDS GENERAL STRIKE TO BE HEARD IN PRIVATE

Alberta Delegation's Various Requests, Including Those for Tariff Revision, Unlike-ly to Lead to Immediate Public Announcement—Natural Resources Question is Vexed One.

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Miners Vote Strongly to Quit Work in Sympathy With Railwaymen and Other Labor Organizations Are Likely to Follow Example—Outlook Admittedly Serious.

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CAPE TOWN, Jan. 12.—(Can. Press.)—Quiet prevails throughout South Africa tonight, but this may be the lull before the storm, as the incoming ballots from various centres make it practically certain that a general strike will be voted. The ballots, received from the miners along the reef all favor a strike, and the various trades, including shop assistants, warehousemen and clerks in Johannesburg have voted similarly.

The feeling is growing in Johannesburg that the situation is becoming more serious. The Cape Town harbor workers have not been officially called out by the union, but their response will not be known until tomorrow.

A ballot by the Johannesburg branch of the Typographical Union has resulted by a large majority, in favor of a strike. This probably means that the people of Johannesburg will have no newspapers after tomorrow.

Sympathetic Strike.
If a general strike is called it will be out of sympathy for the strike of the railway employees, many of whom have abandoned their posts and laid down their tools in the railroad shops. The strike of the railwaymen is said to be due to the policy of retrenchment in the South African Railway administration, in pursuance of which hundreds of employees in retoria, Bloemfontein, Durban, Salt River and elsewhere have been dismissed. The strikers demand the cessation of this policy of retrenchment and the reinstatement of the dismissed men. They argue that the administration's real motive is to force wages down, as shown by the fact that some of the dismissed men have been offered other billets at reduced wages.

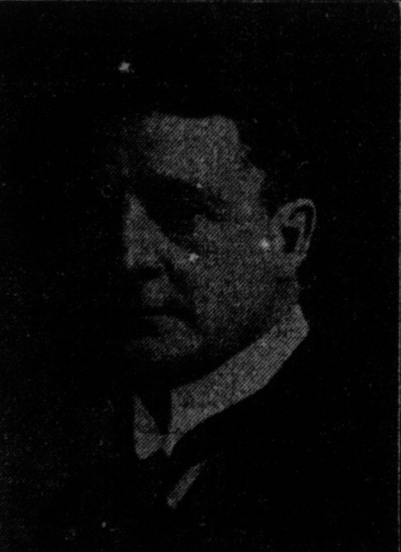
Troops Will Mobilize.
The most hopeful feature of the situation tonight is the extraordinary success attending the mobilization of the troops. It is estimated that there are 20,000 armed men on the Rand, most of whom have come prepared for the same kind of a campaign which made the Boers so long the despair of the English generals.

Hon. Adam Beck May Succeed Lord Strathcona in London As Canadian Commissioner

Ontario Minister Prominently and Persistently Mentioned For the Position in View of Lord Strathcona's Expected Early Retirement.

(Special to The Toronto World.)
OTTAWA, Jan. 12.—It is stated here today on what is considered the very best authority, that Hon. Adam Beck will succeed Lord Strathcona as Canadian high commissioner in London. Mr. Beck's qualifications would fit him for the post as few men in Canada could be fit. He is a man of independent means, and the fact that he now is living in England for a year's rest is taken to mean that he would prefer to live there permanently.

There is only one thing which might stand in the way of Mr. Beck's acceptance of the post of high commissioner—his hydro-electric and hydro-radial schemes in Ontario. Mr. Beck brought the hydro system to its present high state of efficiency, and the hydro-radial scheme is in its infancy. It is thought, however, that his colleagues in the Ontario cabinet would not stand in the way of his acceptance, and that the people of the province would be more than pleased to see such a popular man as Mr. Beck in the highest position in the gift of the Dominion Government.



