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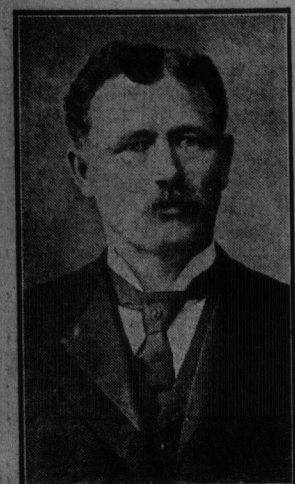
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## THE CHARLOTTE COUNTY DELEGATION AT AWA

Assured Plan for St. Croix Harbor Will Receive Consideration.

T. A. HARTT, M. P., HEADS THE DELEGATION.

Hon. Mr. Rogers Says Matter Will be Carefully Considered When Estimates are Brought Down Next Fall.



T. A. HARTT, M. P., Who Introduced the Delegation.

**Special to The Standard.**  
Ottawa, April 1.—The day is not far distant when we will have to undertake more harbor development in the Province of New Brunswick and I can assure you as far as I myself am concerned, and for the government, that when the estimates are brought down, probably next fall, the development of St. Croix Harbor will receive our first consideration. It was the assurance, Hon. Robert Rogers, Minister of Public Works, today gave a large deputation from the County of Charlotte, advocating the development of St. Croix Harbor for harbor purposes. Hon. Mr. Rogers said he thought it would be a mistake to endeavor to secure a supplementary estimate with the present session drawing to a close.

A distinctive feature of the delegation was its united effort to enlist the government's support of the scheme irrespective of which particular town benefited. The delegates were introduced by T. A. Hartt, M. P., who made a strong and impressive speech in favor of the great project. J. W. Richardson, W. F. Todd and James Lord presented the arguments in favor of the development of St. Croix. They backed them up with the report of A. D. Swan, the government engineer, who, in his report expressed the opinion that the St. Croix River afforded the government the opportunity of developing the greatest natural harbor in the Dominion. The report of Captain H. Mowatt, for many years port superintendent for the Canadian Pacific at Liverpool, which stated that he considered the St. Croix River and Passamaquoddy Bay equal in the world for a great national port, was also submitted.

## Stock Breeders' Ass'n For New Brunswick

Committee on Agriculture Adopts Resolution Recommending Calling of Convention for Purpose of Organizing Association.

Fredericton, April 1.—The committee on agriculture met this evening at nine o'clock and passed the following resolution unanimously:

"Resolved, that whereas this committee recognizing the importance of immediate action being taken by the government to stimulate the live stock business of the province, recommended that the Minister of Agriculture be requested to call a convention of the stock breeders of the province with the object of organizing a provincial stock and breeders association for the purpose of importing live stock and stimulating the business generally.

"Further resolved, that we recommend the organization of county associations to be affiliated with the provincial organization and to cooperate with the same in its efforts to improve live stock conditions.

"Resolved, that in view of the department of agriculture already having taken and being well under way with the organization of small demonstration orchards in different localities,

## NINETY MILLIONS INCREASE IN THE EXPORTS

Canada's Trade Will be \$1,145,000—A Gain of Sixty Millions Over Last Year.

**Special to The Standard.**  
Ottawa, April 1.—While the official figures of Canada's trade for the fiscal year which ended yesterday will not be available until Hon. W. T. White delivers his budget speech on Monday next, it is learned that the total trade for the twelve months will be in the neighborhood of \$1,145,000,000. This is an increase of \$60,000,000 over the previous year. There is a decrease in imports of \$20,000,000 but the exports show the magnificent increase of almost \$80,000,000. This is regarded as the best indication of the growing importance of Canadian trade.

## PERMISSION FOR ERECTION OF DAM ON NEPISQUET

Municipalities Committee Adds Section Giving Bathurst Lumber Company Authority to Dam the Nepisiquet.

Fredericton, April 1.—The municipalities committee met this evening and continued the consideration of the bill relating to the town of Bathurst. A section was added permitting the Bathurst Lumber Company to erect a dam on the Nepisiquet with the usual restrictions as to fishways and other appliances, and also an amendment providing that no poles or wires shall be erected so as to interfere with those of any telegraph or telephone or electric light companies.

Further, the company should pay a fee to the government of \$2 per horse power per year for all power sold to anyone else, and not used for driving a pulp and paper mill.

The committee decided to recommend the bill with these amendments.

