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FIVE KILLED IN EXPLOSION ON G.T.R. IN B.C.

Box Of Powder Became Overheated At Mouth Of Tunnel With Horrible Results—Two Others Injured.

Hazleton, B. C., Feb. 13.—Five men were killed and two severely injured yesterday as the result of a premature explosion in a tunnel on the Grand Trunk Pacific at Kitzelas, B. C.

GOLD COMFORT FOR MEAT MEN

Packers Complain At Ottawa That Adoption Of Reciprocity Agreement Would Mean Shutting Down Of Business.

Ottawa, Feb. 13.—A delegation representing the meat packers saw the government this afternoon and registered an objection to the reciprocity measure in so far as its alterations in the tariff affected them. They met with scant sympathy from the members of the cabinet interviewed, however. The delegation was made up of J. W. Flavell, C. S. Blackwell, Toronto; Peter Laing, John Gunn, Montreal; R. Farman, W. W. Walker, Hamilton; C. G. Wilson, Ingersoll; W. Irwin, Stratford; W. E. Matthews, Ottawa.

The memorial read by J. W. Flavell set forth that the reciprocity proposals were viewed with apprehension by the packers in view of the fact that British exports had increased to nearly seven million dollars worth and there was also a growing domestic trade. They feared as a result of reciprocity the western provinces trade would go to the packers of the western states.

In some seasons United States prices for hogs were higher than in Ontario and Quebec, and it would be impossible for packers in this province to close down thus injuring their export trade. The upshot would be deprivation of western trade by competition and of the export trade during part of the year, followed by removal of packing houses to the United States. The memorial denied the existence of a combine.

J. W. Flavell said that the serious side of their case was the diversion of the hog trade from the packers of Ontario and in Quebec during the season when the United States prices were higher.

Mr. Fisher told the delegation that manufacturers were not always the best judges of what was good for the industries. They were too prone to alarm and despite protests in the past there had been tariff changes which proved satisfactory.

"Under reciprocity we could not operate this week, for instance," said Mr. Flavell.

"Perhaps you could next week," retorted the minister of finance.

The result of the interview was no more satisfactory to the packers than that of the fruit men to the latter last week.

NO CAUSE FOR EXCITEMENT

London, Feb. 14.—The London morning papers are much excited over the reported intention of the Union of South Africa to propose at the Imperial conference that contributions toward local and Imperial defence should be substituted for a preferential tariff.

PRINCE OF WALES HAS ATTACK OF MEASLES

London, Feb. 13.—Edward, Prince of Wales, and his brother, Prince Albert, have been attacked by measles at the naval college at Dartmouth, where there is an epidemic of the disease. The condition of the princes causes no anxiety.

ARREST AT NEWCASTLE.

Newcastle, Feb. 13.—Patrick Carroll was arrested today on suspicion of assaulting Mrs. Phinney on Saturday night.

U. S. HOUSE GIVES LARGE MAJORITY FOR RECIPROcity

Motion for Immediate Consideration Carried by Vote Which Will Practically be Repeated on Final Adoption Which May be Reached Today—Republicans Split Up in Measure—Death Knell to Protection.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 13.—The McCall bill carrying into effect the reciprocity agreement reached the floor of the house today and probably will be passed by the body before adjournment tomorrow night. Even the opponents of the measure admitted today that there was no stopping it in the house.

A test vote came today soon after the house was called to order by Speaker Cannon. Mr. McCall moved the immediate consideration of his bill. This was objected to ostensibly on the ground that it was District of Columbia Day on the calendar and important matters of legislation affecting the district were pending.

When the voting began however, it soon became apparent that, with comparatively few exceptions the lines were being tightly drawn between those favoring and those opposing the trade agreement. As finally corrected, the vote to take up the bill was 197 to 129. The bill will be passed it is expected by even a larger majority.

Today 101 Republicans voted against immediate consideration. This number will show a decided diminution on the final vote. Sixty-three Republicans voted for immediate consideration. The Democratic vote was divided, 134 in favor of immediate consideration and 19 against. As in the case of some of the opposing Republicans a few of the Democrats voted against immediate consideration because they are members of the district of Columbia. Democratic leaders say there will be but six or seven votes against the passage of the bill from their side.

No time for a vote was set today, but tomorrow Mr. McCall will endeavor to secure an agreement to end the general debate at 5 o'clock and then to begin the reading of the bill for amendment. The house to remain in session until the measure is passed. All amendments except one or two minor ones to the wood pulp schedule for correction, will be voted down for serious amendments would nullify the negotiations of the past six months.

