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HALIFAX AND GALWAY, FAST LINE TERMINI.

This the Suggestion Made by Robert Reford of Montreal.

WRITES LONDON TIMES.

He Objects to Passenger and Freight Service—Discusses the Various Routes Which Have Been Proposed—Doesn't Like Summer and Winter Port Schemes.

Toronto, Aug. 21.—(Special)—The Telegram's special cable from London says: "Robert Reford, of Montreal, has a letter in the Times regarding the fast Atlantic project. Reford objects to a passenger and freight service. It means, he says, sailing Canada with a service no better than before. If Quebec or Montreal is to be the terminal port, subsidies will be dangerous, especially as the railway company might use its power for its own benefit exclusively."

"The St. Lawrence route, Mr. Reford argues, is handicapped by discriminating insurance. If the C. P. R. is subsidized, the present liners must abandon the Canadian route. "A 20-knot service, he says, is impossible between Liverpool and Montreal or Quebec. Owing to the congested nature of the Irish sea, the neighborhood of Liverpool is dangerous, as is also navigation of the Gulf of St. Lawrence. On account of ice and fog and snow the gulf is objectionable in spring and autumn. Intricate waters also menace the route. The port of Montreal, Mr. Reford points out, is open for only seven months of the year. "It is not possible to run a regular service to officers running Canada, but it is possible to run a regular service to Halifax and St. John's. The latter is the best and shortest all year route between Galway and Halifax."

The Gilman Estate.

New York, Aug. 21.—Justice Stover, in the Supreme court today, overruled the remurrer interposed by the defendants in the suit brought by Mrs. Helen Poole Fall against Theophilus Gilman and Edward P. Norton, administrators of the estate of the late George F. Gilman, the millionaire tea merchant, and a number of other defendants, including the relatives and next of kin of Mr. Gilman.

STEEL SHIPBUILDING AND THE FAST LINE PROJECT DISCUSSED AT SYDNEY.

Maritime Board of Trade Pass Resolutions on Important Subject—Will Meet Next Year at Charlottetown—Officers Elected—Wednesday's Unpleasant Incident.

Halifax, N. S., Aug. 21.—(Special)—Several matters were before the Maritime Board of Trade at Sydney today. "Subsidizing Steel Shipbuilding" was discussed at length, and was clearly and ably handled by E. T. McKeen, of Sydney. He impressed upon the board the importance of the question. Mr. McKeen said he did not speak for any one else in this country, he spoke for the Maritime Board. Shipbuilding is something we must have, and we will have it, he believed. Canadians to get to work in this matter and inaugurate a policy which would eventually place Canada first in the matter. We have the opportunity and we don't take advantage of it. We will remain in our duties. He moved the following resolution, which was seconded by Mr. Campbell, of Halifax: "Whereas, it is most desirable that Canadian ships should, as far as possible be carried in Canadian built ships; and whereas, the establishment and operation of large shipbuilding plants in Canada would be of immense advantage to the country; and whereas, other maritime countries have accorded or indirectly given liberal financial assistance to their marine, and respective Canadian builders are therefore handicapped in competing with the established yards of Europe; herefore resolved, that the federal government of Canada be asked to grant a bounty large enough to enable the Canadian builder to compete in this industry, and to extend over a term of years, and to be subject to the approval of the Maritime Board of Trade; and whereas, the establishment of such a plant and every

BAPTIST GATHERINGS.

A WEEK OF CONVENTIONS IN YAR-MOUTH.

Yarmouth, N.S., Aug. 21.—(Special)—The annual convention of the Baptists of the maritime provinces of Canada, and affiliated societies, meets in Yarmouth this week. The first to meet was the Women's Baptist Missionary Union convention, which convened in the Baptist church at Hebron Tuesday and closed today. The Maritime Baptist Young People's Union of the Maritime Provinces meets this evening in Zion church. The Baptist Institute of the Maritime Provinces will hold three sessions tomorrow. Rev. David Hutchinson will preach the sermon at 8 o'clock in the evening, and the Baptist convention proper will meet at Zion church at 10 a. m. Saturday, President J. Wallace in the clinic. The morning and afternoon sessions will be largely taken up by reports and routine work. There will be a foreign missionary meeting in the evening addressed by Rev. Prof. Kesteven, D. D., S. C. Freeman, missionary, doct. and others. Steamer Mira, which was stranded at Chebogue Point, last winter, was floated last night and towed to Yarmouth, arriving here at 2 o'clock this morning. The Mira now lies at the Burrell-Johnson wharf where she is kept afloat easily by the aid of two steam pumps driven by steam from her own boiler. She is in good condition and it seems probable that she can be made as serviceable as ever with a moderate outlay. Temporary repairs will be effected here when the Mira will proceed to Halifax under her own steam to be put in thorough sea going order.

