DELEGATION WILL CARRY TO OTTAWA ST. JOHN'S URGENT DEMAND FOR JUSTICE

AT A GREAT MASS MEETING OF EARNEST AND RESOLUTE CITIZENS LAST EVENING IN AN AROUSED, INDIGNANT AND DETERMINED CITIZENSHIP:

"WHEREAS THE BOARD RECENTLY LEARNED WITH PLEASURE OF THE DECISION OF THE

"WHEREAS MORE RECENTLY THE CITY WAS GRATIFIED BY THE ANNOUNCEMENT THAT IN THE PUBLISHED LIST OF THE SAILINGS OF THAT LINE OF THE CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY IN-TENDED TO MAKE ST. JOHN ITS ONLY PORT OF ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE; AND

"WHEREAS TO THE GREAT DISAPPOINTMENT OF THE PEOPLE OF THIS CITY IT NOW AP-PEARS THAT NEITHER THE EMPRESSES, OF THE CANADIAN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP LINES, NOR THE ALSATIAN NOR CALGARIAN, OF THE ALLAN LINE, WILL USE THE PORT OF ST. JOHN DUR-ING THE COMING WINTER; AND

"WHEREAS IT APPEARS TO THIS BOARD THAT THIS CHANGE ON THE PART OF THE COMPAN-IES HAS NOT BEEN EFFECTED WITHOUT THE AID OF SPECIALLY FAVORABLE ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE INTERCOLONIAL RAILWAY FOR CARRYING THE CARGOES OF THE MAIL STEAMERS

"THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT, IN THE OPINION OF THIS BOARD OF TRADE AND THE PEO-PLE OF ST. JOHN, IT IS IMPERATIVLY NECESSARY IN JUSTICE TO THE PORT OF ST. JOHN THAT THE OPEN DOOR WHICH THE GOVERNMENT OFFERED SHALL BE AN OPEN DOOR IN FACT AS WELL AS IN NAME AND THAT ANY SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS WHICH MAY HAVE BEEN MADE DISCRIMINATING AGAINST THE PORT OF ST. JOHN SHALL AT ONCE BE WITHDRAWN; AND

"FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE HON. J. D. HAZEN BE REQUESTED TO EXERT EVERY POS-SIBLE EFFORT TO OBTAIN JUSTICE FOR THE PORT OF ST. JOHN."

"THAT OUR OWN REPRESENTATIVE IN PARLIAMENT BE ASKED TO SHOW THAT HE IS WILL-ING TO STAND SHOULDER TO SHOULDER WITH THE CITIZENS OF ST. JOHN IN MAINTAINING THEIR RIGHTS AND DEMANDING THAT JUSTICE BE DONE TO ST. JOHN; AND THAT,

"FAILING A SUCCESSFUL RESULT, HE BE REQUESTED TO TENDER HIS RESIGNATION AS A

The second resolution was replaced by another, moved by Mr. Pidgeon and seconded by W. J. Brown, reading as

"RESOLVED, THAT A DELEGATION OF TWENTY OF THE MOST PROMINENT CITIZENS OF ST. IOHN, REGARDLESS OF THEIR POLITICAL LEANINGS, BE SELECTED BY THIS MEETING TO PRO-CEED TO OTTAWA FORTHWITH AND TO DEMAND FROM THE GOVERNMENT THAT NO DIS-CRIMINATION BE SHOWN AGAINST ST. JOHN AND THAT NONE BUT THE REGULAR PASSENGER AND FREIGHT RATES BE GRANTED BY THE I. C. R. TO THE C. P. R."

In a cheering mass meeting last evening the citizens of St. John unanimously detection of St. John unanimously demanded justice at the hands of the

Borden government and the C. P. R. They want—and quickly—a reversal of the deal by which the I. C. R. is being used by the government to divert the four big C. P. R. and Allan mail steamers to Halifax. These ships must come to St. John as first scheduled. It is expected that Hon. Mr. Hazen will resign if this matter of plain justice to St. John is not arranged at once.

Telegrams read last evening from Mr.

Telegrams read last evening from Mr. Hazen—and a weak letter—admitted on the authority of General Manager Gutelius, of the I. C. R., that the government road had made a special dicker for hauling C. P. R. freight and passengers to Halifax and that this alone made it possible to direct the four big made it possible to direct the four big mail ships from St. John to that port. That this wrong must be undone was the resolute verdict of last night's meet-

big delegation is to be sent at once to Ottawa to demand a square deal.