Republicans Divided. The test vote taken today and the general debate that followed, clearly demonstrated the serious split that exists among the Republicans of the house on reciprocity. It now appears that a majority of the Republicans will vote against the measure, although

TO RAISE \$300,000 FOR DALHOUSIE

Governors Expect Assistance Of Carnegie In Collecting Funds For New Science Building.

Halifax, N. S., Feb. 13.—The governors of Dalhousie College have started a campaign to raise a fund of \$300,000 to pay for the new site recently purchased to erect a science building, take over the Halifax Medical College, and provide an endowment. The Halifax Medical College at present is affiliated with Dalhousie.

Andrew Carnegie, it is expected, will contribute an equal amount to the science building as that raised locally. Dr. John Forrest, who has been president of the University for 26 years, has tendered his resignation to become effective in the spring.

FIRST RECRUITS FOR CANADIAN NAVY

Toronto, Feb. 13.—The first contingent of recruits for the new Canadian navy left Toronto tonight over the Canadian Pacific Railway for Halifax, where they will enter the Canadian naval training school, to receive their initial instructions. They are:

- Arthur Newland, 383 King street, West, Toronto.
Horace Newland, 383 King street West, Toronto.
William Padney, 156 Bellwoods avenue, Toronto.
Cecil George Corke, 143 Bellwoods avenue, Toronto.

The boys will pay their expenses from Toronto to Halifax including railway fares, but this will be refunded on their arrival at Halifax. All are still in their teens, except Arthur Newland, who is twenty.

HOW MANY DREADNAUGHTS.

London, Feb. 13.—With reference to the reported discussion in the Liberal party over the naval estimates, it is learned that the Admiralty wants six new super-dreadnaughts laid down this year, Reginald McKenna, first lord of the Admiralty, favors five, but the Radical section of the Cabinet and party insist that four will suffice.

HOME RULE TO COME UP AT EARLY STAGE

Chief Secretary Birrell Forecasts Entire Reconstruction Of Irish Administration At Not Remote Date.

London, Feb. 13.—"The entire reconstruction of the Irish administration," was Augustine Birrell's description of the government's proposals for home rule, given in the House of Commons today.

The secretary for Ireland was replying to a question regarding retention of the vice-presidency of the department of agriculture and technical instruction for Ireland by Russell Russell, although he has lost his seat in parliament. The secretary attributed the situation to the "probability at not remote date, of reconstruction of the Irish administration."

Vigorous Nationalist cheers greeted the promise which was taken to indicate that contract payments will be enacted earlier than has been anticipated.

8 CASES FOR SUPREME COURT

Appeal Of Chief Clark And Others In Hopper Suit To Be Heard—John McKane Sues For Interest.

Fredrickton, N. B., Feb. 13.—The King's Bench Division of the Supreme Court on banc will open here tomorrow. One of the cases before the Court will be the appeal of the Star Line Company from the verdict of \$120 awarded the St. John River Company.

Another is the bawdy house case in which Chief Clark et al appeal from the verdict rendered in favor of Gertrude Hopper and against a verdict in favor of the defendants or a new trial. Another is an appeal in the case of Sanford vs. Hopper.

In this case before Judge Landry in the October sitting without a jury judgment was entered in favor of the plaintiff for \$400. The defendant having since the date of the judgment against the executor of the estate of John McKane, of Newcastle, against the sheriff there for interest upon \$4,500 which he paid upon deposit when arrested at the suit of the United States McKeanite Metal Co. The interest is \$125, also similar interest on \$6,000 paid in the suit brought by James Robinson is claimed total interest in both cases being \$376.

The court docket under the new rules is not made up till the opening of the court, but so far as known there are to be eight cases upon the crown paper at this sitting. There is one probate appeal, three county court appeals, four appeals from the King's Bench Division, and two from the Chancery Division. Common motions will be heard tomorrow and Crown appeals on Wednesday. The docket will be considerably larger than at recent sittings of the court on banc.

WHIP PERLEY HAS NOT MET BOURASSA

Prominent Conservative Denies Published Story That He Had Been In Conference With Nationalist Leader.

Ottawa, Ont., Feb. 13.—When asked today as to the truth of the statement made in some newspapers last week that he had a conference with Mr. Bourassa, the Nationalist leader, George H. Perley, the chief Conservative whip stated that there was no truth in the report. He said he had had no conference with Mr. Bourassa. He added that if Mr. Bourassa called upon him he would receive him with the utmost courtesy. He was very friendly with Mr. Bourassa when the latter was a member of parliament.