RHODES SCHOLARSHIPS FOR CANADA TO BE EIGHT.

Doctor Parkin Will Not Handle Both New Position and Upper Canada College Principalship.

Toronto, Aug. 21.—(Special)—Dr. G. R. Parkin, principal of Upper Canada College, who returned from England today, was asked whether he intended to resign the principalship of the college in view of his acceptance of the position of director of the Rhodes scholarships. The doctor replied that it would not be possible for him to manage two such big concerns as the Upper Canada College and the Rhodes scholarships at the same time. He had no idea as to what arrangement would be made at the college, but added he had secured some excellent teachers in England who would be a credit to the staff. With respect to the organization of the Rhodes scholarships, Doctor Parkin stated he would first travel through Canada and would then make the journey around the world. The whole trip would consume two years at least. Canada would have eight Rhodes scholarships instead of two, he says.

CROWN PROMISES MORE EVIDENCE IN MARSTEN CASE.

Very Material Witnesses to Be Placed on Stand at Meduetic Friday.

MRS. MARSTEN'S TALK.

Annie Porter, Repeats Singular Remarks Made by Wife of Man Whose Death Has Led to Arrest—Thursday's Proceedings—Examination to Continue This Afternoon.

Woodstock, N. B., Aug. 21.—(Special)—The preliminary examination in the Marsten case was continued this morning before Justice S. L. Marsh, parish court commissioner, of Canterbury. Mr. Murphy represented the crown and Mr. Harpley appeared on behalf of the prisoner. Mr. V. Paddock, analyst, and John, gave evidence as to finding 1.24 of a grain of strychnine in the liver and kidney, and so sick as expected if he had one of these pills he would likely go off in it. It was somewhere about 6 o'clock. Annie Porter said that she was in Orléans last December. Mrs. Marsten came in and said she had died. The prisoner broke in and said there were pills of some kind in a box better under the bed. She said: "There is an old soul over here who is only living for a torment and bother. He thought he would first travel through Canada and would then make the journey around the world. The whole trip would consume two years at least. Canada would have eight Rhodes scholarships instead of two, he says."

FRANCE AND CANADA.

POSSIBLY CLOSER COMMERCIAL RELATIONS THROUGH LAURIER'S VISIT.

Dominion's Premier and France's Minister of Foreign Affairs Examine Conventions Which Might Be Concluded—Sir Wilfrid's Social Engagements in Paris.

Toronto, Aug. 21.—(Special)—The Telegram's cable from London says: "Le Temps, of Paris, says Sir Wilfrid Laurier and M. Delcasse, minister of foreign affairs, will together examine several commercial conventions which might be concluded between France and Canada. Sir Wilfrid entertains at luncheon today the prominent Canadians in Paris and the staff of the Canadian agency. Tomorrow the Canadian premier will give a luncheon to St. Sulpice Seminary, in honor of the St. Sulpician fathers, the first colonizers of Canada. On Wednesday next, Sir Wilfrid will attend a banquet at Lille, and on Aug. 30 he will be a guest at a banquet to be given at the Palais d'Orsay Hotel, Paris."

ANCIENT ORDER OF UNITED WORKMEN.

Grand Lodge at Charlottetown Meeting Chooses Sorel, Quebec, as Next Place.

Charlottetown, P.E.I., Aug. 21.—(Special)—At this morning's session of the A. O. U. W., reports on the state of the order and appeals were adopted. The committee on laws presented a report and included several proposed amendments to the constitution some of which were approved and others rejected. It was decided to hold the next meeting on the third Wednesday of August in 1904 at Sorel (Que.) It was suggested and favorably considered that a resolution be passed in the order by Rev. A. H. Moore, Hon. W. H. McNeil, Rev. Frank Charters, A. W. Blywin and Mrs. Duncan McCormack. This afternoon the delegates went on a drive around the city and suburbs.

CONFERENCE ON THE CATTLE GUARD QUESTION.

Mr. Holt and Mr. Robertson at Ottawa—Grosse Ile Quarantine Station Improvement.