## BEGIN MONTREAL HARBOR IMPROVEMENTS

Montreal, April 1.—Preliminary work on harbor improvements, estimated to cost this season \$3,000,000 have been commenced, and include the completion of the twenty foot channel by diverting part of St. Lawrence into the basin, and extension of the high level railway besides dredging, and improvement of wharves and piers.

## FEAR NFLD. SEALING VESSEL HAS BEEN LOST IN BLIZZARD

No Word of Her Since Seen West of Cape Race Tuesday—Has 173 Men Aboard.

St. John's, Nfld., April 1.—Much concern is felt here about the sealing ship Southern Cross, which was caught in yesterday's blizzard. She was last seen by the Fortia yesterday morning near Cape Pine, west of Cape Race, on her way here from the Gulf of St. Lawrence, with a full catch of seals. She may be sheltered in St. Mary's Bay, or otherwise run before the gale back towards the Gulf. While there is a possibility of disaster having overtaken her, and her crew of 173 men, and the telegraph lines to Cape Race are down and no report can be secured, the uneasiness will increase until she is reported.

## FRENCH TORPEDO BOAT SINKS, CREW ALL SAVED.

Toulon, France, April 1.—The French torpedo boat No. 358 struck a rock near Cape Lardiere today and sank. The crew were saved.

A lengthy discussion was held regarding the protection of sheep, and on motion it was resolved that the Secretary of Agriculture be requested to look into the matter and make a report at the next sitting of the committee. Secretary Daggott strongly advocated the adoption of the law now in force in Newfoundland and spoke at length on the benefits to be derived from the adoption of similar legislation in this province. On motion Secretary Daggott was given authority to frame an act governing the matter, which will be submitted next year. The meeting adjourned.

## Speech of Member for Kings-Albert on Transcontinental Deal One of Most Masterly Since Opening of the Debate.

HIS ADDRESS ATTRACTED MAJORITY OF MEMBERS TO THE HOUSE

Without Mincing Words He Showed Up the True State of Affairs in Connection With the Building of the Road, and Let's Light in on Some of the Deals—His References to Mr. Carvell Amuse House.

**Special to The Standard.**  
Ottawa, April 1.—George W. Fowler, M. P. for Kings-Albert, was the big card in today's session of the debate on the Gutellus-Staunton N. T. R. report. After E. M. Macdonald of Pictou had attacked the report at length claiming it was cheap and playmate and altogether unjustified by fact, Mr. Fowler had his turn. Starting just before the dinner recess the greater portion of his address was delivered in the evening. The Conservatives crowded into the chamber to hear him for they knew the event would be interesting and they were not disappointed. Mr. Fowler was in happy vein and did not mince his words. In the plainest terms he related the stories of graft and rackets in connection with the contract and challenged any member of the opposition to refute his statements.

Particularly interesting was his castigation of the blatant member for Carleton, F. B. Carvell, and the house convulsed with laughter and re-echoed with applause as the energetic member berated the Carvell without gloves. Following Mr. Fowler the debate was continued by Mr. McKenzie of Cape Breton. He is a true and honest member and Sir Wilfrid Laurier will speak tomorrow when the division will be taken.

**Mr. Graham's inconsistency.**

Mr. Fowler arose to speak at 5.50, just before the house took recess for dinner. He was greeted with applause from the government supporters. He commenced with the observation that the whole speech of the gentleman who had preceded him, Mr. Macdonald, was made up of abuse of the government for appointing a committee to lay before the people of the country the exact truth in relation to the condition of affairs in the construction of the N. T. R. To reveal the truth was a duty the government owed to the country, and duty which they had not discharged.

The opposition had claimed that the report of the investigation was cheap and playmate, and yet, the ex-Minister of Railways had deemed itself sufficient importance to spend more than seven hours in an attempt to refute its damning charges. The report was a truthful document, temperate and moderate in its tone. No doubt, if the commission had been appointed by the Liberal government with the intent of concealing the facts the country might have expected a milk and watery, namby pamby report, but he declared, in all the history of Canada there had been no government document presented in the halls of Ottawa which more clearly and exactly represented the conditions as they existed than

did the Gutellus-Staunton finding on the building of the N. T. R. The country could not expect a weak report when the evidence was so strong, and whatever the Liberals might say regarding the conclusions of the report they could not get away from the fact that these conclusions were based on the evidence and the evidence formed a part of the report. The evidence could not be contradicted.