WRESTLING BOUTS.

Chicago, Ill., Feb. 13.—George Hackenschmidt tonight got the first fall from Charles Cutler, of Chicago, with a toe and body hold in 1 hour 3 minutes and 4 seconds and the second fall with a toe hold in 10 minutes, 20 seconds. American and Fred Beall wrestled 1 hour without a fall and the match was called a draw.

SOMETHING TO BE THANKFUL FOR.

The more the people of St. John hear about the rotten and corrupt state of affairs which droves cities and towns in the United States to adopt a commission rule, the better they will realize the advantages of their own system of civic government under which such conditions cannot exist.

DISPUTE SETTLED.

Ottawa, Ont., Feb. 13.—The difficulty between the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Company and its miners has been settled through the office of a board of conciliation according to a despatch to the department from Calgary.

Weaknesses of Commission Plan Exposed by Managing Editor Of Canadian Municipal Journal

IS ST. JOHN IN THIS CLASS?

The Times—"The remedy in St. John, as in Galveston and other cities, will be found in the adoption of the commission plan." What were the conditions in Galveston? A negro population and a city devastated by a flood. What were the conditions in Des Moines? Draft and hose riots. What were the conditions in Leavenworth, Kansas? Morals at a low ebb—politicians in control. What were the conditions in Cedar Rapids? Not a dollar in the treasury. And so the story goes. Has St. John sunk to that level?

OTTAWA CITY TREASURER IS AFTER PUGSLEY

Alleged That Minister Made False Charges And Never Made Retraction Which He Professed To Have Done.

Ottawa, Feb. 13.—J. A. Ellis, city treasurer, is going to fight Dr. Pugsley over his statements regarding the municipal problems. After Mr. Bragg had become aware of the fact that my mission was to study at close range the workings of the commission form of government, he expressed regret that he was unable to give very many facts of importance that would lead the people of St. John to more warmly favor the proposed plan. He asked to be quoted placing himself on record as unfavorable to the scheme and outlined his reasons for this attitude.

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MEDUCTIC BOARD OPPOSES DELAY

Resolution Adopted At Last Night's Meeting Protests Against Extension Of Time To St. John Valley Ry. Co.

Socialist To The Standard. Meductic, Feb. 13.—A largely attended meeting of the Board of Trade was held here this evening when the following resolution was unanimously adopted in connection with the St. John Valley Railway:

"Whereas, The St. John Valley Railway Company at the session of the New Brunswick Legislature in 1909 received a charter to construct a line of railway along the St. John Valley, work of construction to begin not later than April 26, 1911; and

"Whereas, The said company have applied for an extension of time for commencement and completion of said railway; and

"Whereas, We believe an extension of time will be detrimental to the interests of the St. John Valley, causing further delay in this much needed and long delayed project;

"Be it resolved, That this Board of Trade protest against the Provincial Government granting an extension of time to the above named company, and call upon it to pursue a policy that will insure railway facilities to the residents of the St. John Valley at the earliest possible moment."

WOULD ABOLISH C&B HIRE AT ELECTIONS

Quebec, Feb. 13.—Godfrid Longlois, the member for St. Louis, Montreal, is determined to make elections in Quebec clean, if it can be done by means of legislation.

DIES OF SMALLPOX.

Special to The Standard. Montreal, N. B., Feb. 13.—Mrs. Thadde Richard, aged 84, died this afternoon in a house at Grand Digue, infected with smallpox. There were no pock marks on her body but she suffered from fever and it is thought she was in the incipient stages, death being hastened by old age.

Standard's Representative Interviews H. Bragg, in Montreal—Experience Shows Commissioners Run City's Business to Suit Themselves—Recall Useless—Conditions in U.S. Cities Entirely Different

Mr. Hedley V. Mackinnon, who is on his way to investigate conditions in commission cities as the special representative of The Standard, has forwarded the report of an interview in Montreal with Mr. H. Bragg, managing editor of the Canadian Municipal Journal, which The Standard prints today as a first contribution in a series of articles on the subject of commission.

