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ABATTOIR FOR SAINT JOHN NOW ASSURED

N. B. GOVERNMENT DECIDES TO GUARANTEE \$100,000 BONDS

British-Canadian Packing Company Is Incorporated With Capital Stock of Half a Million Dollars

WILL MAKE START ON PLANS AT ONCE

Promoters, in City From Fredericton, Say Arrangements For Industry Progressing, and Definite Announcement Likely Made in Few Days—Then Quick Action

By D. LEO DOLAN Staff correspondent of The Times-Star. FREDERICTON, April 24.—The Government has decided to guarantee the bonds of the company promoting the pork packing plant and abattoir in the city of Saint John for \$100,000.

This official statement was made to The Times-Star representative here this morning by Premier Veniot. The plant is therefore assured.

The directors of the company, W. I. Fenton, of Saint John, C. P. MacIntyre, of Sussex, and Captain F. M. Stanley, representative of large British financial interests, left for Saint John early this morning elated over the result of their several weeks lobbying here on behalf of the project.

Application for the incorporation of the British-Canadian Packing Company, Limited, was filed here today. Mr. Fenton, Mr. McIntyre and Captain Stanley are the provisional directors and the authorized capitalization has been placed at \$500,000.

The promoters have agreed to make a \$100,000 deposit with the Government and a bill will be introduced in Legislature, tonight, meaning the Government's decision to guarantee the bonds.

Last night Government supporters met in caucus and discussed the proposal whereby the Government was asked to guarantee the bonds of the company up to \$100,000. Practically all the supporters of the Government endorsed the abattoir project and finally the decision to guarantee the bonds of the company up to \$100,000 was reached.

Plans for the abattoir will be started at once, W. I. Fenton, of Saint John, and P. M. Stirling, of Fredericton, England, announced when they arrived in the city on the noon train from Fredericton. The general scheme had been worked out, but there was need of the Government action before a definite start could be made, Mr. Fenton said.

With the assurance of the Government of its backing in the enterprise, there would be a start made immediately.

TALK OF PROJECT. It had been necessary to get the support of the Government of the province in order that the farmers might gain confidence in the scheme and do their part in providing the raw material for the plant. It was the intention to handle pork products only since seemed particularly adapted for the production of pigs, and he hoped that the business when under way would gain a place in the markets of the world.

Saint John offered great facilities for shipment, especially to the Atlantic, and the new concern would go after the business in England and on the continent.

WANT FARMERS' BACKING. It was felt by the promoters that the farmers of the province would back up their efforts by studying the best methods of raising the kind of pork needed for producing the best quality of bacon and other products. The farmers already had the benefit of the experience of both the federal and provincial departments of agriculture, and it was hoped that the New Brunswick it was hoped that the New Brunswick farmers would study methods and assist in making the enterprise a success.

Definite announcements concerning further action on the part of the new company would be made as soon as the necessary legislation was passed in Fredericton. Mr. Fenton thought this matter would be arranged by the end of next week. The Government had promised support, but it was necessary to put a bill through the House.

ARRANGEMENTS PROGRESS. Arrangements had been about completed for the site. Offers of cheap power had been made to the company. It was also expected that there would be some special arrangement in regard to taxation and probably water supply. When the preliminary arrangements had been completed, Mr. Stirling said there would be quick action and the plant would be constructed as soon as possible.

17 INCHES OF SNOW

Montana Blanketed, Transportation and Communications Are Demoralized.

BUTTE, Mont., April 24.—Swept by the most severe spring snow storm in its history, Central Montana was blanketed with snow which reached a depth of 17 inches in Butte. Transportation was demoralized, telegraph and telephone wires were down for several hours, and several small towns were completely cut off from communication.