HON. ADAM BECK

NOT ENOUGH CARE IN DRIVING MACHINE

Coroner's Jury Found That Frederick Harding Was Careless, and Recommended That All Motor Cars Be So Equipped as to Prevent Skidding on Slippery Pavements.

On enquiring into the death of Jas. Addis, who was killed on Jan. 9 on W. Queen street, by being struck by an automobile driven by Frederick Harding, Coroner Graham's jury found that Harding had not exercised sufficient care in driving the machine. They also recommended that all automobiles be equipped with appliances to prevent skidding on slippery weather.

According to the evidence Addis, who was employed in Stevenson's garage on West Queen street, was standing behind an automobile, standing at the side of the road, repairing the tail light, when the machine driven by Harding struck and killed him. Several witnesses claimed that there was sufficient light in the locality to make it easy for drivers of other vehicles to see the car.

Harding's Story.
On the suggestion of T. C. Robinette, who appeared for him, Harding was placed on the stand. He explained that he was driving east on Queen street with the front of his car opposite the rear step of a street car, when suddenly he saw the automobile standing at the side of the road about fifty feet in front of him. He immediately applied the foot brake, but it was too late to prevent the collision. The man behind the car, whom Harding had not seen up to this time, was struck and almost instantly killed. He did not know exactly why he failed to see the stationary automobile sooner, but he thought that the fact that there was no tail light on the car, and the fact that he was forced to look through the bright light shed by the street car, into the darkness beyond, might have made it difficult for him to see it.

There was another man in the car with him at the time of the accident, whose name and whereabouts were unknown to him. This man had asked him for a ride and he had accommodated him.

In addressing the jury, Coroner Graham drew the attention of the jury to the fact that the roadway was not the right place to repair an automobile, and stated that, in his opinion, the proprietor of the garage where Addis was employed, was guilty of negligence. The jury, however, did not mention this in their verdict.

Harding was arrested on a charge of manslaughter, but was released yesterday on \$10,000 bail.

DRUNKEN DRIVER NOW IN CUSTODY

Samuel Gomm Did Not Stop When Cautioned and Ran Over Bicyclist.

Disregarding orders by officer 242 to lessen the speed at which he was driving his wagon along Queen street yesterday afternoon, Samuel Gomm had proceeded, but a block further when he ran down and seriously injured Gottfried Munger, 1338 Queen street west at the corner of Queen and Augusta avenue.

According to the officer, Gomm was driving furiously when he ordered him to halt. Instead of complying Gomm whipped up the horse to a mad dash when he struck the injured man who was riding a bicycle westward on Queen street. The horse stepped on him and both wheels of the wagon passed over his body. He was attended by Dr. Edie and removed to his home. He may have internal injuries.

Gomm was placed under arrest charged with being drunk while in charge of a wagon, which charge may later be changed to criminal negligence.

OIL EXPLOSION CAUSED A FIRE

Plant of British American Oil Company Damaged to Extent of Several Thousand Dollars.

Fire, following an explosion of oil fumes, did damage to the extent of more than \$2000 at the plant of the British-American Oil Company, at the foot of Cherry street, at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon. No person seems to know just how the explosion occurred. There were at the time half a dozen men in the locality, but none were injured. The force of the explosion demolished the west wall of the receiving shed, and later the whole roof came down with a crash.

The explosion shook the oil tanks to such an extent that the oil, commencing to run out, caught fire, and the fire brigade could only wait for the oil to burn itself out. According to District Fire Chief Smith, the building was practically demolished, and a large quantity of valuable refined oil destroyed.

NEW WORKMAN'S BILL WILL BE DISCUSSED

Special Meeting Called at Parliament Buildings for Tuesday, Jan. 20.

Discussion on the proposed workmen's compensation legislation to be introduced by the Ontario Government at the coming session will be invited at a special meeting in the parliament buildings on Tuesday, Jan. 20. This has been arranged at the instance of Hon. I. B. Lusk and Sir Wm. Meredith.