Mr. Bragg is a recognized authority on civic problems and as he holds no brief for or against this form of government, his opinions will have weight and will be read with interest. He is not favorably impressed with commission rule for Canadian cities and goes very fully into the question, pointing out the difference in local conditions and the unsatisfactory results which follow the system of vesting supreme control in the hands of a few paid men. Other features such as the recall are also dealt with. Mr. Mackinnon's letter follows:

Montreal, Feb. 11, 1911. This forenoon I had the pleasure of a somewhat lengthy conversation with Mr. H. Bragg, managing editor of the Canadian Municipal Journal, and one of the few men in Canada, whose whole time is given to the study of municipal problems. After Mr. Bragg had become aware of the fact that my mission was to study at close range the workings of the commission form of government, he expressed regret that he was unable to give very many facts of importance that would lead the people of St. John to more warmly favor the proposed plan. He asked to be quoted placing himself on record as unfavorable to the scheme and outlined his reasons for this attitude.

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recall is always available, but, from what I have been able to learn, the recall at its best is a cumbersome system and I know of only one recent instance wherein it has been brought into effect. Yet without the power of recall the commission plan is not only an absolute failure, but becomes an actual menace to the city.

"I have carefully watched the working of the boards of control in Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto, Winnipeg and elsewhere and have found that they are satisfactory and that the citizens are well pleased. There is always a certain amount of civic agitation under even the most perfect systems, but the people of the towns I have mentioned have no desire to make any change.

"Edmonton, Calgary, Saskatoon and the rest of those western towns have not adopted the Des Moines commission scheme, although some advocates of that plan would have us believe this to be the case. They elect their commissioners, it is true, but they also elect councils, and their form of government is in reality that of the board of control with this difference, that they give to their commissioners greater powers than are usually granted under the board of control plan. The name is the same but the actual plan is far different from that followed in Des Moines.

No Comparison in Conditions. "You will note—and this is important—that the former conditions existing under the majority of American cities cannot well be compared with the conditions found in Canada. There municipal politics were so confused with state and federal politics that the whole task of municipal administration developed into a struggle for survival on the part of opposing organizations which owed their existence to the game and graft typically played. The people even voted by machinery, electing whole tickets by merely pulling a lever at the ballot of the politician whose instructions they followed. We have none of this in Canada, and while there are numbers of cities desiring changes under the same administration, yet I honestly do not believe that heroic measures found necessary in the graft ridden cities of the United States are by any means necessary in Canada."

Frequent Changes in the Executive. "Remember this, that your officials are permanent, and are more likely to give good service than if they were replaced every year or so by new men. Why at present the office of the Chief Constables Association, one man—I forget his name—claimed to be the oldest chief constable in the United States. He held office for only six years. The chief constable in Toronto has been in office nearly forty years and his assistant for thirty-five years, and both are still giving excellent service.

"We willingly admit that there is a demand for a more businesslike system of civic administration than has hitherto been the case in many of our cities. From the very nature of things it must be true that cities of twenty-five thousand population or more require closer attention than the ordinary business man can afford to devote. There should be a small executive group of men giving to civic affairs whatever time is necessary for the proper conduct of business.

"In England where they have the leisure class it is never a very difficult matter to find enough capable men ready to devote their time to the interests of their fellow, but in Canada we have no leisure class and the next best thing we can do is to engage men and pay them for their time. Having done this, the natural step is to choose a council of business men to act in an advisory capacity and the past has shown that, being relieved of the routine and detail, there is never difficulty in securing capable men to give their services."

"It is all very well to say that the

H. V. MACKINNON.

TORONTO SHARES IN C.P.R. EXTENSION PLANS

\$5,000,000 Will Be Spent In New Buildings And Improvements To Yards—Station In North Toronto.

Toronto, Feb. 13.—The C. P. R. are now planning to spend five million dollars in Toronto," said David McNicoll, vice president of the C. P. R., who, with G. W. Leonard is in the city today for conferences with the Board of Control.

Two million will be spent in North Toronto, West Toronto yards, and on a new station at North Toronto, also new yards, between Parkdale and West Toronto.

Two millions has already been expended on securing property between Simcoe and Tecumseh streets, including the Government house site. One million will be spent on the new office building at the corner of King and Yonge streets.

DISTRESS SIGNALS AT FLINT ISLAND

Steamer Stanley Caught In Ice While Montmagny Is Unable To Land—Could Walk On Ice.

Halifax, Feb. 13.—The government steamer Montmagny, returned from Flint Island yesterday afternoon being unable to effect a landing on account of the heavy ice, which completely blocked Cabot Strait.

"The Stanley is fast in the ice off Low Point, C. B. When she gets clear she will go to the Straits of Canso to help clear the ice from the shipping pier of the Inverness Railway and Coal Co., and will afterwards attempt to reach Flint Island and find out the cause of the distress signals which have been flying for several days.

The officers of the Montmagny say the people could easily walk to the mainland over the ice if they were urgently in need of provisions or medical assistance.