Premier Tells of Private Offers For Grand Falls Development

TOBIQUE DAM BILL PASSES COMMITTEE

AMENDMENTS PROVIDE FISH PROTECTION

Met Objections of Saint John and Other Members

WILL FILE PLANS

Expert Expresses Opinion Proposed Fishway Will Allow Salmon Ascent

By D. LEO DOLAN Staff correspondent of The Times-Star. FREDERICTON, April 24.—Making every possible safeguard for the salmon fishing industry in the St. John River and Bay of Fundy, the corporations committee of the House this morning reported favorably the bill promoted by the Fraser Companies, Limited, to permit erection of a dam on the Tobique River.

Several amendments have been made to the bill and the dam when erected will have a modern fishway which will be so constructed as to enable the easy passage of the salmon to the spawning grounds.

OBJECTIONS MET. The Fraser Companies have agreed to all the amendments and the objections of members from Saint John and other sections of the province who were concerned with the protection of the salmon fishing industry have been met. The plans of the dam will be subject to inspection by the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council, as well as representatives of the New Brunswick Fish and Game Protective Association.

Mr. Povey, of Boiestown, expert on dam construction, secured by a subcommittee of the corporations committee, appeared before the members and expressed the view that a dam could be so constructed as to not interfere with the easy ascent of the salmon.

TAKE ROYAL JEWELS

Prince Erik of Denmark Loses \$4,000 in Gems in Los Angeles Suburb.

ACADIA, Calif., April 24.—The Royal Jewels of Denmark, at least a few of them, were stolen in this suburb of Los Angeles, yesterday, when pass key burglars entered the home of Prince Erik of Denmark and escaped with diamond and emerald jewels valued at \$4,000. The prince and his wife, the former Canadian heiress, Lois Beath, were motoring at the time.

Prisoner's Counsel Called To Testify

GLACE BAY, April 24.—The preliminary hearing of Ernest Devision, charged with being an accomplice of Justin Bennett in the Royal Bank theft case, involving \$19,000, was resumed yesterday.

Called by Collin McKenla, acting on behalf of the bank, A. McGillivray, barrister, acting on behalf of Devision, said that he had seen Devision at police station, when his client, on hearing that the police were searching for him, gave himself up voluntarily.

W. R. GRANGER DEAD. MONTREAL, April 24.—W. R. Granger died here this morning. He was former president of the Amateur Hockey Association of Canada; and of the Montreal Amateur Athletic Association and of the Quebec Amateur Hockey Association.

London Lord Mayor Objects To Toast to Pope Preceding King

LONDON, April 24.—Because it was decided to propose the health of the Pope before that of King George, the Lord Mayor of London, Colonel Sir Alfred Bower, who is a Roman Catholic, refused to attend the annual banquet last evening of the Cretanian Association, Roman Catholic Society. The Lord Mayor had accepted the invitation, but upon learning of the decision of the chairman, cancelled his acceptance, and told the press: "I will not attend any banquet in the capacity of Lord Mayor at which the Royal toast is honored after that of the Pope." Two city sheriffs, also Catholics, followed the Lord Mayor's example.

Proposed British Withdrawal From Cairo is Cause of Alarm; Italian Ascendancy Feared

LONDON, April 24.—The Daily Mail says a proposal has been made to evacuate Cairo and concentrate the British army in Egypt on the Suez Canal, probably at Al Kantara, 28 miles south of Port Said, apparently with the idea of placing Egyptian nationalists.

The newspaper adds that the proposal is causing dismay to those in the limit circles in Great Britain, and Egypt, which are cognizant of the situation, as such a step would mean abject surrender to the subversive elements and have disastrous results on British prestige and trade throughout the East.

Declaring that Egypt would rapidly sink into chaos if the British army were withdrawn, the Daily Mail predicts, that some other power, probably Italy, would step into the British shoes in Egypt.

HOPE ABANDONED FOR 14 COAL MINERS

Seventeen Were Entombed in Idaho Shaft But Three Are Rescued.