Prominent Conservatives led last evening's ringing denunciation of the in-justice done this port, predicted a poli-tical revolution unless the Halifax deal is reversed, and predicted a split in the party and the downfall of the Minister of Marine unless St. John gets its full rights. Naturally the Conservatives had the laboring oar, but the Liberals were there in force also to stand up for St.

ter out of the hands of the Board of Trade by appearing in such numbers at the board rooms in Prince William street at 8 o'clock that an adjournment to the

the theatre was thronged.

The speech that brought down the house was that of a Conservative—D. F. The speech that brought down the house was that of a Conservative—D. F. Pidgeon—who offered a resolution that Mr. Hazen should demand full justice for St. John and resign promptly if it was not forthcoming. Other Conservative speakers got aboard the band wagon with emphasis.

A detailed account of the resolutions, telegrams, letters and speeches, following here, will indicate how thoroughly the community is aroused, and how determined the city is, irrespective of politic political political politics. The community is aroused, and how determined the city is, irrespective of politics and formation of public meeting to be held tonight please wire President Board of Trade to the close of the meeting a telegram was sent to Mr. Hazen reading as follows:

"Hon. J. D. Hazen, Minister of Marine and Fisheries, Ottawa:

"For information of public meeting to be held tonight please wire President Board of Trade today advising if any concessions have been

the community is aroused, and how de-termined the city is, irrespective of politics, to get a square deal or demonstrate how St. John can resent injustice, wrong, and comercially disastrous discrimina-tion at the hands of the powers that be. The Situation Explained.

J. M. Robinson, president of the Board of Trade, after calling the meeting to

order said:
"It is not necessary to make many re marks to explain why this meeting was called. You all know that the sailings of the mail steamers which we expected were to be made from this port bid fair ing. Previous to this we had got in touch with Mr. Hazen by letter and told him that the people of St. John were greatly disappointed with the way things

Pale Children

"I am in receipt of yours of the 3rd inst.

"I have been very much surprised that the C. P. R. have decided to send the Empresses to Halifax, and can understand the expressions of disappointment that have been given utterance to. The feeling, however, that undue influence has been used to force the shipping people to this action is absolutely and entirely without any foundation whatever. They are perfectly free agents in the matter. The contract entered into was along the lines which St. John has wanted for so many years, namely, that mails should be delivered to the ships either at Halifax or "I am in receipt of yours of the

ered to the ships either at Halifax or St. John and that they should be at liberty to use whichever port they pleased.

action in view of the statement at-tributed to Sir Thomas Shaughnessy to the effect that the Empresses would not call at Halifax at all had they not been compelled to do so. It was unfortunate that when a con-tract has been entered into in exactly the terms and conditions the peo-of St. John have so long desired that the result should not have been more satisfactory.
"Sir Thomas Shaughnessy wired

me yesterday that the Victorian and the Virginian together with all the other Alian and C. P. R. steamers would go direct from St. John, and that that would be all the steamers that the port could possibly accommodate.

modate.

"Yours very truly,

(Signed) "J. D. HAZEN."

resident Board of Irade today advising if any concessions have been made or promised by the covernment or by the Intercolonial to the Canadian Pacific Railway and or the Allans tending to influence or assist the steamers of their Liverpool mail service to terminate the service at Halifax.

Halifax.

(Signed) "J. M. Robinson, W. H.
Thorne, F. B. Ellis, L. P. D. Tilley,
C. W. Hallamore, H. C., Schofield,
J. A. Likely, A. E. Massie, J. B. M.
Baxter, W. E. Foster, P. W. Thomson, J. Hunker White."

"About half an hour ago I received a

son, J. Hunker White."

"About half an hour ago I received a reply reading as follows:

"J. M. Robinson, President Board of Trade, St. John:

"Have just received a telegram from F. P. Gutelius, Moncton, as follows: 'Our arrangement with C. P. R. provides that we haul, with our engines and crews, their freight and passengers between St. John and their Empresses, Britain and Ireland, and Calgarian and Alsatian, of the Allan line, Halifax, in solid trains at fixed rates per train. None of our other traffic ar-

(Signed) "J. D. HAZEN." | controls the Allan line and when the "This is a matter of serious import announcement was made that this winnot only to St. John but to the whole ter the C. P. R. mail steamers would

In a cheering mass meeting last evening were going and today I received in reply province. It means the loss of twenty-one steamers and forty-two cargoes,

the people of St. John are, irrespective of party, prepared to unite in making every effort possible to prevent the injustice which is now threatened, being done to our city.