Ottawa, Aug. 21.—(Special)—Mr. Holt arrived this afternoon, and, along with George Robertson, M. P., had a conference with the department of railways in regard to the question of cattle guards for the railways. They will remain here for a couple of days. Senator Ellis left for home this afternoon. Hon. Sidney Fisher visited the quarantine station at Grosse Ile on Tuesday last and as a result of his visit there improvements are now under way. These will be pushed to completion. This is the station of which strong complaints are alleged to have been made some time ago.

RATES LOWER THAN FROM NEW YORK.

Plenty of Freight in Sight for Canada-South Africa Line.

Montreal, Aug. 21.—The managers of the Canadian line to South Africa are experiencing no difficulty in finding freight for their steamers. The first sailing is fixed for Oct. 18, the vessel chosen being the Allan liner Ontario. The agents of the three companies concerned, the Allan, Furness and Elder-Dempster lines held a meeting yesterday and fixed a schedule of rates. This schedule is considerably lower than that charged from New York. Some of the New York shippers grow discontent when they hear of the establishment of the Canadian line, and ventured the prediction that unless the Canadian ships could procure crude oil at the reduction in rates announced by the Canadian line, however, it may work the other way about.

CRONJE GOES BACK TO HIS OLD HOME.

Boer Whom Canadians Helped Capture at Paardeberg, Leaves St. Helena With 1,000 Others.

Jamestown, Island of St. Helena, Aug. 20.—A thousand Boers, including General Cronje, his wife and staff, sailed from here today for South Africa.

NO OFFICIAL OFFER HAS BEEN MADE BY CANADA.

Agent Not Commissioned to Hold Out Inducements to Striking Miners.

THE KNIGHTS TEMPLAR

Sovereign Great Priory Concludes Meeting—Some Election Rumors—Canadian Receives Promotion in the Imperial Service.

Ottawa, Aug. 21.—(Special)—In connection with a Toledo despatch which says that George A. Whitney, home-steading agent for Canada, has been authorized by the dominion government to proceed to the coal regions to offer inducements to the coal miners of the striking miners and their families to form a colony and locate on free homesteads which the government will provide for them in the great west belt of the Northwest, the officials of the department of the interior state that there is nothing on record to show that any such offer had been made. Mr. Whitney is merely a local agent, supposed to induce settlers qualified to become farmers to move to Canada and receives so much per settler. He is not a regularly salaried officer of the department and he has not been given any such commission.

WILL NOT LET BOER GENERALS ENTER BELGIUM.

Troops to Be Called Should They Board Train from Holland.

The Hague, Aug. 21.—General and Mrs. Botha started for Brussels this afternoon. The general expects to return here within a week. London, Aug. 21.—It is announced here in a special despatch from Brussels that the Belgian government has requested the Boer generals, Botha, De Wet and Delarey, not to enter Belgium, and that the station master at the Northern railway station has been instructed to summon troops to keep order in the event of his receiving notification of the presence of the generals on board a train from Holland. Labor Men Will Not Boycott Militia. Bridgeport, Conn., Aug. 21.—The convention of the metal polishers, buffing, platers, brass moulders and brass workers' union of North America today tabled, after some debate, a resolution boycotting the militia organizations. The resolution called for the enactment of a by-law providing for the expulsion of any member of the union who may join the militia of any state or who may permit his son to do so.

SIR WILFRID WAS WORN OUT.

Premier Looks for Improvement by Trip to Switzerland.

Letter to Friend in Montreal Tells of Pleasant Anticipation of Recuperating After the Strain of London Visit—Writes of the Colonial Conference.

Montreal, Aug. 21.—(Special)—A personal friend of Sir Wilfrid Laurier today received a letter from the premier, who at the time of writing was at Knocknure Castle, now occupied by Lord Strathcona. Sir Wilfrid says that his health has not been very good for some time. He has been very much occupied with the work of the colonial conference, but he adds that the greatest trouble with him has been his dissipation, such as dinners and receptions. These have worn him out, but he hopes that his trip through Switzerland will do him a world of good. The prospect of the trip already caused him to feel much better. Speaking of the coronation ceremonies and the colonial conference Sir Wilfrid said that the subjects discussed had been most interesting and at times the discussion had been quite animated. The suggestions of the colonial premiers were well received by the home government and received every consideration. In fact, he says, the colonial statesmen have no reason to complain of the treatment they have received from the home authorities. The greatest consideration has been displayed towards them on every occasion, and everything has been done to make their stay as pleasant and profitable as possible to themselves and to the countries which they represent. He expects much good will come from this conference.