WALLACE, Idaho, April 24.—Hope of rescuing alive 14 men entombed below the 1,600 foot level of the Hecla Mine, near here, virtually had been abandoned at 7 o'clock this morning. Fire which entombed the miners was burning from the 1,600 foot level down.

Rescue crews from adjoining mines brought up three men alive from the one thousand level, but say the mine shaft level is full of poisonous gases and practically impenetrable.

RAIN HELPS FIRE SITUATION IN N. B.

One Blaze in Sumbury County Did Not Get Into the Woods.

FREDERICTON, April 24.—Rain has improved the forest fire situation throughout New Brunswick. Investigation has disclosed that a fire which was observed on Marshall Brook, Sumbury county, was not from burning woods but from burning meadow.

CAN'T FORM CABINET

Vandervelde Informs Belgian King Impossible to Fulfill Commission.

BRUSSELS, April 24.—Emile Vandervelde, the Socialist leader, today informed King Albert that he had found it impossible to fulfill the mission entrusted him of forming a cabinet.

SCHOOL IS BURNED

Four Other Buildings Are Threatened in \$100,000 Massachusetts Fire.

NORTH CHELSEAFORD, Mass., April 24.—The administration building of the Middlesex County Training School here, with a replacement value of \$100,000, was destroyed by fire of undetermined cause today. Four other buildings were threatened.

SIR A. M. NANTON DIED IN TORONTO THIS MORNING

Was One of Most Prominent Financiers in Canada

ILL SOME MONTHS

Left School at 13 and Started Business Career in Real Estate Office

By Canadian Press. TORONTO, April 24.—Sir Augustus Nanton, president of the Dominion Bank and prominent Canadian financier, died at 8:30 this morning. He had been ill for some months. His condition became critical a week ago, when five physicians, after a consultation, announced that hope for his recovery had been abandoned. The body will be taken to Winnipeg for interment.

Sir Augustus Nanton, K. B., attained eminence in the business world by his individual exertions. He was born in Toronto May 7, 1860. His father was Augustus Nanton, barrister-at-law, for years a partner of Sir A. J. Gale, while his mother was the daughter of the late Sheriff Jarvis of York. Sir Augustus attended the model school in Toronto until he was 13 years of age.

BEGINS LIFE BATTLE. After leaving the latter institution he began the battle of life in a real estate office. Two years later he entered the office of Oiler and Hammond. His ability and energy asserted themselves from the outset, and promotion came rapidly until in 1884, when he was only 24 years of age, he was taken into partnership and sent out to open an important branch of the house in Winnipeg.

When Sir Augustus arrived at Winnipeg he witnessed the effects of the collapse of the boom, and it required a strong hand and sound judgment to pilot the business which he found himself at the helm.

Following 1890 particularly, his business and industry in Western Canada expanded remarkably and he became a recognized authority in financial matters. While he was never prevailed upon to enter public life, he held numerous offices and positions of trust.

IN 1908 he became president of the Winnipeg Board of Trade, and later president of the Winnipeg Stock Exchange. He was one of the organizers of the Manitoba Patriotic Fund, of which he served as president, and was a big factor in making this enterprise a success. One of the most valuable of his contributions was the leadership he gave to the Manitoba Victory Loan organization which acquired itself with distinction in every instance in which it was called upon to function.

MANY INTERESTS. The business interests of Sir Augustus were numerous and varied. He was president of the Winnipeg Electric Company, director and chairman of the Canadian committee of the Hudson's Bay Company, in which he succeeded to the post left vacant by the death of Lord Strathcona, a director of the C. P. R., on which board he succeeded to the late Sir William Whyte. He also acted as vice-president of the Great West Life Assurance Company, managing director of the Alberta Railway and Irrigation Co., director of the Dominion Bank, director of the Northern Trust Co., president of the Manitoba Cartage Co., director of the Toronto General Trusts Corporation, director North of Scotland Mortgage Co., director Manitoba Bridge and Iron Works, director Ogilvie Flour Mills Co., as well as other companies in 1886.