"If I might venture to make a suggestion, it would be that a large delegation of, say, twenty prominent business men should be selected to proceed to Ottawa to confer with the minister of marine and fisheries, the prime minister, and other members of the government.

bers of the government.
"It seems to me that the case of the city for redress is so unanswerable that a personal interview must be productive of good results.

"I am,

"Yours very truly,

(Signed)
"WILLIAM PUGSLEY."

Senator Thorne was then called upon by the chairman and, when the applause which followed his appearance had died away, Senator Thorne said: "You have heard what the chairman has said re garding the change in the plans of the C. P. R. for their mail steamers during the coming winter. We have given the matter the most careful consideration and have prepared this resolution which, I think, covers the matter.

"Before moving it I would like to draw your attention to a few matters released to it. Many years ago it was

I draw your attention to a few matters relevant to it. Many years ago it was regarded by many as the proper policy that the cargoes for the Atlantic steamers should be handled at St. John and the mails at Halifax. Conditions have changed since then and recently we were led to believe that an open door was to be provided for the transportation of mails through the port which was found most suitable. The C. P. R. had expressed their desire to send their mail steamers direct from St. John and we wished to see them do so. wished to see them do so. "You are all aware that the C. P. R

port? They showed their preference for this port and the change must have been due to some outside influence or some unwarranted concessions which argainst St. John and against which ware bound to protest. What right has anyone to allow this discrimination against St. John when the C. P. R. had they did what we would have are bound to protest. What right has anyone to allow this discrimination against St. John when the C. P. R. had they did what we would have their port this seemed intolerable to them and they did what we would have are bound to protest. What right has anyone to allow this discrimination against St. John when the C. P. R. had fully decided to make their mail sallings from this city and thus test the merits of the rival ports?" (Great applause.)

Senator Thorne's Resolution.

Mr. Pidgeon's Resolution.

"Let us look this question squarely in the face and I believe we will find it was chosen.

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"Resolved that a detegation of twenty of the most prominent citi-tens of St. John, irrespective of politics, be selected by this meeting to proceed factions."

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"Whereas the board recently learned with pleasure of the decision of the Dominion government to deliver mails to nothing was said of this change. I did

"Whereas, to the great disappointment of the people of this city it now appears that neither the Empresses, of the Canadian Pacific steamship lines, "I do not think now that we can ex-



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"For some reason a change has been made and we want to know why. (Hear, hear.) Why has the C. P. R. suddenly decided to send all their mail steamers to Halifax without even calling at St. John, to the detriment of this

Senator Thorne then moved the fol- of salt for that."

minion government to deliver mails to the steamships either at St. John or Halifax, as might be selected by the companies interested in the mail contracts, and felt that by the adoption of this policy the city of St. John would receive fair and adequate treatment upon its merits as a port; and

steamer could be came along.

"Whereas, more recently the city was gratified by the announcement that in the published list of the sailings of that line, the Canadian Pacific Railway intended to make St. John its only port tended to make St. John its only port thing of it until, I arrived in St. John next day and found in the morning papers the announcement that none of

the Canadian Facinic steamship lines, upon the Alsatian nor the Calgarian, of the Allan line, will use the port of St. John during the coming winter; and "Whereas, it appears to this board that this change on the part of the commiss has not been effected without the panies has not been effected without the Empresses. (From the audience: "They are the boats we want") or the Allan

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BY THE REGULAR PASSENGER
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where had an uphill fight and for many years without much help. We would not the contents of the city exchequer while our sister city sat back the extent of \$200,000 a year and it is only lately that the wharves have been nearly self-sustaining. For all this time the wharves have been mealy self-sustaining. For all this time the wharves have been used the proof of the proof asking for their business on similar terms. But now that we are beginning to assume our rightful position as a national port they want to rob us of the fruit of our labors and our expenditures.