MAINE AND QUEBEC TO BE LINKED BY HIGHWAY

Will Stretch From Augusta to Ancient Capital of Canada.

PORTLAND, Me., Jan. 12.—(Can. Press.)—A new highway 224 miles long, connecting Augusta, Me., and the City of Quebec, is assured, according to an announcement by the State Highway Commission today. The Quebec government has appropriated \$300,000 to build the road from Quebec to the Maine boundary a distance of 93 miles, and the remaining 131 miles will be constructed by this state.

MANITOBA LEGISLATURE SOLID FOR FREE WHEAT RESOLUTION

Conservative Members' Proposal Given Unanimous Endorsement—Leader of Liberal Opposition Accuses Conservatives of Having Changed Front Since Reciprocity

WINNIPEG, Jan. 12.—(Can. Press.)—The free wheat resolution introduced in the Manitoba legislature by H. C. Simpson, a Conservative member, was under debate in the house today. It wound up with the resolution being unanimously carried. T. C. Norris, opposition leader, was the principal speaker, devoting his time to twitting the Conservatives on their change of front since the federal reciprocity campaign. A resolution by Mr. Norris that the resolution be redrafted to include free entrance into the United States of oats, barley, flax, and the entrance into Canada of agricultural implements duty free was ruled out of order.

Mr. Simpson's resolution memorialized the Dominion Government to remove the countervailing duty on Canadian wheat, in order that the farmers of the Canadian west might be able to take advantage of the wheat clause of the new Underwood tariff in the United States.

Notice of motion of a similar resolution was given in the house at the time by G. H. G. Malcolm, Liberal member for Birtle. Mr. Malcolm afterwards withdrew his motion, it having the same purport as that of the Conservative member.

IN A CLASS BY HIMSELF



"The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank thee, that I am not as other men are . . . or even as these publicans."

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND WILL CELEBRATE FAMOUS CONFERENCE

Gathering Fifty Years Ago Which Paved Way to Confederation, to Be Recalled at Midsummer Jubilee—Hope Sir Charles Tupper Will Be Present.

(Special to The Toronto World.)
OTTAWA, Jan. 12.—The Dominion Government has been invited by Hon. A. J. Mathieson, premier of Prince Edward Island, to take part in the jubilee of the Charlottetown conference which will be celebrated next midsummer. It was at the farmers' Charlottetown conference in 1864 that the first steps were taken which resulted in the confederation of the provinces of Canada in 1867. The only living member of that conference is Sir Charles Tupper, and it is hoped that he will be able to be present at the jubilee celebration.

Premier Mathieson asks that the Dominion Government co-operate with the Prince Edward Island Government in making the celebration national in character. Funds, of course, will be required.

He desires the presence of the Duke of Connaught, all the members of the cabinet as well as Sir Charles Fitzpatrick, the chief justice, and Lord Strathcona.

Expect British Warship.
The government is asked to invite the British Government to send at least one British warship to take part. It is expected that there will be a good representation of the Canadian militia, and a fleet of vessels representative of the naval, commercial and pleasure craft of the Dominion.

Premier Borden has replied that the government will co-operate in every way possible, and the probability is that all the provincial governments will lend their aid and countenance to the jubilee celebration of this epoch-making conference.

OVERCOAT THIEF HELD AFTER A MILE CHASE

Two Men Tried to Sell It to the Owner, and One Who Escaped Still Has It.

After a chase extending over a mile along Queen street, down Strachan avenue, and back along Richmond street, John Thackeray, 12 Hastings avenue, was tripped up by a Macedonian and placed under arrest by officer 292, charged with entering the Macedonian's house and stealing his overcoat.

Porlo Tono, the complainant, returned unexpectedly to his home at 137 Niagara street yesterday afternoon and was confronted by two men who offered to sell him an overcoat. A second look at the coat convinced Tono that it was his own, but this Thackeray and his companion denied. After some argument the two men started to run for it. The second man, who had the coat, outran Tono's companion and still holds the coat.

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