TRADE DECLINES. OTTAWA, April 24.—During the fiscal year closing March 31, Canada's trade totalled \$1,522,098,788 or \$73,894,324 less than the year previous.

Radio Signals Clearly Heard at 6,000 Miles

MELBOURNE, April 24.—Short wave radio signals from the United States fleet, manoeuvring off Hawaii, were heard here last night. The signals were extremely loud and easy to copy. The distance between Hawaii and Melbourne is roughly 6,000 miles.

FIRE IS PROBOD.

GLACE BAY, April 24.—An inquiry into the origin of the fire at The Labor Herald office Monday morning was conducted yesterday evening by S. S. Whyte, deputy provincial fire marshal, assisted by the local fire wardens.

Liquor is More Deadly in U. S.

NEW YORK, April 24.—Figures compiled by the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company indicate that users of alcoholic beverages in the U. S. are more than seven times as liable to die from alcoholism as those of Canada. Of the Canadian deaths from alcoholism more than half are in the formerly bone dry province of Ontario.

EARTH SHOCK FELT IN NEW ENGLAND

Boston, Providence and Cambridge Report Slight Tremor Early This Morning.

BOSTON, April 24.—Distinct earth tremors were reported today from several points in Southeastern Massachusetts. No damage was reported.

The movement was felt as far inland as Brockton and appeared to follow a line between New Bedford and that city.

Providence, R. I., April 24.—New Bedford, Mass., police headquarters reported this morning that a distinct earth shock had been felt in that city at 2:30 a. m. and that the shock lasted the greater part of 30 seconds.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., April 24.—A slight earth shock was recorded early today by the seismograph at Harvard College. The time was given as 2:36 o'clock and the duration from 10 to 15 seconds. The distance could not be worked out.

CAN SEE NO BODIES

Government Steamer Arrives at Scene of Wreck of Japanese Vessel.

HALIFAX, April 24.—The Dominion government steamer Arctus, departed from Lockport, N. S., on Wednesday to the scene of the foundering of the Japanese freighter Rakufuku Maru, on Tuesday, for the purpose of searching for the bodies of her crew of 28 officers and men, who went down with the ship, reached the locality of the disaster this morning, but reports that no bodies have been located as yet.

2,500 Athletes Entered In Relay Carnival

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., April 24.—Canada, Cuba and Great Britain, represented by small but admirably powerful athletic teams, will vie with United States stars on the cinders and turf of Franklin Field today and tomorrow in the University of Pennsylvania's annual relay carnival.

More than 2,500 athletes are entered. The relay team of Hamilton, Ont., collegiate institute, will represent Canada.

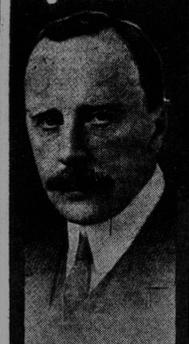
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Financier Dead



SIR AUGUSTUS NANTON, who passed away in Toronto this morning after a lingering illness.

THREATENS FAMILY AND IS ARRESTED

Frank Moore of Tracey Bound Over to Keep the Peace—Had Rifle.

Special to Times-Star. FREDERICTON, April 24.—Constable Fraser Saunders on Tuesday was called to Tracey, Sumbury county, because of threats made by Frank Moore against members of his family, with a rifle. Moore was arrested and appeared before Magistrate Smith at Fredericton Junction where he was bound over to keep the peace. In default of finding securities he is to remain in goal for two months.

Moore came into prominence several years ago in connection with the death of an old man named Thomas. The time it finally was decided that the wife of the latter also was arrested at the old man had taken his own life after setting fire to his house. His body was found in the ruins. Moore married the widow.