"They say that we have not sufficient facilities, but nobody knew better the exact limit of our facilities than did the officials of the C. P. R. when the litting of the content of the

direct to St. John and the Allan liners ports. I said then that we were satis- criminate against St. John? (Cries of John even to the extent of St. John

carrying the mails would stop at Halified. If the companies decided to go to
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"We have heard of a congestion of
"I firmly believe that this is only of Halifax we could take our medicine. If they decided to come to St. John, well traffic at this port last winter, but the moves on the checkerboard they decided to come to St. John, they decided to come to St. Jo only time that the port was at all con- wrest something else from the country congested was in March when all the lines were making an effort to rush their sailings to clean up the last of the winter by the sailings to clean up the last of the winter by the sailings to clean up the last of the winter by the sailings to sail courses.

no discrimination be shown against St. John, and that none but the re-gular passenger and freight rates be granted by the I. C. R. to the C.

the Dominion cabinet be asked to show that he is willing to stand shoulder to shoulder with the citizens of St. John in maintaining their

rights and demanding that justice be done to St. John, and that "Failing a successful result, he show his sympathy with our demands by tendering his resignation as a member of the government."

the great west. If we are true to or own city in this matter we will be try Tumultuous cheering and aplause followed the reading of this resolution and Mr. Pidgeon remarked: "I don't know whether that is Liberal or Conservative

panies has not been effected without the aid of specially favorable arrangements with the Intercolonial Railway for carrying the cargoes of the mail steamers ers past the port of St. John to that of Halifax;

"Therefore resolved that is the proper that this is the proper course in the interests of our city. I am a Conservative, but I put the interests of our city ahead of the party, and I want to say that I believe that at this est of our city ahead of the party, and I want to say that I believe that at this is true of some men do not carrying the cargoes of the mail steamers of the two I want to say that I believe that at this is true of some per that this is the proper course in the interests of our city. I am a Conservative, but I put the interests of the course in the interests of our city. I am a Conservative that I believe that at this is the proper course in the interests of our city. I am a Conservative, but I put the interests of our city ahead of the party, and I want to say that I believe that at this is true of some men do not carrying the cargoes of the mail steamers arranged and the proper course in the interests of our city. I am a Conservative, but I put the interests of our city ahead of the party, and I want to say that I believe that at this is the proper course in the interests of our city. I am a Conservative, but I put the interests of our city and is because they have a wishbut their backbone ought to be.

causing the repeal of the discriminatory arrangements." (Applause.)

Mayor Frink.

Mayor Frink, following, said: "This is not a time for fiery declamation. It is a situation to be dealt with calmly and dispassionately.

"Before going further I wish to say emphatically that I am in sympathy with the resolution now before the meeting.

"Only a few weeks ago the announcement was made that the mail steamers would have their choice betweenthe two

soon enough. Let us start now ar strike while the iron is hot. Let us in sist upon the Dominion governme starting the construction not of "Don't give them the chance to c back again and say that we have me the equipment to handle the business. "We have started a great movement tonight and the best thing about it." that while every speaker has been strong supporter of the government valid an audience composed of member of both parties united in their support Keep together and get after the wharverned in their support of the sup and in a few years we will forget o a question of wharves but of en

to our country as well." (Applause.) W. E. Foster.

whether that is Liberal or Conservative aplause," which was answered by loud cries of "Both."

Mr. Hazen's Fate.

In reply to a number of calls to the audience, W. E. Foster address the meeting as follows:

"It was not my intention to make an remarks, believing it better to leave the government."

ers past the port of St. John to that of Halifax;

"Therefore resolved, that, in the opinion of this board of trade and the people of St. John, it is imperatively necessary in justice to the port of St. John that the open door which the government offered shall be an open door in fact as well as in name and that any special consideration which may have teen made discriminating against the port of St. John shall be at once with drawn; and

"Further resolved, that the Hon. J. D. Hazen be requested to exert every possible effort to obtain justice for the port of St. John."

Senator Daniel.

"The meantime this city should be present arrangement is only tentative, as Sir Thomas Shaughnessy has said, we could expect to do better later on.

"In the meantime this city should be fate of the Conservative party in this city, and the fate of the Conservative party in this city, and the fate of the Conservative party in this city, and the fate of the Conservative party in this city, and the fate of the Conservative party in this city, and the fate of the Conservative party in this city, and the fate of the Conservative party in this city, and the fate of the Conservative party in this city, and the fate of the Conservative party in this city, and the fate of the Conservative party in this city, and the fate of the Conservative party in this city, and the fate of the Conservative party in this city, and the fate of the Conservative party in this city, and the fate of the Conservative depend upon our gave our representative in the fate of the Conservative party in this city, and the fate of the Conservative depend upon our gave as use our representative in the fate of the Conservative party in this city, and the fate of the Conservative depend upon our gave authors as our representative in the sact of the port of St. John half be an open door in that the open door in that the open door in the fate of the Conservative depend upon our gave authors as our representative in the fate of the Conservative depend upon our demants."

Hon. John E. Wilson. "This is the time when every m should take his stand. I said some yes