**Why Pictou Member Feit Bad.**

He was surprised to find the opposition talking blue ruin, contending that financial conditions in Canada were so bad that the report should not have been published as it revealed things that should have been kept quiet. He was afraid the grim frosts of opposition coming after a period of leisurely banking in the sunshine of office had so affected the members of the opposition that they really believed the country was in a deplorable state. This was particularly true in the case of the member for Pictou, Mr. Macdonald, who, the speaker believed, had made the assurance, if not in so many words at least in such a way that he believed it, that if the Liberal government had been returned to power in the election of 1913 the member for Pictou would have been able to produce honorable to his name and would have become a member of the cabinet. Small wonder that he was prepared to talk blue ruin. Because his soul was filled with regret and gloom he imagined the whole of Canada must be in that same condition.

Liberals had also complained that witnesses had been brow beaten by the commission of investigation. That was a vast amount without working for it. Simon Napoleon Parent being brow beaten? Yet Mr. Parent was a member of the commission which built the road and was also a witness. Then there was that other noble man Michael Patrick Davis of the Ottawa contracting firm which cleaned up a vast amount without working for it. Could anyone look upon the brazen face of Michael Patrick Davis and imagine him being brow beaten by any commission of enquiry? Then there was also that other patriot M. J. O'Brien. Mr. Fowler declared he admired M. J. O'Brien because that gentleman knew how to be grateful. O'Brien had profited from the contract and when in time of need the ex-Minister of Railways wanted a friend, M. J. O'Brien was true. Defeated in Brockville the ex-Minister of Railways had been able to find a refuge in the constituency of Simon Napoleon Parent, who was then Minister of Railways. The house then took recess for dinner.

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## DRASTIC CHANGES IN P.E.I. LIQUOR LAWS ARE ASKED

Temperance Alliance Wants Fine Imposed on Dealer who Sold Drink to Person Killed Accidentally Through Liquor

## THREE MORE AVIATORS LOSE THEIR LIVES

Rhetms, France, April 1.—Emil Vedrines, a brother to Jules Vedrines, the famous French aviator, was killed in a fall making a flight in his monoplane over the aviation field here today.

Later in the day two other aviators were killed by their aeroplanes catching fire in mid-air and causing the machine to collapse and fall to the ground. They were Pierre Leon Testat, who was piloting an aeroplane in which he was accompanied by Clement Avigny, a passenger.

Legislative and many not desirable. For instance, the right to search a man's house without a warrant would be a serious interference with a man's personal liberty. He thought if present law were thoroughly enforced, Alliance should be satisfied. He promised serious consideration of amendments asked for.

## U.S. SENATE SENDS BILL TO COMMITTEE

Inter-Oceanic Canals Committee Will Deal With Bill to Repeal Exemption Clause Before Debated in Upper Chamber.

Washington, April 1.—The administration bill to repeal toll exemption for American ships in the Panama Canal, which passed the house yesterday amid spectacular scenes, reached the Senate today and was promptly referred to the Committee on Inter-Oceanic Canals without debate.

Senator O'Gorman, chairman of the Canal Committee, announced definitely tonight that he would call a meeting of the committee for next Tuesday. Until that time no formal consideration of the repeal measure or proposed amendments can develop. That some members of the committee who oppose exemption repeal desire to have public hearings on the bill was apparent late today, but administration senators insisted that such hearings were unnecessary and that there could be no other reason for their being called deliberately to cause delay.

Many complications are possible in the situation even before the committee is organized. There are a dozen bills pertaining to the tolls question now before the committee. That there will be a persistent effort made to amend the bill as it passed the house is certain, but friends of the president declared that nothing but the repeal of the toll exemption will be accepted, and in support they claim a safe majority. Estimates of the majority in favor of the repeal vary from two to twenty-four.

## ST. JOHN MAN DROPS DEAD IN HALIFAX

Murray B. Keith, Former Resident of this City, Stricken With Hemorrhage Died Almost Instantly.

Halifax, April 1.—Murray B. Keith, aged 42, a native of St. John, dropped dead here tonight. He was on his way to supper when he was stricken with a hemorrhage, near the entrance to his residence, at 1111 Spring street, and a billiard hall on Gettingham street. He leaves a widow.

He was the proprietor of a large bowling alley on Buckingham street, and a billiard hall on Gettingham street. He leaves a widow.