CROW'S NEST RATES WOULD MEAN LOSS

C. N. R. Vice-president Declares Annual Deficit Would Exceed \$750,000.

OTTAWA, April 24.—"I have calculated that any full restoration of the Crow's Nest Pass rates in the same way as they existed prior to the decision of the Privy Council, would mean a loss in revenue to the Canadian National Railways of over \$100,000 net per annum, based on 1923 business," said J. E. Dalrymple, vice president in charge of traffic on the Canadian National, who testified before the parliamentary committee on National Railways this morning.

Pound Sterling Reaches New Post-War Level

LONDON, April 24.—New high marks for the post-war period were made by the pound sterling today. After touching 480-5-8, at noon, it continued to rise and closed at 481-3-8, its highest mark since 1915.

France and Germany to Resume Trade Party

PARIS, April 24.—The Franco-German negotiations for a commercial treaty are to be resumed next Monday, Dr. Trendelenburg is returning as the head of the German mission.

NOW LIFE MEMBER.

FREDERICTON, N. B., April 24.—Mrs. W. F. Todd, wife of His Honor the Lieut. Governor and who is honorary president of the Provincial Chapter of the I. O. O. E. was yesterday presented a life membership in the chapter.

INTERNATIONAL PAPER CO. OFFER TABLED TODAY

Veniot Tells Also Of Proposition Of British Firm

REPLY TO QUERY

Said English Organization Was Ready to Guarantee Half Of Bonds

By D. LEO DOLAN Staff Correspondent of The Times-Star. FREDERICTON, April 24.—A. R. Graustein, president of the International Paper Company, in a letter to Premier Veniot under date of March 25, 1925, submitted an offer on behalf of his company to give immediate consideration to the development of the Grand Falls water power project.

The Graustein letter was tabled in the House this afternoon by Premier Veniot in reply to a notice of inquiry by C. D. Richards, leader of the opposition.

The terms of the International Paper Company offer follow: "In further reference to our discussion of the value of the Grand Falls site as a commercial water power, I may say that in event of our failing to agree on a basis of settlement for the transfer to you of this property, I am prepared to give immediate consideration to the development of this property on our own behalf as a source of power for newspaper manufacture, if your government will restate its in the necessary rights and transfer to us to require privileges in Quebec."

ENGLISH OFFER. Mr. Richards the other day pointed out in his enquiry that the Premier during the budget debate stated in effect that the government had an offer from an English concern for the development of Grand Falls. The Premier of the opposition asked when and by whom such offer had been made, and to this the Premier replied that negotiations were carried on by Inter-views between Douglas Spence of Westminster, London, in April, 1924, while he was on a visit to Canada. When Mr. Spence was informed of the decision on policy of the government, he obtained the assurance of the Trade Facilities Advisory Board of their willingness to guarantee 90 per cent of bond issues either for government development or for development by any reliable company. Correspondence touching such offer was continued between Mr. Spence and the government until February 23, 1924.

Mr. Richards also asked if the government, as intimated by Premier Veniot in his speech on the budget, had an offer from one of the largest companies in the United States for the development of Grand Falls, and further requested as to the terms and conditions of such offer, if in writing. In reply to this question, Premier Veniot stated that the offer was with T. P. Dodge, former president of the International Paper Company, in 1923, the negotiations being carried on by the Premier on behalf of the government. Later came the offer, in writing, of President Graustein.

The Weather

SYNOPSIS.—The northern high area now covers the St. Lawrence Valley and New England States, and the western low has moved northeastward to Manitoba. The weather has been mostly fair from Ontario eastward and showery in the western provinces.

FORECASTS: Fair and Cool. MARTIME.—Strong northerly wind, decreasing tonight, fair and cool today and Saturday.

NEW ENGLAND.—Fair tonight, Saturday increasing cloudiness and somewhat warmer, probably followed by showers in north portion. Moderate east shifting to south-east and south winds.

TEMPERATURES. TORONTO, April 24.—Lowest 8 a. m. yesterday, night.

Table with 2 columns: Location and Temperature. Locations include Victoria, Calgary, Edmonton, Winnipeg, Toronto, Montreal, Saint John, Halifax, and New York.