RUSSELL SAGE'S STRONG ANTI-TRUST STAND.

Combinations a Menace to the Government and Oppressors of the People.

SEES RUIN AHEAD.

New York's Financial Magnate Predicts Unprecedented Financial Conditions Following Revolt of American People—Combines Good Only at Outset of Operations.

New York, Aug. 21.—Russell Sage, in an interview today, referred to a published statement quoting J. Pierpont Morgan as saying that the era of great trusts had just begun and that more gigantic corporations are stored in the near future some of which may overshadow the steel trust. Mr. Sage said: "Whether Mr. Morgan said that or not, combinations of all industries are a menace to true government. Not only so, but they are the oppressors of the people. "What will be the result of such an era?" asked a reporter. "In such an event the American people will revolt against them, and there will be financial ruin, the like of which this country has never seen—or any other." It was suggested to Mr. Sage that there was a general opinion that combinations at certain times were good things for the country. "Yes," Mr. Sage replied, "when several industries starting out in business it is well for individuals to combine for mutual protection until the business is firmly established. When the business is so established, the combination should be disrupted and conducted on individual lines. Then if one individual became embarrassed it would not mean the ruin of the industry. I believe it is best to have such industries divided among several individuals than combined into one great combination, the embroachment of which would mean the ruin of all."

HON. MESSRS. TWEEDIE AND MURRAY TALK OF THEIR TRIP TO ENGLAND.

New Brunswick's Premier Says Any Attempt to Cut Down Provincial Representation Will Be Vigorously Opposed—No Fast Line Contract for C. P. R. Says Hon. Mr. Murray.

Quebec, Aug. 21.—(Special)—Hon. L. J. Tweedie, premier of New Brunswick, and Hon. G. H. Murray, premier of Nova Scotia, who arrived from England on the steamship Lake Simcoe, gave interesting interviews here before they left for their homes. Speaking of the proposed reduction of parliamentary representation in the maritime provinces Hon. Mr. Tweedie said: "There is no any doubt that when the premiers of the different maritime provinces meet in Quebec during the month of September, private conferences will be held at which it will likely be decided on what action the different provinces will take, should an attempt be made to reduce our representation in parliament, owing to the decrease in population. There will hardly be any attempt made to change the British North America act in order that the provinces of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island may retain the same number of members in the federal house, as they have at present, but we shall certainly maintain that when all the provinces were admitted into a union, it was generally understood that no matter what the population should be the number of our members should not be decreased. "This question," Premier Tweedie went on to say, "as already stated by Premier Peters, of P. E. Island, is a very live one throughout the provinces, and I can assure you that any attempt made to decrease our representation will be vigorously opposed. What will have to be done will be to take the meaning of the clauses of the act, and not the exact wording thereof. If at the time of the union the representatives of the three provinces were given to understand that there would not be any change made, it would certainly be unfair to try to effect any change now." "And what of your trip to England?" "Seeing that it was the first trip I had ever had across the Atlantic, I could tell

NEGRO PROBLEM IN AFRICA MORE ACUTE.

Natives May Attack Returning Boers—Authorities Much Worried.

London, Aug. 20.—Mail advices received here last night indicate that the negro problem is growing more acute and is causing the authorities infinite worry. To quote the words of one of the foremost South African authorities: "On the question of the natives depends the whole future of the new colonies—whether the Boers will loyally accept British rule or continue in a state of sullen resentment. Among the immediate dangers native attacks on Boers returning to their farms and attempts of natives to assault white women are threatening to lead to serious conflicts between Boers and blacks. Under the old regime the crude but simple retaliation for assaults on women was shooting on sight. Now, however, there is no legislation on the subject, and the English authorities are hesitating to enact laws until all the parties concerned can voice their opinions. The hesitancy to deal summarily with the natives is causing both Boers and Afrikaners intense irritation, and encourages the blacks to fraudulent effrontery."

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THE WESTERN HARVESTERS.

Ontario Reports Not So Many This Year As Last.

Toronto, Aug. 21.—(Special)—Nearly 3,000 farm hands from various points of Western Ontario left here today on the Manitoba harvesters' excursion. This number exceeds that of last year up to date from the same territory, but from reports received it doesn't seem probable that as many harvesters will go west this year as went last season.

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