## TRURO PASTOR CALLED TO SUCCEED REV. J. H. MACDONALD

Ottawa, April 1.—The congregation of McPhail Memorial Baptist church tonight decided to extend a call to Rev. Nell Herman of Truro, N. C., to succeed Rev. J. H. Macdonald, who resigned to accept the editorship of the Maritime Baptist at St. John, N. B.

## OPERATE BEERSVILLE RY. BY COMMISSION

Bill Introduced Yesterday Provides for Appointment of Commission by Lieut. Governor in Council—Fifteen Year Requirement for Eligibility to King's Counsel Done Away With.

Fredericton, N. B., April 1.—The legislature today did away with the provision calling for barristers to have fifteen years' standing at the bar before they are eligible for appointment as King's counsel.

The bill which was introduced some days ago making it so that appointments can be made only on the recommendation of the chief justice of New Brunswick was further amended so as to provide that appointments will be made on the recommendation of the chief justices of the two divisions of the supreme court.

A bill was introduced by Attorney-General Clarke to provide for the immediate opening and continuous operation of the so-called Beersville Railway in Kent county. The Beersville Coal and Railway Company was incorporated some years ago, and

## STORM OF PAST WEEK FOLLOWED BY DEAD CALM

## VILLA DENIES THAT TORREON HAS FALLEN

Has Captured Part of it, But Struggle Not Yet Over—Is Confident of Ultimate Success.

Juarez, Mexico, April 1.—Reports that Torreón had fallen were definitely denied by General Villa late this morning. His telegram was based on a message of congratulation on the "fall" of Torreón despatched to him yesterday by Col. Ayala, chief of arms of the garrison here. Villa replied: "In reply to your message, I wish to state that while I have taken a part of the City of Torreón, the struggle is not completed. I expect to obtain a triumph of which I will advise you."

The telegram is dated Gomez Palacio today. Details of the struggle received today were brief and showed that the relative positions of the contending forces have not changed to any extent in the last five days.

## SENATE ADJOURNS DEBATE ON RAILWAY ACT REVISION

Leaders of House and Senate Will Confer on Matter of a Joint Committee.

Ottawa, April 1.—The government's proposal to have the revision of the Railway Act dealt with by a joint committee of the Senate and House of Commons has not yet been endorsed by the Upper House.

The debate on Hon. Mr. Loughheed's motion to refer the bill to the joint committee was resumed by Senator Choquette of Quebec today. Senator Choquette held it should be specified that each side should appoint a similar number of members to such a joint committee. If the government appointed a larger number of the commoners than Senators to the committee the finding would not be the Senate's. He urged that the Senate stick to its usual practice and deal with the bill itself, allowing the Commons to do the same.

After Senators Cloran, Thompson, Ross of Middleton, N. S., Davis, Belque Douglas and McKay, of Cape Breton, had been heard, Senator Tower said an adjournment should be made to allow the two sides to reach an agreement. On this understanding the adjournment of the debate was agreed to and the leaders will confer with the government regarding the modus vivendi.

## COL ROOSEVELT SAFE ON RAFT

New York, April 1.—A despatch sent from Manaus, Brazil, by Anthony Fiala, a member of the Roosevelt exploring party, says: "Reports reach here that Col. Theodore Roosevelt and his party are safe and on their way to Manaus."

## REMARKABLY PACIFIC SPIRIT HAS DEVELOPED IN POLITICAL SITUATION.

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Commission Suggested to Consider Problem of Time Limit for Ulster Exclusion from Home Rule Bill.

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The correspondent then proceeds to examine two suggestions, Sir Edward Grey's proposal of a federal system, and Bonar Law's demand for an immediate election. He expresses the hope that the opposition will adhere to its policy of an election first, and advances the ingenious suggestion that this might be accomplished by appointing the Parliament Act so as to allow its operation to extend over three years instead of two only as at present, thus removing the main objection urged by the government against an early appeal to the electors. What ever happened, the Unionists would bow to the decision, as "no sane man could so think of going back to a merely negative attitude on the Irish problem," the article concludes. Comment about Westminster is that the better atmosphere has been created by the pacific speeches of Sir Edward Grey, Lord Morley, Lord Haldane and others. A suggestion is put forward that a statutory commission be appointed to consider and report on the problem of a time limit for the exclusion of Ulster from the home rule bill.

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## FOR STANDARD READERS

The fourth chapter in the Kathlyn series will appear in this paper on Saturday morning. On Friday and Saturday of this week the second series of pictures will be shown at the Imperial. Interest in the story is very great and all should secure copies of Saturday's Standard.